

**Notes of the Executive Committee (EC) Meeting held at 7.30pm at Otterton Village Hall  
28 February 2017**

Present: Roger Saunders (RS) Chairman, Geoff Lake (GL), Trevor Waddington (TW), Bob Wiltshire (BW), George Maddaford (GM), Haylor Lass (HL), Clive Bowman (CB), Jacqui Baldwin (JB), Penny Kurowski (PK)  
Hon Sec.

Apologies: Nicky Daniel (ND), David Daniel (DD), Patrick Hamilton (PH), Jon Roseway (JR).

The EC discussed the following matters:

1. RS sent an email to Otterton Parish Council supporting their proposal to apply to the Parishes Together Fund for signage about wildlife along local footpaths.
2. The Lower Otter Restoration Project (LORP) options paper. Agreed that HL should write a response supporting options that include floodplain restoration to some degree.
3. Plans for the Spring Litter Pick on March 25<sup>th</sup>.
4. RS, PH and David White had met with Rob Jones who is producing a film "The Otter Year" and offered help.
5. JB to investigate possibilities for a summer social event for members.
6. Planning application for expansion at Pooh Cottage caravan park (Ref 17/0282) , Following email conversation between EC members a response opposing the application had been agreed.
7. ND and BW to attend the planning meeting that considers the Abele Tree House (no 9 Fore Street Ref: 15/1881/MFUL) planning application
8. The proposed Greater Exeter Strategic Plan – OVA needs to keep informed of plan progress.
9. The new Walk Team and the event held on 2 February for walk leaders. The EC agreed that the OVA would subsidise first aid and navigation course for walk leaders once these were arranged.
10. There was no Hon Treasurer's report as JR was on holiday
11. The Membership Secretary's report – membership is now 772. Ways of attracting new members, such as entering the Budleigh Salterton Carnival, were discussed.
12. Hon. Secretary's report. Publications received were circulated.
13. Chairman's report
  - HL will attend the AONB Partnership Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April as RS would be away.
  - Heath Week (23<sup>rd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> July). Walk Team will arrange a walk. PH may have a stand for the OVA.
  - The EC agreed to have a stand at the East Budleigh Scarecrow Festival, 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> June. PK to suggest to the organisers that they have a walk round historic East Budleigh, using the OVA walk leaflet as a basis.
  - Thanks to GL for arranging the fungi talk. GL to contact the speaker to arrange or a fungi walk in the autumn.
14. Planning for the AGM. Discussion on succession planning.
15. Newsletter – content relating to the AGM was discussed.
16. The traffic calming scheme in Knowle.
17. The Newton Poppleford Neighbourhood plan progress.