

Otterton Parish Council

Minutes							
Date & Time	6 th September 2021		Location	Otterton Village Hall			
Councillors Present	Initials			Also Present	Initials		
Mr J Hiles	JH	Parish Councillor	Chair	Jess Bailey	JB	County Councillor	
Mrs V Pride	VP	Parish Councillor	V.Chair	Alan Dent	AD	District Councillor	
Debbie Knowles	DK	Parish Councillor		Tom Wright	TW	District Councillor	
John Lister	JL	Parish Councillor		5xmembers of the public			

Apologies	Initials	Reason for Absence	Absent without Apology	Initials	
Mrs S Young	SY	Personal reasons			
Tony Farrington	TF	Personal reasons			
Cllr J Nanke	JN	Personal reasons			
Cllr Paul Jarvis	PJ	Training commitments			

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 as above.	
2	Declarations of Interests: None	
3	The minutes of the meeting held on 5 th July 21 were signed as a true record of the meeting. Matters arising: Cemetery fence & gate needs attention: Cllr Lister reports that it will be necessary to trim some of the shrubs in the cemetery to enable repairs to take place. Clerk to instruct Halcyon	Clerk to actio

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<p>4 The chair confirmed the arrangement for public discussion: All members of the public are welcome and comments on items on the agenda will be heard. If you would like to add an item to the agenda, please contact the clerk at least 7 days before the meeting. Public questions by email/letter or in person: A query was raised regarding the public parking on the Stantyway Recreation Field. A discussion took place about the benefit to the community of providing parking opportunities at events such as the Red Arrows display providing no damage is caused to the ground or buildings. It was thought that a request for a donation for parking may be made in future. OVA – wildflower verges. The clerk read out a letter from Geoff Porter of the OVA. In this the offer of wild flowers seeds to sow on verges was made, following the decline of same invitation by the PC last year. On this occasion the OVA has offer to prepare land made available by the PC and to sow the seeds. This offer was gratefully accepted and the clerk was instructed to write to Geoff porter. Movement of units to Ladram Bay. A firmly worded letter has been received regarding the difficulties faced by residents when large units are moved through the village. Steve Harper and Will Tottle have reviewed the correspondence and offered appropriate wording in response and also offered to meet with the resident to discuss their concerns. Clerk to send response. Cemetery bench: A letter has been received from the relative of someone buried in the Otterton parish Cemetery wishes to donate a bench. Cllr Lister has written agreeing in principle as long as the bench is made of sustainable products. The author of the letter is delighted and is currently researching prices etc and will come back to the clerk. The Chair called for a vote to enable a new bench to be positioned in the Cemetery and this was unanimously agreed.</p>	<p>Clerk to diarise for July 2022</p> <p>Clerk to write to Geoff Porter</p> <p>Clerk to respond</p>
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5	<p>Chair's report: September 2021</p> <p>I have now had to consider what happened to me in the last meeting and after talking to professionals I am at peace with what happened.</p> <p>I apologise for being unprofessional in the July meeting however I cannot apologise for caring passionately about our community.</p> <p>Grief comes in many forms and not just death of a person.</p> <p>Grief comes from loss of community I was suffering grief from the loss of the school being part of the community.</p> <p>I was suffering grief from loss of tradition of parents being allowed to attend sports day.</p> <p>I was suffering grief from my failure to get the school to change their minds even though no government restrictions prevented parents attending. I failed the parents I represent as the leader of this community.</p> <p>So for the avoidance of any doubt,</p> <p>My grief came directly from my position as Chair of Otterton Parish council and what I had to deal with that month and my breakdown came as a direct result of cross examination in the Parish council meeting.</p> <p>I am also coming to terms with recent events I served 14 operational tours 5 in Afghanistan and the object failures of political leaders is hard to comprehend.</p> <p>I believe and have fought for this community against EDDC and CDE I will not abandon my beliefs and duty because I was overwhelmed with grief.</p> <p>It is of course your choice if you wish to serve your community to the best of your abilities. Even though I was disappointed with the lack of support I received from some but not all of you, I hope now we can move forward to a positive future.</p> <p>I have taken down the Facebook page CV19Otterton as I received online trolling and abuse from certain members of the Parish. Best regards John Hiles</p>	
6	<p>DAA Landing site: The planning application is moving through the process. Initially 2 objections which comment on height & visibility. After a conversation with Councillor Hiles one of these objections has been withdrawn.</p>	
7	<p>Ladram bay: Comments from Will Tottle re restriction of personnel on site.</p> <p>Acknowledgement that footpaths run through the site. Movement on which cannot be restricted.</p> <p>Busy month for movements of units & the site managers are liaising with residents who have encountered problems in the past and making plans to manage pinch points.</p> <p>Residents should contact Highways regarding any problems.</p>	
8	<p>Planning: See comments</p> <p>21/2178/FUL: Poly tunnels at Passaford farm. 1x No objections. 2x abstentions.</p> <p>Trees Flint Barn: No objections.</p> <p>Thimble Cottage, 6 Ottery Street. 18/164/ful (21/1850/LBC) No objections.</p>	
9	<p>Parking in village. Suggestion that virtual pavement is protected by metal posts has been rejected by Highways. The clerk continues to seek early resolution.</p>	
10	<p>20MPH update NTR</p>	

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<p>11 Reports from Councillors:</p> <p>Village Green: many thanks to Tony Shaw for watering the tubs on the green throughout the summer. Cllr pride requests permission for a water take off pipe on green from CDE. Clerk to write to request.</p> <p>Community shop: NTR</p> <p>The War memorial: NTR</p> <p>Raleigh Federation:</p> <p>JH commented that the Chair of OCESA (parent teachers association) has left the school and a replacement is being sort to ensure that vital income for curriculum enrichment is not lost.</p> <p>Stantyway recreation ground: NTR</p> <p>Football Club: The football Club is getting back on track but report concern regarding the tenor of communication by some parish councillors. They have reported that the netting will be supported by three poles and will of course be taken down after each use. They will source an environmentally friendly netting. They would like to discuss further a project which would see the construction of a Club house, which could be used not only by the football team but also the village.</p> <p>Use of temporary netting during matches agreed unanimously by PC</p> <p>Tree & pathway reports: Ongoing removal of deceased trees needs to be budgeted for in 2022. Horse Chestnut needs to be inspected. Clerk to write to Andy Rowse. (Budget)</p> <p>Jubilee Play Park: NTR</p> <p>Cemetery: Area at back of cemetery needs mowing and new fence will be needed. (Budget 2022)</p> <p>Village Hall: NTR</p> <p>Contracts & Finance: Clerk to seek tenders for grass cutting contracts in October Parish newsletter.</p> <p>DAA: All good.</p>	Clerk 13.9.21
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12	<p>Reports District & County Councillors.</p> <p>AD: Public toilet consultation – all to reply.</p> <p>TW RECYCLING AND WASTE COLLECTIONS. Repeated from last month as ongoing issue.</p> <p>Update from SUEZ Situation continues. Previous report attached for information.</p> <p>As you are probably aware the SUEZ Team has suffered from a shortage of staff for a number of months. The shortage of staff is not confined to SUEZ or East Devon but is a sector wide problem and is being experienced by all operators across the region and more widely.</p> <p>The factors that have led to staff shortages are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Difficulty in recruiting to the sector to fill vacancies · A national shortage of LGV drivers which is particularly acute in the SW · An increasing level of staff sickness in the recycling teams – the crews have now been collecting elevated tonnages of recycling for over 15 months due to pandemic factors and the workload has taken it's toll · Small numbers of staff having to self-isolate due to track & trace · The pool of agency providers do not have temporary staff available on their books <p><i>Please note waste and green waste collections are not affected</i></p> <p>We ask for resident's patience during a difficult period. The key message for this affected is to leave recycling containers at the normal collection point and we will make a catch-up collection as soon as we can.</p>	
	<p>Jess Bailey: Many, many thanks to Jess bailey who reported that Highways have committed to repainting the virtual pavement hatched lines next month (October 21). She will request liaison with clerk so residents can be advised in good time.</p> <p>Good meeting with Val & Sharon regarding road surfaces in need of repair.</p> <p>JB also confirmed that work will be done in Lea Road where flooding has occurred and, lifted the road in Behind Hayes.</p> <p>Adult Care committee in September of which JB is a member.</p>	
13	<p>Financial matters: Unanimously agreement to pay cheques as detailed on agenda</p>	
14	<p>Further actions: None</p>	

