

## Notes of the Executive Committee (EC) Meeting held at 7.30pm at Otterton Village Hall 23 January 2018

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

Minutes of the EC meeting held on 28 November 2017 were confirmed and signed. No matters arising.

The EC discussed the following matters:

1. Clinton Devon Estates (CDE)'s continuing involvement in the Balsam clearance program and the possibility that our site could take part trialling rust as a biological control for Himalayan Balsam in 2018.
2. The Three Pines Hill project should happen in the next couple of months.
3. RS passed CDE's new publication "Space for Nature" to DH for scrutiny and comment.
4. RS thanked JR, JB, BW, CB and other helpers for organising the successful Christmas Party. The EC agreed that the extra profit of £101 should go to the Ukele Strummers' charity, Alzheimers.
5. Arrangements for the talk on Beavers on 24 January were discussed.
6. The Fairlynch now has all the OVA leaflets to hand out to visitors.
7. Planning
  - Local Heritage Assets – ND to speak on this and seek advice at Civic Voice
  - Blackhill Quarry Planning Application (17/3022/MOUT) – EC agreed that ND should write to object as due to the unsuitability of commercial manufacturing on this sensitive site and that full restitution had been promised on many occasions.
  - East Budleigh "Land at rear of Pynes Close" Planning Application 17/2911/FUL – the EC agreed that ND should write to object as this is out of character for the Conservation Area and counter to the NHP.
  - Cliff Road Budleigh Salterton Planning Application 18/0077/FUL for a replacement garden room – the EC agreed that ND should respond positively but suggest a condition that this should not be for overnight use.
  - EC members had attended a Greater Exeter Strategic meeting – it was very light on detail.
  - Behind Hayes, Otterton Planning Application 17/2647/RES. ND confirmed that the objection, as agreed by email by the EC, had been sent.
8. The walk team are meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February to review the year and plan for the future. Walk details are now being uploaded to HubCast which feeds into the Budleigh Diary to try and attract more walkers.
9. The Treasurer's report. Kate Ponting (from CDE) will be meeting RS to discuss funding for for schools visits to the Pebblebed Heaths. The EC agreed that whilst some of the children involved may live outside the OVA's area of benefit, the project is eligible for funding as it promotes the area of benefit.
10. The Membership report – numbers are increasing. CB is addressing the new Data Protection regulations.
11. Publications from CPRE and DWT were circulated.
12. Kate Ponting has offered an event to OVA members. The EC agreed that a farm visit would be best.
13. The distribution of the newsletter in Budleigh Salterton. The new distributors are happy to continue, CB will meet with them to help iron out some teething problems.
14. The new development in Newton Poppleford where extra infrastructure for 50 houses is being put in place. The work on the new school is underway and causing traffic disruptions at weekends.
15. It appears that the mobile phone mast project in East Budleigh is not now going ahead.
16. A suggestion that the red phone box on Budleigh seafront could be retained in memory of a father who died recently. RS to write to the Town Council to suggest it as a project for the Parishes Together fund.
17. Progressing the Heritage Asset List. Perhaps using influence of local councillors. ND could write to the Chief Planner.