

**Notes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm at Otterton Village Hall
28 November 2017**

Present: Roger Saunders (RS) Chairman, Bob Wiltshire (BW), David Daniel (DD), Penny Kurowski (PK) Hon Sec, Nicky Daniel (ND), Jacqui Baldwin (JB), Jon Roseway (JR) Treasurer, Haylor Lass (HL), David Hatch (DH), Dee Woods (Item 1 only)

Apologies: Geoff Lake (GL), George Maddaford (GM), Pat Porter (PP), Geoff Porter (GP), Clive Bowman (CB)

1. Dee Woods was invited to the meeting to discuss the heritage display planned for Otterton Church. The EC agreed with her that the 3 boards the OVA had been offered should be based on OVA leaflets and include information about the OVA, together with the website. The EC felt that these would look better in colour and Dee agreed to obtain quotes for this. RS will explore a possible fit with AONB grants. RS thanked Dee.
2. The Minutes of the EC meeting held on 24 October 2017 were confirmed and signed.

The EC discussed the following matters:

3. The delays in EDDC adopting the Local Heritage Asset List. RS had written to the EDDC Chief Executive about this, and received a bland response. RS will write again in the highlighting the problem that the draft list is not being considered by EDCC when reviewing planning applications (e.g. for building at Lace Acre in Budleigh Salterton).
4. The Natural Environment sub-committee had met. It had been a good year for Himalayan Balsam work; apart from two hotspots where it has got out of control due to poor management by landowners. DH is investigating the possibility of taking part in a trial to use of a rust as a control for Himalayan Balsam.
5. Iain Ure's project to plant new trees on Three Pine Hill near Budleigh Salterton. Tom Pyne (the tenant) is enthusiastic and will help with equipment etc. The EC agreed to fund £300 to cover the trees, guards etc.
6. The Spring Litter Pick will be on Saturday 31st March 2018.
7. The Christmas Party. There have been several donations of generous raffle prizes from local businesses.
8. The EC agreed to offer refreshments at the next talk on 30th November as they had been successful and made a small profit at the last talk.
9. The retrospective planning application from Ladram Bay (17/1584), who had exceeded the works that were approved in their application last year. This is a sensitive site within the AONB, and the EC agreed that ND should write an objection.
10. The suggestion by Michael Downes from the Fairlynch Museum that we provide a walk in October 2018 commemorating 400 years since the death of Sir Walter Raleigh. The Walk Team agreed to do this; PK to confirm this with Michael Downes.
11. A possible event for walk leaders in the Spring, the EC agreed that they would provide funding for this.
12. The Honorary Treasurer's report. A further donation had been received from former member Mrs Otto's nephew: £50 donated by guests at her funeral. The EC agreed to fund associate membership of Civic Voice (£50) for ND.
13. Membership Secretary's report. Membership now stands at 787, a slight increase on last year.
14. Publications from CPRE, Sid Vale Association and the Ottery Heritage Society were circulated.
15. RS attended the AONB Partnership meeting on 15 November. The Dorset National Park proposal was discussed – this includes the East Devon AONB. It will be a slow process.
16. At the talk in October a couple had agreed to do the newsletter distribution in Budleigh Salterton. JB will manage distribution to village reps, and the postal distribution. RS thanked JB for taking on the extra work.
17. The deadline for the next newsletter has been brought forward by the printers and is now 9th December.
18. The extensive archaeological excavations at King Alfred Way, Newton Poppleford, which have found signs of a bronze age settlement; the archaeological report is awaited with interest.
19. The Fairlynch Museum' acquisition of the "Boyhood of Raleigh" by Millais, and a pair of Sir Walter Raleigh's gloves for display in 2018.