

Otterton Parish Council

| Minutes | | | | | | | |
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| Date & Time | 3 rd February 2019 | | Location | Otterton Village hall | | | |
| Councillors Present | Initials | | | Also Present | Initials | | |
| Mr J Hiles | JH | Parish Councillor | Chair | Mr T Wright | TW | District Councillor | |
| Mrs V Pride | VP | Parish Councillor | V.Chair | Ms Claire Wright | AD | District Councillor | |
| Mr S Walker | SW | Parish Councillor | | 3 members of the public | | | |
| Mrs S Young | SY | Parish Councillor | | | | | |
| Mr T Farrington | TF | Parish Councillor | | | | | |
| Mr K Hill | KH | Parish Councillor | | | | | |
| Mr J Lister | JL | Parish Councillor | | | | | |

| Apologies | Initials | Reason for Absence | Absent without Apology | Initials | |
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| Mr P Jarvis | TW | District Councillor- other meetings | | | |
| Mr A Dent | AD | District Councillor- other meetings | | | |

| In Attendance | Initials | Capacity | |
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| F Mills | FM | Clerk | |

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| Councillors, website, notice board |

| Ref | Agenda item, comment & decision | Action Owner & deadline |
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| 1 | Welcome & Apologies for Absence: It was agreed that apologies would be accepted from Councillors Dent & Jarvis. All Councillors of the Otterton Parish Council were present. | |
| 2 | Declarations of Interests: There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda. | |
| 3 | Confidential Items of Business: It was agreed that no items needed to be dealt with in confidence. | |
| 4 | The minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd December were signed as a true record of the meeting. | |
| 5 | <p>Public questions: Query regarding the installation of a mobile phone mast. JH explained that the planning application was turned down on 19.12.19 on the basis that information called for was not supplied by developers within the required timescale. A new planning application is likely to be resubmitted in amended format.</p> <p>Chevrons for virtual payment disappearing need urgent attention. Chair, Cllr Claire Wright & Clerk have all written to Highways but await a response. <i>Response received: Otterton was the parish in Claire Wright's electoral division selected to have safety road markings re-done this year. Unfortunately the County wide budget for road markings over spent and work was stopped on all but main roads before the parish schemes were completed. As the actual edge line part has now almost completely worn away I have now recorded it as a safety defect (ref. D203504557) . Regards Mike Brown Neighbourhood Highways Officer</i></p> <p>Please can residents be notified when the road sweeper comes so that cars can be moved.</p> | Clerk to write to Street Scene. |

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| | <p>Response received: <i>Street Scene advise that whilst work is scheduled in advance during inclement weather it is difficult to give precise indication of day of visit to enable advance communication to residents.</i></p> | |
| 6 | <p>Chairman’s business.</p> <p>Sign on greens to be mended by local resident. Replacement of no parking signs on green. Stone bench and bus shelter to be pressure washed.</p> <p>Discussion re reduction of carbon footprint through charging points for electric cars, CDE do not object but will not lead. Opportunity for commercial tenants to support climate emergency. Coffee morning set up by new residents on a fortnightly basis in the village hall. Opportunity to meet people. Thank you to family for setting up this opportunity.</p> <p>Lights for air ambulance landing site would cost £3k, it was hoped that payment from the mast developers would cover this but as planning for mast has been refused money would need to come out of PC funds. Concern that this would be large proportion of reserve account. Prefer to fund raise to cover, opportunity for piece in local paper to help raise funds and raise awareness. VE day celebration could be used as fund raiser for the lights for Air Ambulance Landing site which would benefit community.</p> | <p>Clerk SW to arrange</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>JH to seek support from local resident with experience in writing Press reports.</p> |
| 7 | <p>Objectives for 2020: to be discussed at next meeting including: Review of Cemetery charges, defibrillator training, Charging points for electric cars.</p> | |
| 8 | <p>Neighbourhood plan. Proposals for tree planting in Parish using trees obtained free of charge from the Woodland Trust. Communication from Dr Jonathon Smith keen to take lead on planting trees in Otterton area in conjunction with CDE.</p> <p>106 - Funding Our neighbourhood plan shows that the children in the village, who responded to the questionnaire, would like the Council to explore the possibility of providing a skate board facility. This request has been discussed over many months, with advice sought from the local police and verbal quotes obtained from providers. The result of these discussions is that the Parish Council has neither the funds nor land suitable to accommodate this request. There is a large skateboard park in Budleigh Salterton which has been recently refurbished and already serves the needs of many children within the village.</p> <p>During this exploration the PC has also taken the opportunity to talk to residents, by means of a village meeting, and the local school children by attending an assembly, about other wishes they may have. The overwhelming majority indicate that they would like a large ground level trampoline installed in the Jubilee play park which is owned by the Parish Council, the quotes we have obtained show that this is just about within the budget available and there is adequate space within the playpark.</p> <p>Having now spoken to Sulina Tallack I understand that to access the 106 funding an independent consultation must take place and all avenues of funding must be explored to justify non compliance with the Neighbourhood Plan wish list. Advice has been sought from Jamie Buckley at EDDC on the next steps.</p> | <p>Clerk to contact Jamie Buckley to comment independent Consultation.</p> |
| 9 | <p>Planning matters:- Consider planning applications & note objections.</p> <p>19/2680/FUL (Retrospective)– Otterton Mill. Out of keeping with village and other signage. Should not be light all night. Object to it being light all night.</p> <p>20/0016/TCA – 8 Rolle Barton Work on Cherry tree. No objection</p> <p>20/0006/FUL - Milson Cottage construction of shed. No objection.</p> <p>20/0165/LBC – Houstern Farmhouse change of windows in Summer House. No objection.</p> | |

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| <p>Northstar – Street Names. Advice sought on suitable street name for ‘Northstar Development; OPC agreed Rydon Orchard.</p> <p>Northstar – Sola lights with LED bulbs. Lights need to downward facing and turn off at 11.00. In keeping with conservation area.</p> <p>Progress on plans for installation of phone mast - see note in public comments</p> <p>20/0168/FUL – Glebelands – Change of roof aspect No objections.</p> | |
| <p>10 Pathways and PROW: See separate reports.</p> | |
| <p>11 Ladram Bay: 90% of solar panels in place with electricity being generated.</p> | |
| <p>12 ORIN Committee member: It was agreed that Mrs B Millington would continue to serve as a committee member. Thanks given to ORIN Committee for service to the community.</p> | <p>Clerk to communicate.</p> |
| <p>13 Reports from Councillors</p> <p>The Village Green & Community Shop. The War Memorial. Raleigh Federation – Comment that several new families have joined the school this term. Stantyway Recreation Ground – Hedge cutting underway but very wet. Football Club & Jubilee Playground. Arrange inspection on annual basis. The Cemetery – Cllr Lister. The Village hall – Cllr Young Trees – Mr Iain Ure Dr Sam Bridgewater to attend next meeting. Contracts & Finance – Cllr Hiles Village Defribulator - Training to be arranged.</p> | <p>No report received. NTR NTR NTR Clerk to action NTR NTR NTR NTR VP to action</p> |
| <p>14 County Council report: Traffic. Results of Newton Abbot pilot to make recommendation for other areas re 20 MPH zone. Adult Social Care & Health, huge reduction in funding across the board. Request for overhaul of funding system to significantly increase budget. Risk caused by shortage in health care workers needs to be recognised nationally.</p> | |
| <p>15 District Council Report:</p> <p>ale of the Knowle. The purchasers have now deposited the £9m outstanding on the sale of the old EDDC building. The cost of building Blackdown House and refurbishing the offices at Exmouth were less than the purchase price and resulted in an net gain of £1.5m. There will also be considerable savings going forward as the new offices have been built to the best environmental standards. We are also now better able to provides services to all of East Devon and there is a real benefit in every respect to all East Devon council taxpayers. The doom mongers who objected to the move have been proved wrong in every regard.</p> <p>al Budget Meeting. The revenue budget has been set at £14.777m. There will be a council; tax increase of £5 (3.5%). The result of the reduced government support over the last 10 years is a decrease of 60% ie 60p in every £ of government grant.</p> <p>ave to take tough decisions, no sacred cows, eg toilets, car park charges and costs of all services will be under pressure. The Deputy CEO is leaving the council at the end of March and it has been decided not to replace him but to organise senior management to take additional responsibilities. We are seeking our residents’ views on what they see as being the most valuable services. In addition to canvassing the views of 3000 randomly selected residents there is a questionnaire on line which I urge you to complete. This will enable us to consider the views of our residents when making the hard decision. We are also seeking other to secure additional income and have approved up to £20m in loans to invest with an aim to get circa £450k return each year.</p> | |

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| | <p>et agenda 5 February. The most urgent and important issue facing us is climate change. It is the ambition of the council to become carbon neutral by 2040. We have allocated £330k this year to this end. We have 4,200 council owned homes and it is estimated the cost of making these carbon neutral to be around £25k per home.</p> <p>Queens Drive development in Exmouth now getting ready for the final stage 3. Stage 1, the realignment of the road and provision of new car parking is complete. Stage 2 the new water sports centre is nearing completion and is due to open this coming summer. Phase 3 is dependent on the Hemingway Design consultation with the aim of establishing a 21st century facility as befits the wonderful Exmouth sea front.</p> | |
| 16 | <p>Correspondence: Correspondence – Via Alan Dent query re safety of equipment in Playpark. Confirmation from Alan Dent that equipment in good order. Agreement from PC that annual inspection will be undertaken by RoSPCA. Concern re Dog poo on Anchoring Hill & pathways.</p> | Clerk to write to land owner |
| 17 | <p>Financial matters – it was agreed unanimously to pay all cheques as detailed in the agenda. A report showing bank reconciliation for the month of December was signed as an accurate reflection of the transactions shown in the OPC bank account. To report on Precept: Application sent with budget agreed at £11300.00 Need for critical analysis of all spending in coming year. Agree expenditure on Playground inspection £68 = vat. To be annual expenditure.</p> | Clerk |
| 18 | To agree any actions and associated expenditure not previously considered on agenda . n/a | |
| 19 | Items for next agenda: Cemetery charges & reservation of plots, 106 funding. | Clerk |
| 20 | It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 2 nd March 2020 | |

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