

## **Notes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at 7.00pm at Otterton Village Hall, on 21 May 2019**

Present: Bob Wiltshire (BW) Chairman, Roger Saunders (RS) Hon Sec, Jon Roseway (JR), Geoff Porter (GP), Clive Bowman (CB), Haylor Lass (HL), David Daniel (DD), Nicky Daniel (ND), Jacqui Baldwin (JB), Peter Baldwin (PB)

Apologies: David Hatch (DH), Pat Porter (PP), Martin Smith (MS)

BW welcomed two new Executive Committee members to the meeting, Peter Baldwin (Talks Co-ordinator) and Roger Saunders (Hon. Sec).

Minutes of the EC meeting held on 30 April 2019 were agreed and signed.

### **The EC discussed the following matters**

1. A descriptive nature board for Stantyway Farm is ready for display in the honesty cafe.
2. Stantyway Farm visit is fully booked, and we have about 60 people so far for the Ruby Anniversary party, planning for a Christmas Party is underway.
3. The EC agreed to cut the non-member fee for talks to £3, and offer a rebate to anyone joining the OVA at the talk. It was also clarified that there is no requirement for individual talks to make a profit, although the annual talks programme should aim to break even.
4. The East Budleigh Heritage project is continuing to fund raise. The EC will consider a grant application from them if attempts to raise further funds from the Norman Trust or other sources fail.
5. Brandy Head restoration – EC members support this planning application
6. The OVA will write to oppose the Bicton “PODS” proposal for floating camping units
7. West Hill Lane has filed 2 new planning applications while still not following agreed planning permissions. OVA to oppose changes to approved plan.
8. Newton Poppleford Pavilion was good location for AGM, 35 members attended. The talk by David White was very well received. The next AGM will take place in Budleigh Salterton – booked for 13 May 2020.
9. Hon Treasurers report was circulated. An increase in the amount the Treasurer can sign for on his own from £100 to £250 was agreed to by the EC.
10. OVA has agreed to fund 10 schools visits to Pebble bed heaths , the OVA agreed an extension up to 15 visits if requested.
11. OVA Archives. First steps towards digitizing OVA records include determining what records are held electronically by committee members and former committee members (e.g. minutes, trustee’s reports).
12. The OVA will have a stall at the East Budleigh Scarecrow Festival (8-9 June 2019), Volunteers have been acquired to man the stand.