

Otterton Parish Council

Minutes							
Date & Time	2 nd November 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	Cllr P Jarvis	PJ	District Councillor	
Mr S Walker	SW	Parish Councillor		1 resident			
Mrs S Young	SY	Parish Councillor					
Mr T Farrington	TF	Parish Councillor	Left 20.10				
Mr J Lister	JL	Parish Councillor					

Apologies	Initials	Reason for Absence	Absent without Apology	Initials	
Cllr C Wright	CW	County Councillor			
Cllr A Dent	AD	District 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. Cllr Sam Walker asked for it to be noted that he has a pecuniary interest in Clinton Devon Estates and for this reason will not vote on matters relating to the LORP.	
3	The minutes of the meeting held on 5 th October 20 were signed as a true record of the meeting with amendments listed below: Noting the pecuniary interest in CDE by Cllr Walker and therefore his abstinence from voting. In the chairman's report a post was incorrectly referred to as a finger post which has now been changed. All matters arising not detailed form part of this agenda.	
4	Public questions by email/letter: A resident suggested that the entrance to the cemetery looks a bit neglected action now taken. Fireworks - complaint from residents directed to the police. Facebook – resident queried method of communication through Facebook for wider news. Chair commented that this was an effective method of sharing community news.	

Meeting of the Otterton Parish Council minutes

Signed

Dated.....

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5	<p>Chairs report</p> <p>1. Covid-19 Deaths con 1. Covid-19 Deaths continue to rise at a steady rate and have now reached 47,3xx. However, the number of new cases has increased exponentially throughout October to a seven-day rolling average of over 25,000 new cases per day. England enters into a second national lockdown from Thursday 5th November.</p> <p>2. EDDC Covid-19 Meeting. 29 October. Grants were discussed for individuals and organizations and what different areas had been doing another meeting was agreed before Christmas.</p> <p>3. It's been a very dynamic month as Chair writing a column for the Exmouth journal speaking on Radio Exe Sunday morning show and writing to every household in the village. I also had a meeting with DCC Highways hosted by Cllr Claire Wright. I have been very pleased with the response from the Parish over 74 objections have been logged most mention traffic and parking in the village, over half the neutrals support traffic and parking in the village and 2 of the 4 that support the application are concerned about traffic and parking in the village. It will be very interesting to see the outcome of this Planning application.</p>	
6	<p>Village infrastructure (Car parking): LORP</p> <p>Much activity this month by Chair: - Column for Exmouth Journal, Radio Exe recording and letter to all residents in Otterton. Resulted in 97 comments on planning portal 74 mentioning car parking. 3 people in favour also mention issue of parking. Vote of thanks for John Hiles from Parish Council Parking application extended to 15th November due to omission in previous application in paper.</p>	
7	<p>Planning</p> <p>20/2174/Ful 2 Park Lane 2 Storey Extension. Previous planning applications on Park lane refused. Objective due to Elevated position, obtrusive (1 for 4 against l extension). Rear extension may be considered positively as in keeping with other properties.</p> <p>20/1684/Ful 6 Maunders Hill amendment. Continued unanimous objection LORP – see details in agenda item 6. Piscombe Lane retrospective planning application received – Unanimous objection. Application for viewing platform at Ladram Bay has been withdrawn. Amended planning application expected. (end date March)</p>	
8	<p>Local signage on Ladram Road. Amanda Pitchford reports that there is a continuing backlog at the sign makers so ETD is still unknown. Due to lengthy delay there will be no charge.</p>	
9	<p>Tree Management: Quote obtained insert report from Toby Taylor. Recommend a slow and steady approach with gradual removal with priority for trees near to Highway. Grants for replanting sought. Cllr Walker urged caution in individual diagnosis however trees that are unsafe must be removed. Unanimous decision to remove 5 trees at cost of £500 & seek to replant</p>	

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10 Reports from Councillors: Village Green: Leaf tidy has taken place, tree to be planted. Tubs to replanted. Cllr Pride to contact Theo to arrange a date. Community shop: NTR (Tighter restrictions due to current COVID guidelines but shop willing to do orders) The War memorial: No services for Remembrance Day, private wreath laying for individuals. Raleigh Federation: Report from Peter Halford Head Teacher Otterton School It has been a really successful first half term back at school for the children and staff at Otterton Primary School. The children have settled back into school life brilliantly, taking the new procedures and routines in their stride. Over the last few weeks they have taken part in a very successful PE day, focussing on teamwork and communication, skills that are especially important in the times that we are in and the Year 6 children have become play leaders, setting individual challenges for the other children to complete. In PE the children have been learning Frisbee skills and have taken part in a very successful virtual tournament against some of the other Link Academy Trust schools. We have held a non-uniform day in aid of Just One Tree, an organisation that plants trees in disadvantaged areas in a bid to combat CO2 levels by reforestation. For every £1 that our children and their families donated a tree will be planted! Whilst we haven't yet arranged Open Days for this year, we are welcoming prospective parents to our school by way of a Virtual Tour which is on our website www.otterton.thelink.academy and Facebook page (search for Otterton CofE Primary) and also by personalised visits. Please contact the office on 01395 568326 or adminotterton@thelink.academy to make an appointment. Stantyway: Commencement of hedge trimming Football Club & Jubilee PlayPark: Contacted Andy Mitchell and there is nothing to report. Unable to discuss problem regarding unruly teenagers in Jubilee Playground. I will explain to the lady concerned. She was happy with my initial reply advising her to carry on calling the police, which has proved successful in the past. I also suggest if safe to photograph the culprits but stressed the safety side of doing this. Cemetary: In good order Village Hall: reopened and now closed again. Trees: see Toby's report Contracts & Finance: NTR	
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11 **Cllr Tom Wright.** Recycling affected by lockdown and increased amount of recycling. In response EDDC has reorganised routes. Value of recycling has dropped but increased incentive for recycling to come. Recycling Centres to remain open during lockdown.

Cllr Paul Jarvis: Action group against poverty will now be changed to allow PJ to attend. Greater emphasis on hardship being experienced in current climate. Suggestion re donations & cards to known individuals experiencing hardship.

Claire Wright: I am happy to report that Harpford Bridge has now been repaired. Cllr Val Ranger and I launched an online petition asking for urgent repairs, which attracted over 2000 signatures during August, as Devon County Council officers had indicated that it was in such a poor state it would probably need to be closed permanently from this autumn. This would have been a huge loss to the popular public footpath The East Devon Way and also would have meant the loss of a safe walking route for schoolchildren walking to Newton Poppleford Primary School from Harpford. The rock armouring now installed will hopefully mean that the bridge will remain open for several more years. There will be also now be talks with local landowners for a new location for a bridge longer term.

Lower Otter Restoration Project: I have submitted the following comment to planning officers on the above planning application....

I broadly support this planning application as it will have significant environmental benefit, however I am concerned at the likely potential impact it will have on Otterton in terms of traffic and parking and I support Otterton Parish Council in its representations.

The main issues are:

- *No visitor assessment appears to have been carried out*
- *The impact on Otterton in terms of likely increased parking and traffic issues appears not to have been assessed*
- *The overall number of car parking spaces at an already busy location in and around Lime Kiln Car Park and Whitebridge will be reduced by around 30*
- *Otterton is already a very popular summer destination in particular with tourists drawn here to view the beavers, visit Otterton Mill and walk the footpath along the river Otter*

EDDC Local Plan Policy TC7 indicates that planning consent will not be granted if the traffic impact is detrimental to the wider highway network. The village's parking problems are already fully recorded in Otterton's Neighbourhood Plan.

It is vital in my opinion that planning officers and highways officers fully consider the traffic impact on Otterton that the LORP is likely to have if approved and that appropriate mitigation is provided. Otterton Parish Council has requested land for a car park on the western side of the village and I support this approach. The current parking situation should not be made worse by any development.

Help available to pay for basic household essentials. The impact of the coronavirus pandemic is continuing to put a huge financial strain on some people. Employment situations are changing rapidly and for some their income now no longer covers what they need, or they have lost their jobs completely.

Help is available. If you, or someone you know, is worrying about money and how to pay for basic household essentials, please apply for extra assistance through funding that we have made available via your district council's hardship fund.

To find out more about what support is available in Devon, including how to access local financial support, where to find foodbanks and community larders, free meals during the school holidays and what to do if you're on a low income and need to self-isolate.

We are continuing to work with district councils to ensure hardship support is available to vulnerable children and families in Devon this winter. And this week we pledged extra funding to ensure no child goes hungry. More here - <https://www.devonnewscentre.info/devon-pledges-extra-support-for-vulnerable-children-and-families/>

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11	<p>Continued: Be on the look-out for potential scammers Devon County Council is advising everyone to stay alert to possible scams associated with the coronavirus pandemic following a report of someone visiting homes claiming to be from the national Test and Trace programme.</p> <p>The visitor told a North Devon resident that his household had been linked as a contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case in Exeter, and that therefore he needed to self-isolate. He then offered the gentleman a food parcel for £20. He had no identification, and was driving a small dark car. This was a scam unfortunately.</p> <p>The NHS Test and Trace programme publishes details of how they inform people, and importantly what they will never do or ask a person to do.</p> <p>Information about the NHS Test and Trace programme and how it works, is available on the government's website.</p> <p>If you are contacted by an individual or a company that you suspect is a scam, you can report it to Action Fraud.</p> <p>For consumer advice about how to prevent being scammed, visit Devon, Somerset and Torbay Trading Standards' website</p>	
12	<p>Financial matters: It was agreed that payments as detailed in the schedule sent with the Agenda 2.11.20 would be paid.</p> <p>Budget 20/21 has been sent to Councillors for consideration and sign off at next meeting. Agree donations. It was agreed by email following the meeting that £100 would be donated to the RBL</p>	Clerk to action
13	<p>Further actions: Agreement to funds for plaque for memorial seat to be an agenda item for next meeting</p>	
14	<p>106 Funding. Clerk has contacted EDDC to initiate consultation to fund new 'sports' equipment (trampoline). Advise given that consultation must be led by items listed in Neighbourhood Plan. If Parish wishes to go outside this guidance a vote must be taken in a council meeting on an agenda item with a letter of explanation and request sent to EDDC for consideration.</p>	
15	<p>Items for agenda. 106 Funding, tree management, Grants for playground equipment., mains water on greens, village infrastructure. Plaque on memorial seat.</p>	Clerk to action
16	<p>It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 7th December 2020 by zoom.</p>	

The meeting ended at 20.42

It was agreed by email after the meeting that the OPC would support the nomination for a new committee member, as suggested by David Ottley, for the Otterton Relief in Need Committee. The OPC wishes to thank Beryl Millington for her support with ORINC over many years.