

Otterton Parish Council

Minutes							
Date & Time	1 st November 2021		Location	Otterton Village Hall			
Councillors Present	Initials			Also Present	Initials		
Mr J Hiles	JH	Parish Councillor	Chair	Alan Dent	AD	District Councillor	
Mr J Lister	JL	Parish Councillor		Tom Wright	TW	District Councillor	
				members of the public	15		

Apologies	Initials	Reason for Absence	Absent without Apology	Initials	
Cllr J Nanke	JN	Personal reasons			

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. As the meeting was not quorate no decisions could be made. The chair reported that the clerk has received 9 notes of interest for cop-option for the 6 places currently available on the OPC. Therefore, at the next meeting each candidate will be invited to make a statement detailing the skills they would bring to the parish councillor and their reasons for requesting consideration. Deliberations & selection will then be made in open council. Thank you to everyone who has put their name forward.	
2	Declarations of Interests: None	
3	The minutes of the meeting held on 4 th September 21 were signed as a true record of the meeting. Matters arising: OVA Read letter GP For next meeting. Boundary Walk 9.30 Saturday 13th November	
4	The chair confirmed the arrangement for public discussion: On this occasion there was no public discussion.	
5	The Chair's did not submit a report but spoke about concerns he has & communication he has received regarding LORP. It has been reported that oil/fuel had been seen in the water and there are concerns about the effects this could have on local wildlife. It was reported by Kate Ponting of CDE that was to be a stakeholders meeting to discuss concerns at the EB Village hall on Wednesday 3rd Nov. The chair confirm that he would attend and report back to the OPC in due course.	
6	DAA Landing site: Await approval which is estimated for 12 th November	
7	Ladram Bay: Reports that the season has come to an end but that the pool and gym remain open and available for the public to use.	
8	Comment on planning applications. NTR	
9	Parking in village. NTR	
10	20MPH update NTR	
11	Reports from Councillors: NTR	

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<p>12 Reports District & County Councillors.</p> <p>New Council Plan: EDDC has published its new 'Council Plan'. The document will act as a practical roadmap highlighting its key focusses - including making sure people can afford to live, conserving the district's magnificent environment and supporting the creation of jobs while helping the local economy to recover after pandemic.</p> <p>New council plan focuses on greener East Devon, housing and recovering economy</p> <p>COVID: Hospital patient numbers double in Devon: how to do YOUR bit to help the local NHS 'Wear a mask, get vaccinated and keep your distance'</p> <p>The number of patients in Devon's hospitals with COVID-19 has almost doubled in the first three weeks of October and is expected to continue rising as cases in the community increase.</p> <p>The increasing rates of COVID in the community also impact on staffing. Currently 810 NHS staff in Devon are off work due to COVID This accounts for almost 1 in 3 NHS staff absences, up from just over 1 in 5 at the beginning of October.</p> <p>People across Devon are being urged to support the NHS by helping to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 and flu viruses.</p> <p>Here's what you can do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure that you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, including having a booster dose if you are eligible• Have the seasonal flu vaccination• Continue to follow social distancing measures, wear a mask where appropriate and wash your hands frequently• Avoid visiting people in hospital if you have sickness or diarrhoea• Self-isolate and take a PCR test if you have symptoms of COVID-19• Carry out regular lateral flow tests <p>Climate</p> <p>General concern about where the Climate Emergency is heading. A number of energy saving aspects are being addressed in the new Council Plan (Go to the link eastdevon.gov.uk/councilplan)</p> <p>Interesting survey from BBC News today. Some practical tips and thoughts for you to ponder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using renewable energy is more effective than simply recycling or making home improvements like home insulation (but do both!)• Using an electric car or even taking a long haul flight saves more energy than taking public transport• Giving up meat and family pets is better than giving up the car! <p>This element of my report is simply to raise awareness of some of the things we - as individuals - can consider doing and for which we can make relevant and practical choices.</p> <p>CLlr Alan Dent October 2021</p>	
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13	Financial matters: The clerk circulated a table showing the tenders made for the grass cutting contracts in the village. It was explained that a decision is not based on cost alone but on flexibility and value for money. A decision will be made at the next meeting. The clerk circulated a proposed budget plan for 2022 for consideration & questions were invited. A decision will be made at the next meeting to ensure that an application for the annual precept can be made in good time.	
14	Further actions: None	
15	106 Funding: NTR	
16	Community events: Boundary walk. 13 th November am. Thanks to Iain Ure for new route which will take in commemorative way markers. Reindeer Run: Update NTR	
17	Items for next agenda: Budget, Contracts.	
18	The next meeting will take place on the 6th December @ 7.30	

The meeting closed at 20.02