

**Notes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at 7.00pm at Otterton Village Hall
26 June 2018**

Present: Bob Wiltshire (BW) Chairman, Penny Kurowski (PK) Hon Sec, Clive Bowman (CB), Jacqui Baldwin (JB), George Maddaford (GM), Geoff Lake (GL) (arrived at 7pm but left as it seemed the meeting may not become quorate. It was actually quorate as PK and CB arrived by 7.25, when the meeting was able to start).
Apologies: Jon Roseway (JR) Hon Treasurer, David Daniel (DD), Nicky Daniel (ND), Pat Porter (PP), Geoff Porter (GP), Haylor Lass (HL), David Hatch (DH), Geoff Lake (GL).

1 Minutes of the EC meeting held on 22 May 2018 were agreed and signed, with a typographical correction.

The EC discussed the following matters:

2 The requirements for the OVA stand at Heath Week were discussed.

3 Possibility of a first-aid refresher course; decided too soon now and after 2 years would be better.

4 The Himalayan Balsam pulling season began on 14th June; 17 people were present.

5 The mowing on Jubilee Meadow - DH is awaiting a call from Streetscene and BW suggested he talks to DD about this as he has been involved in work on the meadow.

6 The East Budleigh Scarecrow Festival had been successful, as the stall was in a good position. Five people had joined as a result.

7 ND had sent Hugo Swire a copy of the letter regarding a planning application in the conservation area in East Budleigh. Local councillors have been supportive following receipt of the letter.

8 The numbers on walks are increasing with the good weather. CB is uploading walks onto the events page of Bay Radio (which has changed its name to Exmouth Air).

9 The Treasurer's report had been circulated. There were no questions.

10 Membership numbers are picking up well. Application forms are being inserted into publications and newsletters which are available for the general public. The TIC in Budleigh will collect a donation for OVA leaflets and hand out a membership form with them.

11 Publications from the Ottery St Mary Heritage Society were circulated.

12 The AONB has asked for nominations for the Acland Award - PK to pursue this.

13 BW has put 17 cartons of publications in the Whitton & Laing building, and has the key. Stocks of publications were discussed, and plans made for reprinting "Walk around Budleigh".

14 Stantyway Farm isn't available for a farm tour during August and September due to pressure of work. The dairy farm is available in the summer. Agreed to leave Stantyway until June next year, and to try for the dairy farm this year.

15 PK to ask Martin Smith to put the 2017 AGM minutes on the website. The 2018 minutes have to wait until agreed at the next AGM.

16 The newsletters are at the printers and should be available at the end of the week. HL had apologised that the walks posters would not be ready until the first week of July.

17 the new telephone mast in East Budleigh is now active and causing some problems with TV reception

18 The proposal to make new Marine Conservation Zones, including one in the Otter Estuary. The EC discussed whether this may affect the LORP, for instance by attracting additional funding.

19 It was agreed that the OVA branded polo shirts are for "corporate identity" and should be worn by people in public facing roles, such as those manning stands at events. Walk leaders do not fall into this category, as most people on walks are OVA members.