

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

Present: Roger Saunders (RS) Chairman, Trevor Waddington (TW), Bob Wiltshire (BW), George Maddaford (GM), Haylor Lass (HL), Nicky Daniel (ND), David Daniel (DD), Patrick Hamilton (PH), Jon Roseway (JR), Clive Bowman (CB), Jacqui Baldwin (JB), Penny Kurowski (PK) Hon Sec.

Apologies: Geoff Lake (GL)

The EC discussed the following matters:

1. A request from the Fairlynch Museum for a grant of £470 to part-fund new display cases. TW answered questions about the request then left the room. The EC decided to fund half the sum requested, and require recognition for the funding, that OVA leaflets would be available in the museum, and the opportunity to put a new display in the previously-funded OVA cabinet when this was next available. On his return TW thanked the EC.
2. The successful litter pick on the Otter Estuary, with over 40 volunteers.
3. Planning for dealing with Himalayan Balsam is in hand for 2017.
4. The Lower Otter Restoration Project (LORP) Stakeholder Group at Seaton Wetlands which RS had attended.
5. The LORP Technical Steering Group which HL had attended where the project objectives were clarified. HL had emphasised the need to maintain the existing footpath access.
6. JB's progress on the organisation of a Summer social and her arrangements for a Quiz Night in October.
7. ND's attendance at a national Civic Voice meeting where Conservation Areas had been the main topic. ND will contact GL about giving a talk to OVA members on the subject.
8. Budleigh Salterton Hospital Memorial Garden site planning application (Ref 17/045). The EC agreed to respond opposing the plan as this is over-development and goes against the Neighbourhood Plan.
9. Chapel Hill planning application Ref 17/0470FUL. The EC agreed to respond opposing the plan on the basis of over-development in a conservation area.
10. The proposed redrawing of ward boundaries. The EC agreed that ND should write in support of a "village ward" with 1 councillor and a Budleigh ward with 2 councillors, instead of a Budleigh ward with 3 councillors.
11. The Greater Exeter Strategic Plan. The EC agreed that ND should respond regarding the issues surrounding the need for further building and the AONB.
12. Progress on the Budleigh Salterton Neighbour Plan.
13. The EC agreed to fund a first aid course for Walk Leaders at a cost of £15 per participant plus cost of hiring a venue.
14. The Hon. Treasurer's report.
15. The Membership Secretary's report. Three new members since last month bring the total to 775.
16. Hon. Secretary/s report. Publications received were circulated.
17. Planning for the AGM. Further discussion on succession planning. PK to book Otterton Village Hall for 2018 AGM.
18. The Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group – the Town Traffic Order is now being implemented and work is starting on the next Traffic Order.
19. Progress on the Newton Poppleford Neighbourhood Plan and the plan for King Alfred Way which has been approved.
20. The Village Green group in East Budleigh which has raised money to buy new playground equipment for the land next to the Village Hall.