

Notes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at 7.00pm at Otterton Village Hall on 14 August 2018

Present: Bob Wiltshire (BW) Chairman, Penny Kurowski (PK) Hon Sec, Jacqui Baldwin.(JB) (from 19.05pm), George Maddaford (GM), Jon Roseway (JR) Hon Treasurer, David Daniel (DD), Nicky Daniel (ND), Pat Porter (PP), Geoff Porter (GP), Haylor Lass (HL), David Hatch (DH).
Apologies: Geoff Lake (GL), Clive Bowman (CB).

1 Minutes of the EC meeting held on 26 June 2018 were agreed and signed.

The EC discussed the following matters:

- 2 The AONB Woods and Water Conference – GP had attended this and circulated a report with the key points.
- 3 The latest press release about the LORP. HL and GP will attend the stakeholder meeting on 19 September.
- 4 The NEC will hold a Himalayan Balsam awareness event on Sunday 19th August by the bridge at Otterton.
- 5 The EC agreed to fund the purchase of wild harebell and knapweed seed for DH to use at Jubilee Meadow.
- 6 The trees on 3 Pines Hill had been watered by the farmer and are flourishing.
- 7 Possible future tree planting at Joney's Cross. The land managers will need contacting for advice.
- 8 DH had met Kate Ponting of Clinton Devon Estates regarding plans for a "Balsam Free Bicton".
- 9 GP has agreed to organised the annual litter pick for 2019.
- 10 The Christmas Party. GP and PP to organise this with help from other EC members. The EC agreed Woodbury Park as venue, on 17th December.
- 11 Ideas for celebrating the OVA's Ruby Anniversary in 2019.
- 12 Only 9 people had registered an interest in a farm visit, so the EC decided to postpone to next year.

13 Planning

- Land to rear of Pynes Close, East Budleigh (18/0954) – this application was approved by delegated authority, as no councillors objected. As advised by Civic Voice, BW has written a letter of appeal to the Secretary of State, and ND has had a positive response to her letter to Hugo Swire MP. .
 - Demolition of a barn at The Pound in East Budleigh (18/1464) which is likely to go to delegated authority.
 - The retrospective planning applications made by Ladram Bay (17/1584 and 18/1517). PP has contacted the chair of Otterton Parish Council who has objected to the second application, and it is hoped that Councillor Geoff Jung will also do so. ND has informed Sam Rose from the World Heritage Site.
 - The application for a house in Chapel Hill has been approved.
 - The application for modifications to 3rd floor windows in a house in Westbourne Terrace in Budleigh Salterton has come back with reduced changes following objections.
 - A planning application for 2 houses in Newton Poppleford High Street (18/1086) – HL to investigate.
 - ND has contributed to the EDDC Planning Consultation.
 - The EC recorded their thanks to ND for her continuing work on planning.
- 14 A proposal for OVA to register with Ramblers Holidays and hence gain a cash sum each time a person nominating the OVA books a holiday. The EC agreed that the OVA should not take up this proposal as they wished it to remain neutral and apolitical and not become involved in a commercial enterprise.
 - 15 The Treasurer's report. The only unusual expense was the cost of the badges. The EC agreed to order 250 notepads (50 pages) at a cost of £150, with logo and website, for handing out at events.
 - 16 The Membership Secretary's report had been circulated. Numbers are increasing but still slightly below last year's.
 - 17 PK had written and circulated a brief report on "Lost Ways". PK should write a short article for the newsletter, inviting interested members to take on some of the work. GM to if there was a footpaths officer in Budleigh Salterton so that they could be informed.
 - 18 The EC agreed that PK should book meeting dates for 2019, with meetings starting at 7pm.

- 19** Publications from CPRE and Sid Vale Association were circulated.
- 20** Correspondence from CPRE about their fracking campaign. The issue is a planning one, it is not concerned with whether or not fracking is a good thing. The EC agreed that BW should respond for the OVA as we are concerned about having a democratic planning process. EC members could also respond as individuals.
- 21** The EC agreed that if John Varley from CDE requests a meeting then BW and others will attend as a representatives of OVA , however they would not make any decisions, as such are made by the EC.
- 22** PK had submitted the application for the Acland Award – she thanked the rest of the team for their input.
- 23** Otterton Church's OVA information boards – the EC agreed to pay £650 to the designer, plus printing costs.
- 24** Succession planning – under OVA rules PK and JR cannot continue in their posts past the AGM in 2019, and should start looking for replacements
- 25** The new Gazebo has been found; the EC agreed the old outdated one should be offered for free in the Newsletter.
- 26** BW would explore the possibility of reduced cost membership of Civic Voice for the OVA.
- 27** Budleigh Salterton Town Council has paid for reprinting the “Walk around Budleigh Salterton” leaflet at a cost of £227. BW has written to thank them.
- 28** JB to source a replacement newsletter delivery as Andrew Beresford is stepping down.
- 29** The next newsletter deadline is 14th September.
- 30** Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group had met recently and are just working on the current traffic order. Following a resident's letter, speed in Granary Lane will be monitored and some no-parking traffic cones have been put in.
- 31** In Otterton Ian Ure is the new Parish Council footpath officer. Rickety Bridge is still not repaired – JR reported that contractors used by DCC are behind with work.
- 32** In Newton Poppleford there are still problems with the King Alfred Way development and the footpath closure.
- 33** In East Budleigh the issue with the bats and The Pound planning application has a high profile. The High Street will be closed for a street party on 27 August for the 400 year commemoration of Sir Walter Raleigh's death.