

Notes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at 7.00pm 18 June 2019, Otterton Village Hall

Present: Bob Wiltshire (BW) Chairman, Jacqui Baldwin (JB), Peter Baldwin (PB), Clive Bowman (CB), David Daniel (DD), Nicky Daniel (ND), David Hatch (DH), George Maddaford (GM), Geoff Porter (GP), Jon Roseway (JR), Roger Saunders (RS), Martin Smith (MS).

Apologies: Haylor Lass (HL), Pat Porter (PP).

Minutes of the EC meeting held on 21 May 2019 were agreed and signed.

The EC discussed the following matters

1. EDCC has been contacted to delay cutting the wildflower area of Jubilee Field to encourage harebell proliferation.
2. Himalayan Balsam pulling season starts on 20th June. The team is looking to expand to other suitable tributary areas now that the original target area around Colaton Raleigh is mostly under control.
3. Stantyway Farm nature board is in place.
4. We signed up 6 new OVA members at the Scarecrow Festival, plus volunteers for the Heritage Assessment project
5. Seventy three people booked for Ruby Anniversary and 38 plus waiting list for Stantyway Farm visit. Planning for Christmas party continues.
6. Talks schedule re-arranged slightly to avoid clashes with other public events. Speakers for October and November confirmed
7. Following a member concern over personal contact details from old newsletters being visible on the OVA website, these have been removed until a better solution can be reached.
8. Pooh Cottage expansion (8 more pitches) to be opposed by OVA on the basis that it is inappropriate development in an AONB. Hooker Close (BS) to be opposed as over-development on a difficult site.
9. OVA to write to CDE suggesting that empty notice board by Lime Kiln car park be used for public information display.
10. Several OVA members have contacted the OVA Exec with concerns about Brandy Head restoration/development. OVA will write to planning authority expressing our members concerns.
11. Summer walks programme finalised, includes 4 stage walk along the length of the Otter
12. Possible OVA presence at Newton Poppleford Fun Day (21 July) will be considered).