

Otterton Parish Council

A remote meeting of the members of Otterton Parish Council will be held on **Monday 1st March 2021** at 7.30pm using the dial in details supplied in by email. All members of Otterton Parish Council are summoned to attend the meeting. Members of the public and the press are welcome to be present. **If any member of the public wishes to join the meeting please email the clerk so that the appropriate invitation can be sent, any questions sent to the clerk by email or post will be addressed.**

Francesca Mills Clerk Otterton Parish Council

AGENDA

1	Apologies for Absence	<i>To receive apologies from Cllrs.</i>	Clerk
2	Declarations of Interest	<i>To receive declarations of pecuniary interest on items on the agenda</i>	Chair
3	Minutes	<i>To accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2021 and sign as a correct record of the meeting. To consider any matters arising from the minutes, not elsewhere on the agenda:</i>	Chair
4	Public Questions	<i>Response to items received by email, post or in person via zoom. Empty homes letter (attached). 20MPH speed limit – update</i>	All
5	Chairman's Business	<i>To receive a report from the Chairman.</i>	Chair
6	DAA landing site	<i>Update on funding.</i>	Chair
7	Car parking	<i>Update on parking issues for the village Update on painting of chevrons on Fore Street</i>	Chair
8	Planning Matters	<i>Consider planning applications & note objections. 21/0356/VAR Hawkern House</i>	All
9	Tree Management	<i>Consider budget implication of parish responsibilities.</i>	JH
10	Reports from Councillors with specific responsibilities & reports on village amenities and Bodies	<i>The Village Green Community shop War Memorial & Raleigh Federation (see report from Peter Halford) Stantyway Recreation Ground Football Club & Jubilee Playground The Cemetery – Cllr Lister The Village hall – Cllr Young Trees/PROW – Mr Iain Ure Contracts & Finance – Cllr Hiles Village Defibrillator</i>	VP JH SW TF JL SY IU CH FM
11	Reports from County & District Councillors	<i>Consider reports which have been circulated in advance of meeting</i>	All
12	Financial matters	<i>To agree payment of cheques as per schedule below. Confirm receipt of Invest in Devon money via Cllr C Wright Update on OVA grant £500</i>	Chair
13	Further Actions	<i>To agree any actions and associated expenditure not previously considered on agenda.</i>	Clerk
14	106 Funding	<i>Update on progress.</i>	Clerk
15	Items for next Agenda	<i>Consider items of business for next meeting.</i>	Clerk
16	Date of next meeting	<i>The meeting is scheduled for 5th April which is a Bank Holiday. Agree date or re-schedule? Agree format & method.</i>	All

Fran Mills Clerk to the Parish Council 22.2.21

Income & Expenditure February 2020

Opening Balance	OUT	8475.50
	SWW charge Cemetery	£5.00
	NDC Clerks wages	£698.19
	Working Balance	7776.81

Correspondence:

Dear Cllrs I'm writing to you to say that Environmental Health Private housing team are joining in with Empty Homes Week 15th – 21st February 2021

Empty Homes Week is a national campaign organised by Action for Empty Homes to bring empty properties back into use. Did you know that over 600,000 properties across the UK are vacant?

There are 433 empty homes in East Devon. We are working with our empty home owners to bring them back into use. During Empty Homes Week we are asking residents that are affected by the poor condition of an empty property; or may be unsecure; unsafe or verminous to report it to the Empty Homes Officer in Environmental Health Private Housing.

We must tackle the issues with empty homes in our communities. What we don't want is empty homes deteriorating and causing problems for neighbours.

Properties that are empty are wasted homes. We want these to be homes for people in our community. We want to encourage the homeowner to renovate the property to rent or sell or renovate and move in. Properties often remain empty for a variety of reasons: inheritance and family disputes; lack of funding for repairs and waiting for planning. We want to raise awareness of empty properties in our communities and help bring them back into use. Properties that have been empty for longer than 6 months are called Long Term Empty properties. This can mean that some of the properties are on the market for sale; for rent or having extensive works carried out.

Once they have been empty for 2 years, they are called Long Term Empty Premium. Their owners will pay a 200% premium on their Council Tax. How empty homes affect residents

Problematic empty homes cause these problems to the community and local services

- Pest and Vermin
- Overgrown gardens
- Vandalism and Crime
- Damage to neighbours property
- Possible down value of properties nearby.

If know of an empty property that's causing a problem to residents we will be able to help. Please contact us on 01395571572 or pshousing@eastdevon.gov.uk

How we help owners of empty properties. We give advice and information on

- How to rent a property and license a house of multiple occupation
- Provide a letter to claim VAT back on renovation projects
- Pre -planning and listed building advice
- Make referrals to the Council's loan and energy efficiency companies.

Working in Partnership Lendology is the councils loan Company. <https://www.lendology.org.uk/> They provide low interest rates on financial help to renovate empty home or carry out essential repairs.

Exeter ECo / LEAP – can sign post residents to energy efficiency measures and home improvements.

Web address: <https://www.ecoe.org.uk/> Empty Homes Week 15 -21 February 2021

Follow us on our social media Twitter @EDDChome_people - #privatesectorhousing

Facebook; East Devon District Council Instagram; @eastdevondistrictcouncil If you have any other thoughts on ways we can encourage homeowners to bring properties into use and make our communities aware of the service we provide please let me know via email pshousing@eastdevon.gov.uk If you have questions or see a property that could be an empty homes when in the East Devon district please let me know. Kind regards Fay Pyne Technical Officer = Empty Homes EDDC

Dear Chris, thank you for confirming that Otterton is on the list for a 20mph limit to replace the existing 30mph limit. This is to include Church Hill where Otterton Primary School is.

Many thanks for your help. Kind regards Claire Claire Wright Devon County Councillor - Otter Valley Ward

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