

Otterton Parish Council

Minutes							
Date & Time	5 th July 2021		Location	Meeting in 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	Paul Jarvis	PJ	District Councillor	
Mrs S Young	SY	Parish Councillor		Tom Wright	TW	District Councillor	
Tony Farrington	TF	Parish Councillor		members of the public			
Debbie Knowles	DK	Parish Councillor					

Apologies	Initials	Reason for Absence	Absent without Apology	Initials	
Cllr Alan Dent	AD	Isolating			
Cllr J Nanke	JN	Work 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 June 21 were signed as a true record of the meeting. Matters arising: Cemetery fence & gate needs attention: Cllr Lister will action the repair. Posters for DOG Fouling distribute Concerns re White lines & junction response from High ways. The response from Highways was read out and whilst the work is in plan due to shortages during the pandemic it is unlikely there will be any immediate action.	
4	Public questions by email/letter or in person: Comments re hatched lines. Overgrown pathways. Hi as a resident of Otterton and a dog Walker I am emailing to bring to your attention the footpath behind the Kings arms that goes to the fields up anchorage hill is very over grown and really impassable!! As the path to the field behind the houses on the green is closed at the moment this path is the only access to the fields unless you walk up to the top of the village!! So could this please be cleared ASAP as it is a public footpath and needs to be assessable to all who wish to use it!! This pathway has now been cleared. Hole on Bell Street unattended by the Highways for some time, action taken by resident, resident disappointed with response. Concern re rotting posts on listed bridge seeking which need replacing. Clerk to report to EDDC for a rapid replacement. Concern re use of electric scooters on Ladram Bay. This is private land and will be managed by Ladram bay. Query regarding the need for a planning application regarding secondary double glazing.	Clerk to action

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	<p>A discussion took place regarding the installation of an electric charging point in the village.</p> <p>Query regarding 3 potential development areas in the village. Currently no appetite for Building. AONB, Unsustainable village, NP has no provision. Request for marked parking slots on the green. Request for a police visit to village.</p>	
5	<p>Chair's report: At the last meeting we were unaware of the licence application made by the glamping company to EDDC.</p> <p>The reason we were unaware is the application notice had been pinned to a gate 30 meters off the public highway so not accessible to the public. EDDC had wrongly informed Budleigh town council and not Otterton Parish council as they seemed unaware where boundaries lay. I had a conversation with the licencing department and, unhappy with the explanation, I emailed the EDDC lawyer to make sure everything was above board. His email response is attached to associated documents for this meeting. (Henry Lennox response)</p> <p>ONP is now in the process of closing down with accounts submitted and attached to associated documents for this meeting.</p> <p>Sadly, the Link academy and Otterton school ignored government guidelines to allow parents to attend school sports day which were held on the village recreation ground. Land owned by this Parish council.</p> <p>They imposed unnecessary draconian sanctions upon the parents.</p> <p>Members of the teaching staff also committed vehicle trespass by driving onto the field and were asked to remove the vehicles by myself.</p> <p>I am in active communication with the CEO of the Link academy on how the school can better interact with the local community. Letter attached to associated documents for this meeting.</p> <p>Due to the draconian sanctions imposed upon the parents I now feel I am unable to carry on as the Race director of the Otterton Reindeer run and I resigned to the CEO of the Link academy. I do wish the school every success taking the race forward.</p> <p><i>Please note that some of the issues contained in this report have not been discussed by the Parish Council and at the time of writing are the views of the Chair.</i></p>	
6	<p>DAA Landing site: Planning application submitted and await outcome of application. Notification sent to all Councillors for information.</p>	Clerk to action
7	<p>Ladram bay: Majority of units transferred to site without problem however several pinch points cause problems. Lines on the road could have a positive effect. Steve thanked the public for taking the time to comment.</p> <p>The site has been open for 2 months and is still working on covid response. Hopefully this will improve on 19th July. Many employment opportunities at present.</p>	
8	<p>Planning: See comments agenda item 6</p> <p>21/1405/Ful Horstone farm Pinn – Permission sought for increase height of garden wall. Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>26 Fore Street removal of eucalyptus tree. Unanimously agreed.</p>	
9	<p>Parking in village: Discussion regarding the installation of a pavement to replace the hatched lines. Clerk to seek guidance from Highways re the process.</p>	Clerk

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10	20MPH update Newton Abbot trial continues to run. Otterton continues to be on the list. Jess Baily to seek to progress from the experience of other towns closer to home.	
11	Reports from Councillors: Village Green: Rotted post has been secured and compliments received. Community shop: NTR The War memorial: NTR Raleigh Federation: <i>The report for the Raleigh Federation was not read out at the meeting but is included for information.</i> What an amazing last half term of a difficult school year the children have been having! It has been really busy with the Y6 Water Sports day and bikeability, there have been lots of trips to the allotment, we have done a sponsored walk for our charity for this year, Toilet Twinning raising a wonderful amount of money for them, the children have taken part in our own school sports day and are looking forward to a community sports day over in East Budleigh with Drake's School where the children will get the opportunity to try out rugby with the Exeter Chiefs, football with Saints South West, dance and archery! We are in the process of making some updates to our playground thanks to some kind donations given to the school and are expecting delivery of some new IT equipment which was funded in part by some more donations from the fantastic community that we are a part of. Plans for the opening of our Foundation Stage Unit in September are in full swing, there are places available, both funded and non-funded for children aged from 3 years. We are going to be sad to say goodbye to our year 6 children and we wish them every happiness in the next part of their schooling journey but we can't wait to welcome some new children to the school in September, we have new starters in Reception and also into our new Foundation Stage Unit. We hope that you all have a safe and enjoyable summer and here's hoping for a more 'normal' school year next time around! Stantyway recreation ground & Football Club: The football club enquiry in regard of placing a net between the football pitch and the field owned by Francis Carter consists of placing scaffold poles, supporting a net, behind the left-hand side of the far goal, where trees have been removed. TF enquired as to the height of the structure and was told three meters. I said that I would put this to the PC but advised that if this were to be granted, that the netting and poles be green to blend in. Need to ensure that netting is environmentally friendly for birds, bats and other wildlife. Is it to be a removeable structure or permanent? There has also been a problem with a car being parked and rubbish being left on the field which was dealt with by the Chair. Jubilee Play Park: NTR	

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	<p>Cemetery: JN suggested that the fence in the cemetery should be replaced with a metal fence and agreed to obtain quotes for this major expenditure.</p> <p>Village Hall: NTR</p> <p>Contracts & Finance: NTR</p> <p>DAA: NTR</p>	
12	<p>Reports District & County Councillors.</p> <p>AD: LOWER OTTER RESTORATION PROJECT: Update from the Environment Agency Throughout the summer Kier will continue with the cricket pitch at Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club’s new location just off the B3178 East Budleigh Road. This work began a few weeks ago and is progressing well as you can see from the photo below.</p> <p>During this autumn we will be carrying out the main vegetation and tree clearance around the site, including at the old tip on South Farm Road (this is the work postponed from May).</p> <p>Throughout construction we will keep working very closely with our ecologists, the RSPB and other organisations to ensure wildlife disturbance is minimised. This will be delivered through our revised schedule, the provision of adequate buffer areas for the works and ongoing monitoring. The revised programme is:</p> <p>Summer 2021 – cricket pitch construction, main site compound set-up, soil imported, start of work on the tidal creek system north of South Farm Road</p> <p>Autumn 2021 – main vegetation and tree clearance, start of new South Farm Road, western side of new bridge structure</p> <p>2022 – embankment earthworks, creation of tidal creeks south of South Farm Road, road and bridge construction, footbridge construction.</p> <p>Spring 2023 - completion of the Lower Otter Restoration Project.</p> <p>RECYCLING AND WASTE COLLECTIONS Update from SUEZ</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>Attach report by Jess bailey. Feedback re EDDC maintenance programme & priority. It was suggested that Upper Ladram Hill should be added to priority list.</p>	

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Cllr Tom Wright recommended downloading the EDDC app. to keep up-to-date on recycling issues.
New management at EDDC has caused some issues but these have been acknowledged and moving positively forward.

Cllr Jess Bailey 5th July 2021
Congratulations: I would like to say well done to Otterton for the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan which was formally made by East Devon District Council with effect from 18th June. I know how much work is required in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan so many congratulations to all involved.
I would like to come along and meet the parish councillors informally to be briefed on the key issues in Otterton. It would be helpful if you could show me around the village and I wonder whether Thursday 8th July or Thursday 15th July might be possible for some of the parish councillors to meet me? (I am free anytime between 10 am until 3pm on these days.) Please let me know if either would be convenient.
DCC Road Repairs scheduled for 2022-3
I have been informed by Mike Brown Neighbourhood Highways Officer that the following are the roads which are scheduled for works to be carried out on in financial year 2022-2023. I would be grateful for any feedback/comment from the Parish Council as to whether they feel that these are the priority, or if not, which other roads should be.
Ropers Lane – overlay resurfacing, Behind Hayes (west from Lea Road) – overlay patching
Upper Maunders Hill – Micro Asphalt, White Lines and 20 mph restrictions
I have chased up the painting of the white lines (again) and understand that there is a wider issue with delays to line painting and has caused a backlog. I understand that the backlog is now being addressed with the lines being repainted where there is a safety defect being prioritised before other lines can be completed. I will keep on the case to ensure that this long running matter is completed.
I am also concerned by the fact that a number of my parishes in the Otter Valley including Otterton are unable to make progress with regards 20mph due to an extremely protracted trial in Newton Abbot. I will be investigating ways of progressing this important issue.
Wide Vehicles
I note that the Parish Council has been contacted by residents with regards concerns relating to disruption caused by wide vehicles. I have experienced this myself on visiting Otterton and it would be helpful for me to discuss the background at a briefing meeting (if possible on the above dates).
Preparation of the Local Plan: The interactive plan showing all the sites that landowners have put forward under the local plan is now live on EDDC’s website. [Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment - East Devon](#). There are 3 sites that have been put forward in the Otterton Parish.
Devon County Council as highways and education authority will be consulted as part of this HELAA process whereby the sites are considered before their possible inclusion in the

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	<p>Local Plan. DCC highways department are unable to commit to a particular date to review the sites, so EDDC's approach will be to consider the largest sites first.</p> <p>As part of the consideration of whether the sites are potentially "achievable", the sites will be looked at by the HELAA panel. EDDC officers advised that "Membership of the Panel is representative of a broad cross section of the housing and economic development sectors, including house builders (volume and smaller scale schemes) social landlords, local property agents, and other related professions, local community representatives and other agencies". I asked for details of details of membership of the Panel but officers were reluctant to provide this information. It is totally unacceptable for the panel to be kept secret and I am pressing for details on this matter.</p>	
13	<p>Financial matters: Unanimously agreed to pay cheques as detailed on agenda.</p>	Clerk to action
14	<p>Further actions: None</p>	Clerk to action
15	<p>106 Funding. The clerk has contacted EDDC to confirm that 106 Funding money is Sports Money and must therefore be spent on sports equipment.</p> <p>The Parish Council acknowledges that the consultation as part of the neighbourhood plan states that a priority requirement for the village is a Skate Board facility/park. Unfortunately, however the Parish Council unanimously agrees that this is unrealistic for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lack of suitable land (the local police advise that such a facility should be visible and centrally placed to avoid anti-social gathering and behaviour) ● The parish council currently lack the substantial funds needed for this project. ● Whilst fundraising is an option the parish council believes that installation of a more conservative item, following interrogation of the neighbourhood plan or from further consultation, in the Jubilee play park could be provided in a timelier fashion. <p>Clerk to send copy of minutes to EDDC confirming views of OPC.</p>	Clerk to action
16	<p>Items for agenda for next meeting. Wild flowers on verges, 106 funding, progress, football net, quotes for fences.</p>	Clerk to action
17	<p>The next meeting will take place on the 6th September at the Otterton Village Hall @ 7.30</p>	

The meeting closed at 21.07

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