

Otterton Parish Council

| Minutes | | | | | | | |
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| Date & Time | 5th October 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 | | | | | |
| Mrs S Young | SY | Parish Councillor | | | | | |
| Mr T Farrington | TF | Parish Councillor | | | | | |

| Apologies | Initials | Reason for Absence | Absent without Apology | Initials | |
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| Mr J Lister | JL | Parish Councillor | | | |
| Cllr C Wright | CW | County Councillor | | | |
| Cllr P Jarvis | PJ | | | | |

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

| Ref | Main meeting agenda item, comment & decision | Action Owner & deadline |
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| 1 | Welcome & Apologies received from Cllr Lister | |
| 2 | Declarations of Interests: There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda. | |
| 3 | The minutes of the meeting held on 7 th September 20 were signed as a true record of the meeting & all matters arising not detailed below form part of this agenda. Change re the war memorial service which was held to commemorate VJ day August 15 th . Cllr Kevin Hill has resigned as a Council member but has said he will stand again in the future. | |
| 4 | Public questions by email/letter: Request for OPC to consider moving to face to face meetings to support reopening of village hall & to improve accessibility for all residents. To comply with current COVID guidance the OPC will continue to meet remotely for the time being. Complaint from resident re dog fouling at school gate. This has been dealt with by EDDC by way of a warning letter. 2 residents have written with concerns about the LORP. Letter from Meghan Butt re road closure on Bell Street in January. Request from resident to connect mains water to an allotment, needs permission from bridge owner which it is believed to be Highways. Query re connection of mains water to stand on green to facilitate watering of Tubs. | VP to advise Resident. Clerk for next agenda |

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| 5 | <p>Chairs report</p> <p>1. Covid-19 Deaths continue to rise at a steady rate and have now reached 42,362. However the number of new cases has increased exponentially throughout September to a seven day rolling average of over 10,000 new cases per day.</p> <p>2. LORP Meeting.</p> <p>The final LORP meeting before planning is submitted took place on the 15th September. A meeting of 34 partners took place via Zoom.</p> <p>The project started with lots of issues to be addressed most of these have now been sorted out. The one issue that has been ignored from the beginning is the impact the LORP project will have on the traffic and the parking in Otterton. I made the Parish councils position on this crystal clear.</p> <p>The LORP claimed a car park for Otterton would be outside the £22m project remit. I received a phone call 3 hours after the meeting finished and a letter (attached to meeting documents) from CDE, 2 weeks after to propose talks and a process to engage in about Otterton having a car park.</p> <p>The Parish Council will of course explore all opportunities to address the parking issues in the village.</p> <p>3. A Memorial finger post has been damaged by seasonal hedge work. This is being dealt with by CDE.</p> <p>4. The hole on the green has been filled and grass seeded.</p> <p>5. A warning letter regarding dog fouling has been issued by EDDC to an Otterton resident. Please continue to be responsible and pick up after your dog.</p> <p>6. A problem with waste collection at Rolle Barton was brought to my attention, after engaging EDDC in this issue should now be resolved. Chair Otterton Parish Council.</p> | |
| 6 | <p>Car parking : Cllr Hiles attended a meeting of the LORP project where the challenges of potentially increased parking in Otterton were discussed. Communication from CDE has suggested a meeting to look at this issue should be backed by data provided by the OPC. The LORP Planning application has gone live today and the challenges of parking need to be addressed before planning is agreed.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that Otterton is outside the scope of LORP however a meeting between Cllrs Dent & Wright with Lee Rix of CDE suggested that a car park could be considered. It is recognised that visitors to the village are welcome but the infra structure needs to be able to accommodate a project which will undoubtedly bring extra people to the area. Only 2 access points to LORP are planned, Lime Kiln car park & Otterton bridge which by necessity will increase the footfall and demand for parking in the village.</p> | |

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| 7 | <p>Planning matters: <u>11/1597/MFUL - Residential development for 15 dwellings (including 10 affordable) with associated highway access and landscaping</u></p> <p>We are writing to you concerning the removal of the existing northwest boundary hedge at the above development in Otterton on behalf of our clients KACH Developments who are undertaking the development.</p> <p>In order to create a safe working area to construct the approved retaining wall along part of the northwest boundary of the site the existing Category C boundary hedge has had to be removed. The retaining wall, which is clearly shown on the approved planning drawings, is required to ensure compliance with the requirements of Condition 13 attached to the grant of condition planning permission dated 13 November 2015. Health and safety requirements have to be met to ensure that the retaining wall can be constructed without endangering the lives of the workers constructing it.</p> <p>The construction of the retaining wall should be completed in approximately 4 weeks and a replacement hedge will then be replanted along the northwest boundary using the approved hedge planting specification. The new hedge will be maintained for the 5 year period required by Condition 4.</p> <p>A section of the existing northwest boundary hedge is still in place, but unfortunately this will need to be removed to enable the underground mains electricity cable that will serve the development to be installed. This section of hedge will also be replanted.</p> <p>Please contact me if you require any further information.</p> <p>Development of Land at Piscombe Lane agricultural building: the EDDC planning site states that this application is decided but does not detail the outcome! Guidance received that Agricultural planning deemed not appropriate in this case so new planning application to be submitted.</p> <p>20/1684/Ful - 6 Maunders Hill still waiting decision.</p> <p>LORP (125 papers support this application) – In principal beneficial to the area & will bring green tourism, benefit also to local business through increased sales. Wildlife will benefit as habitats are improved although it is acknowledged that there may be disturbance initially. No analysis within report on increased traffic although there is recognition of disturbance during construction phase (page 46). 2018 meeting minutes recognised challenge of parking in the LORP and that visitor numbers to the area would increase this was repeated in 2019.</p> <p>It was suggested that OPC refer to the success of Seaton Wetlands as evidence of how green tourism is likely to bring additional visitors. Absence of car parking at Northern end of the LORP which means that parking in the village is inevitable, other parking will also be chargeable which may send more folk to Otterton to enjoy free parking in the lanes. Residents parking not available currently due to size of population of Otterton and alternative car parking not available.</p> <p>After a full discussion Objection to project unanimous.</p> <p>Suggestion for press release to discuss pros & cons of project.</p> | SW to contact Dan Wilkinson |
| 8 | <p>Local signage on Ladram Road. Amanda Pitchford reports that there is a backlog at the sign makers so ETD is still unknown.</p> | |
| 9 | <p>Tree Management: Progress being made slowly. Ash trees coming down in storm Cllr Hiles to obtain quote from Toby Taylor to remove those at risk to Highway.</p> | JH to obtain quote |

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| 10 | <p>Reports from Councillors:</p> <p>Village Green: Hoping to replant planters this autumn with bulbs for spring flowers.</p> <p>Community shop: NTR</p> <p>The War memorial: Cllr Hiles to weed in readiness for Remembrance Day</p> <p>Raleigh Federation: NTR</p> <p>Stantyway: Thanks to to Cllr Walker who has offered to cut the hedges free of charge.</p> <p>Football Club: Repaved area outside clubhouse & safety rail put up which has improved the area around the club house. Cllr Farmington to remind Football Club that any work at club needs to be previously agreed by OPC.</p> <p>Jubilee playpark – Deterioration of some apparatus causing concern. Next annual inspection to give guidance on replacement programme. Acknowledgement that all playground equipment must be constructed to specific safety standards and is therefore very expensive.</p> <p>Cemetery: Mole activity in evidence but generally in good order.</p> <p>Village Hall: NTR</p> <p>Trees: Report awaited</p> <p>Contracts & Finance: NTR</p> | |
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| 11 | <p>Report from Cllr Claire Wright: Latest update re coronavirus and nursing homes in Devon, I thought you may be interested in the attached report that was circulated at full council on Thursday 1 October. Update on 20mph limits. The attached report also circulated at full council on 1 October, gives a frustrating update about the slow progress of the Newton Abbot pilot, which seems to be taking a hugely long time to complete. I am pretty sure it has been going at least a year so far. I understand that we may not have an answer or any further progress on this issue for at least another 18 months. It is all very frustrating, given that almost two years ago, highways officers approved Otterton’s request for a 20mph limit. We are on the ‘waiting list’ though and I will bring you more news when I receive it.</p> <p>Diversity in Devon/anti-racism: I am very happy to report that Devon County Council supported the main thrust of the motion I developed with Kings School sixth formers relating to race and diversity, including writing to the Secretary of State for Education, encouraging a greater emphasis on celebrating diversity within schools. The students conducted their campaign with dignity, elegance and eloquence and having worked with them on it for several months I am incredibly proud of the bright, caring talented young students that they are. They have made a difference already, with several organisations pledging their support, including Exeter University and Devon Development Education. The campaign was triggered by an email I received from a young black King’s School student, Sandra. Here’s more detail ... https://claire-wright.org/four-ottery-st-mary-kings-school-students-launch-campaign-debate-on-diversity-in-devon/</p> <p>Here are the agreed words: <i>That Council be recommended to:</i></p> <p><i>(a) Support Members to continue to find and take opportunities to promote and celebrate the role and work in Devon by BAME people past and present;</i></p> <p><i>(b) Support and encourage Members to continue to engage with all residents of Devon including BAME people and organisations;</i></p> <p><i>(c) Note that the street names etc are the responsibility of District Councils, however, should the County Council be involved in any such processes, the LGA guidance will be followed;</i></p> <p><i>(d) Remind schools, settings, DCC Babcock LDP of the Equality Act 2010 Public Equality Duties and how they can heighten awareness arising from the Black Lives Matters movement as an opportunity to review and publish their objective(s) in respect of racial equality and inclusion</i></p> <p><i>(e) Write to the Secretary of State for Education urging him to encourage schools to;</i></p> <p><i>i. Capture the voice of children and young people and their responses to the Black Lives Matter movement;</i></p> <p><i>ii. Ensure that the school environment and curriculum allows all students to see themselves reflected and included;</i></p> <p><i>iii. Reflect on how they challenge historic and persisting racist ideas and to how they celebrate diversity.</i></p> | |
| 12 | <p>Financial matters: It was agreed that payments as detailed in the schedule sent with the Agenda 5.10.20 would be paid.</p> | Clerk to action |
| 13 | <p>Further actions: It was agreed that a budget of £100 could be spent on resources for renewal of the flower planters on the green.</p> | |
| 14 | <p>106 Funding. EDDC advise that funds currently held must be spent on Sport equipment and therefore renewal of Toddler swings not acceptable under this scheme. Clerk to contact EDDC to initiate consultation to fund new ‘sports’ equipment (trampoline)</p> | |
| 15 | <p>Items for agenda. 106 Funding, Tree management, Grants for playground equipment., mains water on greens</p> | Clerk to action |
| 16 | <p>It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 2nd November 2020 by zoom.</p> | . |

The meeting ended at 20.47