

## Otterton Parish Council

A meeting of the members of Otterton Parish Council will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Otterton Village Hall and all Parish Councillors are summoned to attend the meeting. Members of the public and the press are welcome to be present. *Francesca Mills* Clerk Otterton Parish Council

### AGENDA

1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	<i>To receive apologies from Cllrs.</i>	Clerk
2	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	<i>To receive declarations of pecuniary interest on items on the agenda</i>	Chair
3	<b>Co-Option</b>	<i>Co-opt new members of the Parish Council</i>	All
4	<b>Minutes</b>	<i>To accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> November (the October meeting was not quorate &amp; no minutes were taken) and sign as a correct record of the meetings. To consider any matters arising from the minutes, not elsewhere on the agenda:</i>	Chair
5	<b>Public Questions</b>	<i>Response to items received by email, post or in person.</i>	All
6	<b>Chairman's Business</b>	<i>To receive a report from the Chairman</i>	Chair
7	<b>DAA landing site</b>	<i>Update.</i>	<b>Chair</b>
8	<b>Ladram Bay</b>	<i>Update from the management of Ladram Bay</i>	<b>Chair</b>
9	<b>Planning Matters</b>	<i>Comment on planning applications. 21/2423/FUL - 1A Orchard Drive Otterton B/S EX9 7JL 21/2299/FUL - Barton House Church Hill Otterton 21/2300/LBC - Barton House Church Hill Otterton 21/2801/LBC – The cottage Ladram bay 21/2800/FUL – The cottage Ladram Bay 21/2982/FuL – Rydon Orchard</i>	<b>All</b>
10	<b>Parking in the Village</b>	<i>Comment on parking &amp; proposal for signs on virtual pavement</i>	<b>All</b>
11	<b>20 MPH Restrictions.</b>	<i>Update on progress.</i>	<b>Chair</b>
12	<b>Reports from Councillors with specific responsibilities &amp; reports on village amenities and Bodies</b>	<i>To allocate interim responsibilities for the amenities &amp; bodies: The Village Green Community shop War Memorial &amp; Raleigh Federation Stantyway Recreation Ground Football Club &amp; Jubilee Playground The Cemetery The Village hall Trees/PROW – Mr Iain Ure Agree schedule of works &amp; budget implications for 2022 Contracts &amp; Finance.. Village Defibrillator</i>	
13	<b>Wild flowers</b>	<i>Welcome OVA representative to update on plans for wildflower seeding.</i>	GP
14	<b>Reports from County &amp; District Councillors</b>	<i>Consider reports which have been circulated in advance of meeting</i>	All
15	<b>Financial matters</b>	<i>To agree payment of cheques as per schedule below. To consider Draft budget for 2022 as presented by the clerk. Consider Parish Council responsibilities in cemetery &amp; budget implications Agree appointment for grass cutting contracts in 2022 Agree that Christmas Cards can be sent to local bodies as per list agreed by the Chair</i>	<b>Chair</b>

16	<b>Further Actions</b>	<i>To agree any actions and associated expenditure not previously considered on agenda.</i>	<b>Clerk</b>
17	<b>106 Funding</b>	<i>Update</i>	<b>Clerk</b>
18	<b>Community dates</b>	<i>Update on Reindeer Run.</i>	<b>Clerk</b>
19	<b>Items for next Agenda</b>	<i>Consider items of business for next meeting.</i>	<b>Clerk</b>
20	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	<i>The meeting is scheduled for 7th February 2021 Agree meeting dates for 2022 (see below)</i>	<b>All</b>

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#### **Income & Expenditure September & October 2021**

Opening Balance		£8653.39
Out	SWW charge Cemetery	£5.00
Out	Halcyon Landscapes	£599.12
In	EDDC Precept payment	£5500
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept. Working balance		£13362.04
Out	Website domain	19.32
Out	Hire of village hall	12.00
In	Cemetery payment	90.00
In	CIL	441.67
31 <sup>st</sup> October Working balance		£13862.39
Out	SWW charge Cemetery	£5.00
Out	Halcyon Landscapes	£289.56
Out Clerks wages	NDC	£698.19
Working balance		£12889.64

**Proposed meeting dates 2021: 6 Dec**

**Proposed meeting dates 2022: 7 Feb, 7 Mch, 4 April (AGM & Election) 9 May (Annual meeting?) 6 Jun, 4 July, 5 Sept, 3 Oct, 7 Nov, 5 Dec**

#### **Otterton Parish Council - Review of Parish Owned Trees.**

**Introduction:** Following the progress of Ash Dieback into Otterton the trees owned by Otterton Parish Council were inspected in 2020. As a result a number of Ash trees at Stantyway were removed during winter 2020 / 21. The Parish Council authorised a follow up inspection for this year. A brief look at The Green and Behind Hayes playing field was also carried out.

**Inspection:** On 30th July 2021 the Parish trees were inspected by Toby Taylor (contractor) and Iain Ure (Tree Warden), this was by means of a walk through. Progress of ash dieback continues but the good news is that progress is relatively slow and only a few trees are significantly impacted.

**Stantyway :** There are a significant number of Ash trees at Stantyway – at least 40 within the playing field and a significant number alongside Stantyway Road and is part of the playing field's ownership.

Starting at the vehicular entrance and proceeding clockwise;

1. The second ash tree has around 25% loss of canopy – keep under surveillance
2. Horse Chestnut has 2 large limbs that have died and the tree has bark coming away. – remove these 2 branches only but keep under review.
3. Ash trees in NW corner – some loss of canopy but OK for present.
4. Ash tree on north boundary that stands alone at NW corner of football pitch. 25%+ loss of canopy. Does this boundary belong to the Parish Council? This tree needs to be removed.

5. Stand of 20+ semi mature ash trees in NE corner – 2 trees are dead, 3 more have 25% to 50% loss of canopy and need to be removed. The good news is that other tree species are establishing themselves and will fill the spaces left. Monitor rest annually.
6. Eastern boundary (alongside Piscombe Lane) – at least 7 dead elms need to be removed.
7. Stantyway Road – 6 large ash trees with about 25% loss of canopy – leave this year but monitor.
8. All trees removed to leave usable wood for residents to take away, brash to be made into habitat piles and left insitu.
9. This is a review of those trees with significant issues and most others have some early signs of disease.

#### **Jubilee Playground**

10. South east corner – dead twin stem elm – remove but cut at waist level, wood and brash to be left neatly as habitat pile behind existing vegetation. Saplings are naturally regenerating and will replace loss.

#### **The Green**

11. No Ash trees
12. Due to storm Evert last night 2 branches have come off the lime tree T1630, a smaller one is hanging.
13. Horse Chestnut T 1633 seems OK at present but keep under review – note Rowse report dated May 2019 stated this tree would need to be removed in the near future due to decay.
14. Trees seem OK but need to be kept under annual review.

#### **Strategy**

Providing the deterioration of the Ash trees remains slow then a strategy of modest annual removal is recommended. Natural regeneration of both new ash and other species is being observed thus minimising any visual impact. Should the dieback become more aggressive, which has happened elsewhere in the Parish, then an alternative strategy will be developed. An annual inspection is essential. Iain Ure July 2021