

Notes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at 7.00pm 13 August 2019, Otterton Village Hall

Present: Bob Wiltshire (BW) Chairman, Jacqui Baldwin (JB), Peter Baldwin (PB), Haylor Lass (HL), George Maddaford (GM), Pat Porter (PP), Jon Roseway (JR), Roger Saunders (RS), Martin Smith (MS).

Apologies: Clive Bowman (CB), David Daniel (DD), Nicky Daniel (ND), David Hatch (DH), Geoff Porter.

Minutes of the EC meeting held on 18th June 2019 were agreed and signed.

The EC discussed the following matters

1. The OVA Heath Week stand had a steady stream of visitors, several took membership application forms. The OVA shirts worn by volunteers helped to attract attention.
2. The Ruby Anniversary function at East Devon Golf Club was well attended.
3. Stantyway Farm visit was also well attended, including all from the waiting list. Talks by Sam and Nell Walker (tenant farmers) and the RSPB were informative, and the tour very enjoyable in beautiful weather.
4. Christmas Party –Most arrangements finalised. Article prepared for the next newsletter with menu, murder mystery details etc. with price set at £30/head.
5. Talks programme (6 total) finalised, with first talk on 23rd October (Wartime Dalditch Camp). We hope to maximise number of attendees with advertising blitz before each talk, including posters and local paper listings.
6. Planning: Deadline for comments on Otterton NHP has passed. Committee members submitted some comments. Brandy Head restoration proposal supported by Otterton Council. EC decided not to comment on Pendar (Colaton Raleigh) plan for a back-garden build. CDE investigating potential use of Lime Kiln plinth after approach by OVA.
7. Up to twelve walkers may complete Otter Source to Mouth walk, certificates will be provided.
8. Suggestion that walk leaders be provided with OVA branded polo shirts was rejected due to lack of visibility, but EC offered to provide hi-vis branded tabards instead.
9. Treasurer provided several new report formats. OVA accounts are now accessible on-line, with transactions over £250 requiring a second approval
Budleigh Salterton Town Council have provided £100 grant for Himalayan Balsam project
10. OVA gazebo was offered for loan to steam railway charity, committee agreed to loan to other suitable organisations on request.
11. OVA has paid £600 for 6 school commons visits, less than the 15 that were budgeted for. Thank-you letters received from the attendees
12. Budleigh Salterton Traffic committee report circulated. Neither town council nor DCC have a weed clearance policy, but there is a £5,000 town improvement fund that could be used.
13. Training for Heritage Assessors set for 23-24th October in East Budleigh Village Hall
14. Next newsletter deadline is 21st September