

Otterton Parish Council

A **Meeting** of Otterton Parish Council was held on **Monday 5th August 2019** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Otterton Village Hall. All members of Otterton Parish Council were summoned to attend the meeting, members of the public and the press were made welcome.

The meeting was preceded by the presentation of 'Tony's seat' to Tony at the Litch gate, St Michael's Church at 7.00pm. Present at the meeting: Cllrs John Hiles, Val Pride, Sharon Young, Tony Farrington, Sam Walker, John Lister, Fran Mills as clerk and 4 members of the public.

Minutes

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies received from Cllrs Alan Dent & Paul Jarvis.
Kevin Hill was proposed and seconded as a co-opted member of the Parish Council
2. **Declarations of Interests:** There were no declarations of pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.
3. **Confidential Items of Business:** It was agreed that there were no items which needed to be dealt with in confidence.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June were signed as a correct record of the meeting. Matters arising from the minutes, not elsewhere on the agenda:
 - Progress purchase of picnic bench for Jubilee playpark - Completed
 - Adoption of safeguarding policy – Proposed by Cllr Farrington & seconded by Cllr Pride unanimously adopted.
 - Hole in Bell Street – now repaired and made good. Complete
 - Quotes for Hedge – Quotes received and attached to minutes for Cllrs agreement.

5. **Public Questions and Comments:** *Items for Discussion and Decision*

The road marking at 'Brick Cross' continue to give problems with drivers coming down the wrong side of the road. A member of the public stated that this has continued for many years with the junction being wider on the left hand side to enable large vehicles to get around the junction.

A member of the public mentioned again the signage at the bottom of Bell Street which he believes is a potential hazard. Cllr Tom Wright will mention this to Christine Channon.

Pathway to the left of the pub, the lines need to be renewed, and these areas are being parked on there was a request for a request for a no parking sign.

Update requested on the 106 funding it was explained that this is ongoing and views of the village will be sought at a meeting on **21st September @ 2.00** .

6. **Chairman's Business:** To receive a report from the Chairman - Attached report.

Date for stream cleaning needs to be arranged.

The chair has have removed the weeds at Brick cross.

Thank you to Ian Simpson for strimming the Eastern entrance to the village.

The brook is in a state we need to book a date for a working party to clear. If Parishioners are able to clear the brook in front of their property this would make a big difference and the working party can clear in front of the properties who are unable to do so. I would like to say a big thank you to number 46 and 50 Fore st not a weed to be seen in front of the properties.

Hedge cuttings have been left on Behind Hayes and Lea Road I asked Mike Brown what the policy is on this;

Hedge cuttings should not be left on the highway, particularly footways. In the event of a highway user suffering personal injury as a consequence of such negligence the person who

left the cuttings there will be liable for consequent costs and compensation. The actions we can take under the Highways Act usually involve serving notice and recovering costs if we have to attend and such action is only likely where there is a genuine danger to highway users in accordance with our safety defect policies.

Many thanks to Ladram Bay for their work in putting the WWI bench in position.

Meeting regarding potential siting antennae for mobile phone mast at Stantyway Recreation Field – may be able to go ahead with this and the compensation would be about £3k

Air ambulance landing site looks hopeful but the cost would be about £3k, if both go ahead it would be cost neutral.

Major sponsors coming forward for WWI event next year, still need more but looks encouraging.

7. **Neighbourhood Plan** – Update and review of comments received.

Ian Birch the leader of the Neighbourhood planning group spoke to the meeting.

Consultation period closed at end of July, the plan needs PC approval before it goes off to EDDC for approval. 81 bodies already given the opportunity to comment.

Comments received from EDDC, NP Group has reviewed these. Responses awaited from CDE & Ladram Bay. Plan to come to September PC meeting for approval when all comments have been considered.

Vote to take place in parish in November/December.

Policy needs to be in place to respond to request, should one be received, to build more houses.

Following amendments by Ian Birch the plan is to be emailed in to Cllrs to review in readiness for discussion at next meeting.

8. **Planning Matters:** Houstern farmhouse x 3. LBC so unanimously agreed.

9. **Pathways and PROW:** Consider details sent by Mr Iain Ure and progress on replacement of posts.

Spending of £1681.20 from Parishes together fund unanimously agreed. Woodbury have also made order with their part of the fund but have agreed that any residue money can be spent by Otterton PC.

10. **Ladram Bay:** To consider progress with retrospective planning applications.

Planning for Safari tents agreed in readiness for 2020 season. No news regarding the decking on the beach.

11. **Emergency plan.** Cllr Farrington has agreed to add new Cllrs to the plan and send to EDDC for publishing through the clerk.

12. **Reports from Councillors with specific responsibilities & reports on village amenities and Bodies**

(i) The Village Green & Community Shop – Cllr Pride. NTR await planning for trees.

(ii) The War Memorial & Raleigh Federation – Cllr Hiles NTR

(iii) Stantyway Recreation Ground – Cllr Walker NTR

(iv) Football Club & Jubilee Playground– Cllr Farrington reports that the playground is fine. Football club seeks permission for advertising. Cllr farrington will check deeds to see if advertising allowed at Stantyway.

(v) The Cemetery – Cllr Lister Reports that hedge needs cutting.

(vi) The Village hall – Cllr Young reports that a letter of thanks received from Andrew Sharp on behalf of the village hall.

(vii) Trees – Mr Iain Ure await planning consent for trimming of trees.

(viii) Contracts & Finance – Cllr Hiles NTR

(ix) Village Defibrillator – to ensure that equipment is kept up to date plan for a sign to be put up to notify users to email clerk. Clerk to organise purchase of sign with wording agreed with Cllr Pride. Training for use to be available for all residents.

13. **County Council Report:** To receive a report from County Councillor Claire Wright.
Claire Wright - No news on 20mph trial
Carers review continue to talk to carers recommendations to be made to scrutiny committee.
NHS services challenged as cuts need to be made to improve sustainability.
14. **District Council Report:** To receive a report from District Councillors Tom Wright
The next meeting of the Lower Otter Restoration Project is 1400 Tuesday 24 September at CDE's office, Bicton.
John Fudge was Otterton PC rep and you will need to nominate another. Jayne Savage: jayne.savage@clintondevon.com is the contact. She has just sent out latest information and will send to OPC's nominee.
AD and I attended a meeting at the EA on Tuesday. The project is still very much on and planning application to be submitted this autumn.
The aim is not only to provide alternative habitat but also to provide a 'visitor attraction' like Seaton Wetlands. AD outlined the parking problems this could cause for the village and Mike Williams of the EA did agree to explore with CDE the provision of parking near the entrance of the village. I did say that such concerns would be a legitimate planning issue.
There will be public consultation.
On a personal note, AD and I have informed BSTC of our intention to resign from the town council on 12 August, our reasons being we have a much larger ward to represent, meetings often clash and we want to demonstrate our commitment to the whole ward.
Question re: accommodation of cycle track – no appetite at present.
Val Pride to be PC representative on Otter Restoration project. (Jane Savage 24.9.19)
15. **Correspondence:**
Following letter from Pam Chidley a proposal was made of a scheme to recognise good works in the village (see chairman's report).
Accounts ORIN on notice board
Spread of ragwort – paper to be attached with minutes.
Resiting of Dog Bins – this is not going to happen. Complete
16. **Financial Matters: See updated I & E on notice board.**
17. **Items for the Next Agenda.** Advertising at football club method of raising revenue. Local hero scheme.
Thanks in magazine to Pam, Kevin & Ian.
18. **Date of Next Meeting:** To agree that the next meeting will be held on **Monday 9th September**
Meeting closed at 21.15

Fran Mills
Clerk to the Parish Council 12.8.19