

# Otterton Parish Council

Minutes							
Date & Time	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2020		Location	Meeting via Zoom @ 7.30			
Councillors Present	Initials			Also Present	Initials		
Mr J Hiles	JH	Parish Councillor	Chair	Cllr T Wright	TW	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		Cllr P Jarvis	PJ	District Councillor	
Mr J Lister	JL	Parish Councillor					

Apologies	Initials	Reason for Absence	Absent without Apology	Initials	
Mr T Farrington	TF	Parish Councillor	Mr K Hill	K H	Parish Councillor
Cllr C Wright	CW	County 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	<b>Declarations of Interests:</b> There were no declarations of interest in items.	
3	The minutes of the meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> July 20 were signed as a true record of the meeting & all matters arising not detailed below form part of this agenda. Trees on Ropers Lane – have been trimmed and the banks tidied. Resident thanked for his cooperation. Letters to the Community Shop & Raleigh Federation for their work for the community during the lockdown period.	
4	<b>Public questions by email/letter:</b> Smells on Road to Ladram Bay – have been notified to SWW, EDDC & Environment agency complaint also supported by letter from Cllr Claire Wright. Traffic chaos in village over the summer months was noted. Bin on Ladram Hill exploded and was swiftly dealt with by Highways, thanks to resident for reporting this. Thanks to Jane & Martin Smith for their kind email of thanks for support during lockdown.	

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Signed .....

Dated.....

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5	<p>Chairman’s Report: Today marks the return of Otterton C of E School for the first time since March 20th 2020.  Even with the death toll for Covid-19 reaching 450000, there have been no deaths reported in Newton Poppleford, Woodbury and Otterton.  Parking has been a major issue this summer since lockdown restrictions have been eased and lifted.  The number of visitors to the village has been exceptional since lockdown. This is obviously due to the fantastic location we live in; the resident Beavers being given permanent rights to remain and the press coverage of this, the treasured, award winning Otterton Mill and the multi award winning 5 star Ladram Bay holiday park. This has created a perfect storm, mixed with a lack of common sense on where to and where not to park by visitors, resulting in residents taking to protecting parking spaces.  I can only see the situation getting worse next year when more people holiday in the UK and continue to choose to come to our fantastic village, world heritage site and Jurassic coast. The LORP is also going to vastly increase the number of visitors to the village to explore the newly created wetlands. I will be attending the next LORP meeting on the 15 September 20 at 10.30am and will again raise the issue of parking at this end of the project.  The smell identified on Ladram Hill will be reported to the Council’s Environmental Health department, as Southwest water are ignoring the situation.  I would like to take this opportunity again to thank two residents who have continued to support residents in the village throughout lockdown:  Emma Cudd who has now moved out of the village - for her enthusiasm in collecting most of the prescription’s for residents who were shielding.  Tony Shore - for watering the planters on the Village Green to keep the village looking beautiful.  As a show of appreciation from the Parish council and the residents of Otterton, I have arranged a small token for them in the form of a £30 Waitrose voucher each. I would also like to thank Waitrose for their kind donation towards this. John Hiles Chair</p>	
6	<p><b>Planning matters:</b> Porch extension on 6 Maunders Hill – Unanimous objection - concern re cladding. Also structural concerns re foundations if pile driven and concerns re access to drive.  Planning application for Stantyway Farm. Has been agreed  Telephone mast planning application turned down again.</p>	
7	<p><b>Local signage on Ladram Road.</b> In progress</p>	.
8	<p><b>Tree Management:</b> Thanks to Iain Ure for his report. 50% of way-markers in place &amp; rest to be done soon. Andy Rowse has suggested that management of ash trees too big a job for him to undertake in one go. Discussion re phased approach and have asked Andy Rowse has been asked to quote on this basis.  Replanting programme – need to find out about grants for replanting, including replacement of cherry tree on Green.</p>	Cllr Pride

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9	<p><b>Reports from Councillors:</b></p> <p>Val – Green looking good. Community shop NTR</p> <p>The War memorial: VJ day celebration to place.</p> <p>Raleigh Federation: School reopened today - NTR</p> <p>Stantyway: NTR, agreement to bench from Tweedie family</p> <p>Football Club: agreement to bench from Tweedie party</p> <p>Cemetary: NTR</p> <p>Village Hall: Opened again 20 only allowed available for booking.</p>	
10	<p><b>Reports from County &amp; District Councillors.</b></p> <p>Cllr Alan Dent NTR. Cllr Paul Jarvis NTR. Cllr Tom Wright stressed importance of attendance at LORP meeting due to challenges of parking &amp; position of any future car park and lack of facilities.</p> <p>Cllr Claire Wright report: <b>A local campaign group, Save Our Hospital Services</b> has published a sobering but excellent well evidenced report on the state of Devon’s NHS, which also includes recommendations at the back. I thought you would be interested in seeing it. It will certainly prove a useful resource for me and my colleagues on Devon County Council’s Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee -</p> <p><a href="http://www.sohs.org.uk/documents/SOHS%20report%20COVID19%20in%20Devon.pdf">http://www.sohs.org.uk/documents/SOHS%20report%20COVID19%20in%20Devon.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Sewage smells in Otterton</b></p> <p>I have made enquiries of South West Water relating to sewage smells linked to Ladram Bay Holiday Park, reported to me by residents. I am still communicating with SWW, and will report back when I hear more. EDDC Environmental Health Department has also been active on this.</p> <p><b>Devon County Council’s school transport service</b> has had to make a few changes, in light of the ongoing pandemic. I have attached a briefing which gives an overview of the revisions. To summarise: Making use of special Government funding, DCC has arranged for additional dedicated school buses to duplicate some public bus services where social distancing would otherwise make it impossible to accommodate everyone. Whilst social distancing continues to be in force on public buses, Government guidance does not require distancing on vehicles dedicated purely to school and college passengers. Additional coaches have also been arranged on rail routes. Details of all additional services appear on the Travel Devon website: <a href="https://www.traveldevon.info/bus/latest-news-service-updates/">https://www.traveldevon.info/bus/latest-news-service-updates/</a></p> <p>For short journeys, the Government are encouraging everyone to consider walking and cycling.</p> <p>I have been liaising with Devon County Council transport officers over some Otterton school transport arrangement complaints. I am pleased to report the issue has now been resolved and the children concerned all have seats on the school bus.</p>	
11	<p><b>Financial matters:</b> It was agreed that payments as detailed in the schedule sent with the Agenda 7.9.20 would be paid.</p>	Clerk to action
12	<p><b>Further actions:</b> Annual invoice for poo bins (EDDC) £960 to be paid</p> <p>Cost of vouchers for COVID helpers £30 Agreed Unanimously.</p> <p>Cost of repair of Laptop £350.00 All Agreed</p>	Clerk to action
13	<p><b>106 Funding. Clerk to pursue replacement of Toddler Swings</b></p>	
14	<p><b>Items for agenda. 106 Funding, Tree management,</b></p>	Clerk to action
15	<p>It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 by zoom.</p>	

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The meeting ended at 20.22