

**Notes of the Executive Committee (EC) meeting held at 7.30pm at Otterton Village Hall
17th Jan 2017**

Present: Roger Saunders (RS) Chairman, Geoff Lake (GL), Nicky Daniel (ND), David Daniel (DD), Patrick Hamilton (PH), George Maddaford (GM), Haylor Lass (HL), Penny Kurowski (PK) Hon Sec.

Apologies: Trevor Waddington (TW), Bob Wiltshire (BW), Jaqui Baldwin (JB), Jon Roseway (JR), Clive Bowman (CB).

Minutes of the EC meeting held on 22 November 2016 were confirmed and signed.

The EC discussed the following matters:

1. The spring litter pick will be on March 25th
2. PH attended the Himalayan Balsam thank you dinner and will present at the Himalayan Balsam workshop at Clinton Devon Estates on 19 January. There have been fewer volunteers this year but they have managed to effectively clear the targeted areas.
3. The talk by Nick Loman, which was well attended.
4. DD attended a meeting of the Fairlynch History Group.
5. Planning application for Abele Tree House (Ref: 15/1881/MFUL) – comments opposing the application were agreed.
6. The Hon. Treasurer's report.
7. The Membership Secretary's report – membership now 761.
8. Hon. Secretary's report. Publications received were circulated.
9. Chairman's report.
 - o Information on the East Devon AONB Conference on 22 April was circulated.
 - o An invitation received for membership of the Devon Countryside Access Forum to be passed to the new walks team.
 - o Correspondence re the Feniton to Ottery bike route
 - o The next LORP meeting (on 1 February - HL to attend).
 - o Agreed that RS should respond in favour of Otterton Parish Council's proposal to apply to the Parishes Together Fund for signage about wildlife along local footpaths.
10. Planning for the AGM. There are vacancies for Chairman, and Otterton and Colaton Raleigh village representatives. David White has agreed to do a presentation of his photographs at the meeting
11. The Newsletter – thanks to JB for the latest edition. Proposals for future Newsletter articles.
12. Walks – Agreed to formally thank Chris Buckland and Mike Paddison who are stepping down as Walk Organisers. The EC discussed the new walk team and made suggestions for the future, agreeing that a variety of walks in terms of length and location should be maintained.
13. The FAB project and the compulsory purchase orders.