

Otterton Parish Council

Minutes							
Date & Time	1 st June 2020		Location	Meeting via Zoom @ 7.35			
Councillors Present	Initials			Also Present	Initials		
Mr J Hiles	JH	Parish Councillor	Chair	P.Jarvis	PJ	District Councillor	
Mrs V Pride	VP	Parish Councillor	V.Chair	A. Dent	AD	District Councillor	
Mr S Walker	SW	Parish Councillor		1 x member of the public			
Mrs S Young	SY	Parish Councillor					
Mr J Lister	JL	Parish Councillor					
Mr T Farrington	TF	Parish Councillor					

Apologies	Initials	Reason for Absence	Absent without Apology	Initials	
Cllr T Wright	TW	Attending another meeting	Mr K Hill	K H	Parish Councillor

In Attendance	Initials	Capacity	Minutes to
F Mills	FM	Clerk	Councillors, website, notice board

Ref	Main meeting agenda item, comment & decision	Action Owner & deadline
1	Welcome & Apologies received from	
2	Declarations of Interests: There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.	
3	The minutes of the meeting held on 4th May were signed as a true record of the meeting.	
4	<p>Public questions by email/letter: Letter from the management at Ladram Bay</p> <p>Can I ask you to bring up the matter of the missing road sign in Ladram Road, near to the junction with Bay Road. You will remember that this was the one that we think was stolen. If the PC are not able to acquire a replica with the Otter on etc. could I ask that we get an official DCC sign in the same place and placed so that it is facing towards the village. It would presumably then match the one currently at this location which is facing towards Ladram Bay.</p> <p>Response from Amanda Pitchford (Mrs)Eastern Highway Neighbourhood Team was forwarded to the interested resident.</p>	

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Signed

Dated.....

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4	<p>Reports from County & District Councillors</p> <p>Report from Cllr Alan Dent</p> <p>During the lockdown the District Council has been working in the back ground in a very different way. Thanks to the move from the Knowle in Sidmouth to the new offices in Honiton the ability to work remotely has been a major factor in continuing essential - and new - operations.</p> <p>Remember that most officers are working from home and the critical pac tor for getting things dome has been the effectiveness of b broadband. Fortunately most areas are receiving a workable signal but some of the more rural areas are not.</p> <p>To date and in addition to maintaining front line services, this council has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Successfully supported the large increase in claims for Universal Credit. 6,649 to 3,793 in February• Distributed 87% of the £50 million grant from central government for some 3,700 local businesses.• Set up a central community hub which has guided individual calls for help to appropriate local organisations• The kerbside recycling collections have continued as normal with reduced staff due to sickness and a significant increase in tonnage as families have been housebound.• In the last two weeks the Green Waste service has resumed and is now able to take on new customers. <p>Now we have even more challenges to overcome. Job losses through business closures e.g. Flybe, Thomas Cook and now the Shearings hotels. Our tourist economy is suffering badly and a number of B&B's, Hotels, Campsites, Pubs and Restaurants may close and never open again.</p> <p>Todays news that shops will gradually reopen over the next two weeks will be a great relief to us all.</p> <p>However - the virus has not gone away and we met continue to respect social distancing for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>Report from Paul Jarvis – Licencing team working hard to keep taxi drivers going and advising the publicans in remaibn sustainable whilst adhereing to social distancing rules.</p> <p>Report from Cllr Tom Wright – Challenge regarding numbers of visitors to area in terms of litter, serices & social distancing.</p>	
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Report from Cllr Claire Wright – Devon health scrutiny Covid 19 webinar – 27 May (key headlines) Devon health scrutiny Covid 19 webinar – 27 May (key headlines)

The new Nightingale Hospital is being created on the site of the old Homebase building at Sowton. It will have a capacity of 120 beds and five wards. It was originally planned for Westpoint but was decided too large so it was diverted to Sowton. It's still a shell at the moment but work started on the conversion last week. If required, it will care for people across Devon, Cornwall, Dorset and Somerset.

It's still not clear why community hospitals have not been used for Covid 19 patients, but this is something I will continue to pursue. The next Health Scrutiny meeting is on 16 June.

There has been significantly fewer A&E attendances and far fewer beds occupied during the first weeks of lockdown, however, the message that the NHS is open and accepting patients is gaining traction and more people are presenting with symptoms that need hospital attention. Plymouth Hospital is now back to normal but RD&E is still operating at around 80 per cent activity levels, compared with the average for this time of year.

The 'R' value (rate of infection) in East Devon is 0.85, compared with North Devon at 0.8 and 0.9 in Plymouth. Weston General Hospital, which closed its A&E has relocated its activity to Bristol hospitals. It is too early to say yet why there is such a spike in Covid infections at Weston, but it is staff who have been mainly affected and that is the reason A&E was closed. Many people being admitted to local hospitals are more unwell than before lockdown and are staying longer. It is hoped that more people will now come forward earlier if they are unwell.

From the Local Government Association According to the Centre for Mental Health the Covid 19 economic impact is similar to the fallout from the 2008 recession. We can expect 500,000 additional people to experience mental health problems, mainly depression. There will be an even greater impact if there is a second wave.

Devon climate change news: Devon's carbon emissions have reduced by almost a quarter (23 per cent) during the lockdown new data suggests.

The data has been collected on behalf of the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group (DCERG) and suggests that the reduction in road transport and energy use has had an immediate and profound impact on emissions.

Average traffic flows in Devon have reduced by 60 per cent, reducing the county's total emissions by 17 per cent. The closure of many buildings has significantly reduced energy use and led emissions to drop a further six per cent. Air quality has also improved with the concentration of nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter in the air falling by 50 per cent from last year. Emissions have fallen to 2010 levels in the short term, but history shows that after an economic downturn the rebound in emissions is often larger than the decline.

Carers scrutiny report endorsed by cabinet: The Carers scrutiny review that I chaired between last June and January 2020, has now been endorsed by Devon County Council's Cabinet. Here's a summary of the report and the Cabinet response by Devon Live - <https://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/carers-isolated-exhausted-angry-system-4132421>

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5	<p>Chairman's report:</p> <p>As we enter the 11th week since lockdown, UK deaths have reached 39045. If you have managed follow the rules to the letter and continue to follow the rules, please take a big pat on the back. Others may not have been able to for a number of reasons that we don't all know about, so please continue to be patient and understanding.</p> <p>Easing of lockdown continues, with many schools opening to Reception, year 1 and year 6, some sport returning today, including pigeon racing and horse racing and limited retail opening up, including outdoor markets and car showrooms.</p> <p>None of us are in the same boat, only the same storm (medically high risk child/family member or a business about to go under, etc.). Let's all concentrate on our own journey out of lockdown and refrain from judging others as our economy and society begins to reopen. No one should feel under pressure, whatever their circumstances or decisions.</p> <p>We have all been on different journeys over the past 11 weeks. If you need to stay home, please stay home.</p> <p>If you need to go out, then do so, just please be considerate of others when out in public.</p> <p>Please respect other people, how they choose to live their lives and respect other peoples space and property.</p> <p>Don't judge others. You're not in their boat. We all are in a different mental state than we were a few months ago.</p> <p>We will see a lot more people around the village and on the footpaths and beaches over the coming weeks and months. Remember that we live in a beautiful location and have enjoyed these walks and beaches over lockdown, but some people have had a very different experience and need to get out into the countryside. Just remember, if you stay 2 meters away from people, you are doing the best you can to stay safe.</p> <p>If you need help, we will still do our best to help you. The shop is still doing home deliveries, prescriptions can still be picked up for you and if you are struggling financially you can get in touch with our village charity, Otterton Relief in Need fund.</p>	
6	<p>Planning matters: Brook Barn 20/0597/LBC Unanimous objection to this plan for the reasons previously stated.</p> <p>Offer of guidance from local resident with experience of local planning to advise on planning matters and ensure that they adhere to content of the Neighbourhood plan. This will in no way compromise the decision making of the Parish Council.</p>	<p>Clerk to action</p>

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7	<p>Reports from Councillors</p> <p>The Village Green. Cllr Pride - Some maintenance of tubs needed. Thanks to local resident for watering.</p> <p>Community Shop. Cllr Hiles -Not quite as busy now, home deliveries continue.</p> <p>The War Memorial. Cllr Hiles – Wreath laid on VE day</p> <p>Raleigh Federation. Cllr Hiles – Return today of reception Y1 & Y6 children.</p> <p>Stantyway Recreation Ground. Cllr Walker. Clerk to request that Halcyon provide a mowed path to the memorial bench and area around it needs strimming. Request from the Tweedie family to put memorial bench (in memory of Liam Tweedie) next to club house. This was agreed in principal.</p> <p>Football Club & Jubilee Playground. Cllr. Farrington. Nothing to report</p> <p>The Cemetery – Cllr Lister. Nothing to report</p> <p>The Village Hall – Cllr Young – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Trees – See separate report</p> <p>Contracts & Finance – Contract with BHIB duly signed & invoice paid.</p> <p>Village Defribulator – Nothing to report.</p>	
8	<p>Financial matters: It was agreed that payments as detailed in the schedule sent with the Agenda 1.6.20 would be paid.</p> <p>The auditor is currently working on the accounts. A further claim for VAT has been made.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed for the AGAR Certificate of Exemption for the need for an external audit to be completed. This can be done as both income and expenditure of the OPC are less than £25,000 and the accounts are internally audited by a qualified accountant and financial management rules are adhered to.</p>	Clerk to action
9	Further actions: None	
10	106 Funding. Nothing to report at present.	
11	Items for agenda. 106 funding, bench, accounts, planters on green.	Clerk to action
12	It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 6 th July 2020 by zoom.	

The meeting ended at 20.10.