

Otterton Parish Council

Minutes							
Date & Time	1 st February 2021		Location	Meeting via Zoom @ 7.30			
Councillors Present	Initials			Also Present	Initials		
Mr J Hiles	JH	Parish Councillor	Chair	Cllr A Dent	AD	District Councillor	
Mrs V Pride	VP	Parish Councillor	V.Chair	Cllr P Jarvis	PJ	District Councillor	
Mr S Walker	SW	Parish Councillor		Cllr T Wright	TW	District Councillor	
Mrs S Young	SY	Parish Councillor		3 residents			
Mr T Farrington	TF	Parish Councillor					
Mr J Lister	JL	Parish Councillor					

Apologies	Initials	Reason for Absence	Absent without Apology	Initials	
			Cllr C Wright	CW	

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: There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.	
3	The minutes of the meeting held on 14 th December 20 were signed as a true record of the meeting with amendments listed below: All matters arising not detailed form part of this agenda.	
4	<p>Public questions by email/letter: One letter was received from a resident regarding tree planting & removal at Stantyway Recreation Field. The resident was referred to decisions made and minuted in previous meetings and in reports from the Tree Warden.</p> <p>Subject: RE: Community Gardens</p> <p>I have just moved in to Vieux Close in Otterton & I am looking for an allotment space. I wonder if you could let me know if anything would be available locally? Many thanks. <i>Parish Council suggests that an application is made to CDE.</i></p> <p>From a resident of Bell Street: I'm not sure if you will be able to help me, but I am reaching out to you to see if there is anything the Parish Council are able to do. I live on Bell Street have to park my car on the road (we do have a parking bay, but it only has room for 1 car). We have lived here for 9 years and unfortunately within the last few months we have had 2 cars crashed into. Both times the other party failed to stop and we have been unable to locate them, through the Village Hall/Shop CCTV or Ladram CCTV. This means we have had to bear the cost of repairs to our cars, which have been significant. We have also lost 5 wing mirrors (within 9 years) all of which we have had to replace at our own cost. Obviously at this time of year the roads are quieter, so the traffic is much reduced, but I am at a bit of a loss as to what we can do. I did support with the Village effort on tracking traffic through the village, and do feel that Ladram need to take some responsibility for the increase in traffic and litter on the verges,</p>	

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they are pretty dreadful neighbours and whilst they are not to blame for driving behaviours, they are at least culpable. I hope you can help. Regards
The Parish Council suggested that this resident pursues her complaint through the Police. Unfortunately, whilst understanding how frustrating this is the incident is outside the remit of the Parish Council.

From Iain Ure: The hatched white lines that mark the pedestrian part of the road between the pub and the green are getting very faint. As a result visitors are probably not aware it is a pedestrian walkway. Could this be raised at the next parish meeting on Monday with a view to requesting DCC re paint the markings. A pedestrian sign would also be useful - not legally enforceable but morally a lever. This is particularly an issue for prams and parents taking their children to the school.

Response from Highways -The white edge lining referred to is no longer included in the current Highway Safety Policy and will not be renewed in the immediate future.

OVA: Regarding the letter received from the OVA inviting the Parish Council to apply for a Grant of £500 specifically for the planting of wild flower seeds in the parish: - Following a discussion which included:

- Whether the use of funds in this way and at this time was in the best interest of the parish.
- Which land was available for planting?
- The fact that Cllr Sam Walker has already planted a large area of wild flowers at Stantyway farm.

It was decided to defer the decision on application to the next meeting following further discussion, accepting that this may negate eligibility. The clerk was asked to clarify with the OVA the stipulations of the grant regarding planting. eg. Could seeds be given to individual households for private spaces as well as community planting.

5 Chair's report: Chair's Report February 2021

Since our last meeting in December the number of Covid-19 deaths has increased from 64402 to 108000.

We went into a third national lockdown on the 5th January 2021 with schools being closed for a second time.

In December the Parish council helped several families obtain food vouchers through a Budleigh charity.

The Parish council also liaised with the Otterton relief in need charity, A very generous Parishioner stepped in while the Charity dealt with red tape at the bank.

If anyone is in need of any help talk to myself or one of the members of ORINC.

If anyone would like to join the Parish council please let me know, be an active part of our fantastic community.

Please note that in future correspondence received by any member of the Parish Council or the clerk will not receive a 'private' response but will be addressed through the parish meetings and the author will be referred to the minutes following the meeting, thus ensuring collective responsibility and clarity of message.

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6	Village infrastructure (Car parking): LORP - Planning agreed.	Complete
7	<p>Car Parking within the village. Residents parking scheme continues to be progressed towards consultation in due course. Suggestions made by CDE regarding using the Green & the Jubilee playpark as parking areas were dismissed by the Council. The Clerk was asked to convene a meeting with Cllrs Tom Wright & Alan Dent, the Chair & Highways to further discuss the parking issues in Otterton. If you have off street parking it would be greatly appreciated if you would use this.</p>	Clerk to action
8	<p>Planning 21/0008/FUL: The replacement garage and proposed accommodation is very large (as big as a normal house) but it is linked to the main house, which is also very large. As such it is considered to be ancillary and subservient to it. The site is also well screened by trees and vegetation from the roadside and from the footpath to the North. and the roof line is lower than the main house. Therefore, whilst the bulk and size of the outbuilding may give rise to some harm to the AONB, I consider that harm to be limited, and therefore think that there is no real planning objection. Conditions would have to be imposed maintaining the ancillary nature of the structure, and preventing the development from being used as a separate dwelling. Majority decision no objection 21/0108/FUL - 2 Park Lane Otterton Budleigh Salterton EX9 7HY Amended plan reducing size & visual impact (Ridge height reduced, distance from neighbour increased, more in keeping with other extension in Park lane). Unanimous decision No objection 20/2737/TCA – Rydon Farm No objection 21/0208/FUL 6 Dukes Close. Single story side extension with replacement windows & doors – no objection. TCA Rolle Barton Trees – no objection 21/0208/FUL Fore street Window replacement – No objection.</p>	
	<p>21/0068/TCA – Rolle Barton: No objection 20/2621/Ful – Lea Road: No objection</p>	
9	Tree Management: Management of trees ongoing with view to keep cost to a minimum whilst keeping in mind safety on highway and in Recreation ground.	
10	<p>Reports from Councillors: Village Green: Looking good. Planters yet to be done but in plan. Tree awaits planting. Community shop: Continues to do an excellent job. The War memorial: NTR Raleigh Federation: Report from Peter Halford Head Teacher Otterton School attached to agenda.</p>	VP to action

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	<p>Stantyway recreation ground: Cllr Walker reports that the hedges were cut on 13th Jan despite the ground being very wet.</p> <p>Football Club & Jubilee Play Park: Urgent work needed to upgrade club house needs to be made watertight & cladding needs additional work. Quote £392.00 timber seeking donation from PC. It was also noted that previous agreement to support upgrading of showers had not been used. New quote requested to cover all work which will be reviewed at next meeting. Hedges in Jubilee playpark have been cut.</p> <p>Cemetery: Proliferation of plastic adornments in cemetery. Message to go in Parish News Seeking all decorations to be biodegradable.</p> <p>Village Hall: NTR</p> <p>Trees: Report sent by Iain Ure.</p> <p>Contracts & Finance: NTR</p> <p>DAA: In order</p>	<p>Agenda item Clerk to action</p> <p>Clerk to action</p>
11	<p>Cllr Claire Wright: £1000 kindly received from locality budget toward village infrastructure. Thanks from PC noted.</p> <p>Cllr. Alan Dent., 1. LORP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved by EDDC with conditions. Work expected to start in spring 2021 • Follow up meeting with Environment Agency, residents of Frogmore Road and Ward members on 19 January to discuss flooding concerns <p>2. Pooh Cottage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now has permission for year round occupation by travelling visitors • Condition of no more than 60 days continuous occupancy <p>3. LED: Continued lockdown has created major financial difficulties for LED and similar Leisure and Fitness organisations EDDC Forum working on issues (meeting 27 January)</p> <p>4. Cycle Track Budleigh to Exmouth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues of clashes between pedestrians and cyclists • Newly surfaced tarmac ideal for both walking and cycling • Project originally between Clinton Devon Estates (Landowner) and DCC. • Now a part of the National Cycleway • Requested dividing line to separate pedestrians and cyclists <p>5. Hardship from lockdown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High level of financial hardship caused by lockdown throughout District • EDDC has distributed over £80million to local businesses • Local initiatives like the Budleigh COVID Support Group have already given out £30,000 to families and are seeking extra help • Currently providing support for 19 families in the Budleigh area <p>Cllr P Jarvis: Impressed by response of Otterton community for community during Christmas period.</p> <p>Cllr T Wright: Recycling & waste collection routes rearranged. 68 tonnes collected in 2020</p>	

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12	Financial matters: It was agreed that payments as detailed in the schedule sent with the Agenda 1.2.20 would be paid. CIL - £221.00 to go towards DAA Landing site. Donation of £1000 from CW plus £500 from Ladram, balance to be found from Parish funds.	Clerk to action
13	Further actions: Additional funding to DAA landing site from PC funds. Agreed unanimously	
14	106 Funding. For next meeting.	Clerk to action
15	Items for agenda. Football club, OVA application for wildflowers.	Clerk to action
16	It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 1 st March 2021 by zoom.	.

The meeting ended at 20.40

Trees: 15. The Parish Council is responsible for Stantyway playing field. There are a considerable number of Ash trees there and some have started to suffer from Ash Dieback which has affected the whole county. It is likely most or all of them will have to be removed or reduced in height in the near future.

16. Five Ash trees were identified as being in a critical state and four of them have been cut down by Toby Taylor. He has done a very tidy job. The smaller brush is left in habitat piles in hedges for the local wildlife. The branches have been cut up into lengths. When the trees are felled Otterton residents can help themselves to any cut wood for personal use only.

17. A cherry tree had also to be removed as it was rotten, leaning badly and considered a danger.

Iain Ure 20th January 2021 Otterton Volunteer Footpath and Tree Warden

John, following on from our conversation this morning, i would like to confirm that i am chainsaw qualified for most of the NPTC units (which is the nationally recognised standard for chainsaw use,) I am also a Lantra Chainsaw instructor and deliver courses from basic chainsaw use and maintenance to advanced felling techniques,

I have been trained in the recognition of ill health in trees and attended a five day workshop back in the early 1990's, since then i have been responsible for the annual and periodic checking of trees on the RSPB estate in East Devon, including over 4Km of of roadside trees and over 800acres of open access land, I receive regular updates from the arboriculture association and often give second opinions for others.

I have been carrying out remedial works on trees for 35+ years and now offer assistance to both parish, district councils and other organisations across their landholdings, in respect of surveys and follow up works.

The works carried out for the parish council at Stantyway, I was using the recognised template from the tree councils website and the same class condition assessment.

You made a comment about infected timber being removed from site, i wonder if your local resident was getting confused with the phytophthora ramorum (sudden Oak death) disease rather than Chalara fraxinea (ash dieback). In phytophthora you must only move timber/arising to an approved handling station?

just a thought,

I hope that this helps with any clarification that you might need?

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Do let me know if you need any further information.

All the best Toby

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