

## **Notes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at 7.00pm at Otterton Village Hall on 23 October 2018**

Present: Bob Wiltshire (BW) Chairman, Penny Kurowski (PK) Hon Sec, Jon Roseway (JR) Hon Treasurer, Jacqui Baldwin (JB), Pat Porter (PP), Geoff Porter (GP), George Maddaford (GM), David Daniel (DD), Nicky Daniel (ND), Clive Bowman (CB).

Apologies: Haylor Lass (HL), David Hatch (DH), Geoff Lake (GL).

- 1 Minutes of the EC meeting held on 25 September 2018 were agreed and signed.

The EC discussed the following matters:

- 2 A request from Martin Smith to purchase a mass emailing system for the OVA at the cost of £80 was agreed.
- 3 A draft of new HB leaflet. The EC agreed it should be finalised and printed and launched in the Spring.
- 4 The breach in the embankment near Lime Kiln car park and the alternative path along the Little Otter which has issues to do with uneven surface and flooding. The EC agreed that BW should write to Richard Spurway at DCC about this.
- 5 The LORP. A visitor management group is to be set up, and the EC agreed that GP should be the OVA representative. The next Steering Group meeting will be in January/February 2019. A letter had been requested from the OVA to support the funding bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The EC agreed that BW should write this.
- 6 Plans for the Christmas Party which are going well, as are bookings.
- 7 Plans for an event in June 2019 to celebrate the OVA Ruby Anniversary. East Devon Golf Club can host this, and 19<sup>th</sup> June was agreed. Original OVA members will be invited as guests.
- 8 The issue raised by a walk leader related to Facebook and personal information on the OVA website has now been resolved. Details of past walks have been removed from the website, and the person's details removed as requested and as required under GDPR.
- 9 Galleries on the website; these look quite dated. No conclusion was reached, and it was thought it might be best to wait until a publicity officer is in place.

### **10 Planning matters**

- ND and DD had attended the Civic Voice Conference which had focussed on Conservation Areas and gave a summary.
  - It was said at the conference that most people do not know that they live in a conservation area, and are unaware of the benefits and restrictions. It likely have produced a leaflet for residents and the EC agreed that the OVA should do the same, starting with a joint Otterton and East Budleigh leaflet. ND and DD will progress this.
  - BW was unable to make contact with Civic Voice to discuss a reduced membership rate. ND will speak with them when she meets them in February.
  - The planning application for Capper Close in Newton Poppleford (18/2016) has been resubmitted, for one house rather than two, ND will look at this.
  - At Evans Field in Budleigh Salterton the developer has applied to reduce the number of affordable houses and build more 4- and 5-bedroom houses. No reason or details have been provided.
  - ND and DD went to the event to launch the CPRE Housing Needs study. The key message was that there were too many houses being planned compared to need. The EDDC target is very high compared to other local authorities. Hugo Swire has copies of the study and will take it back to central government.
  - The decision by planners that a garage at 58 East Budleigh Road should be demolished (as it was not built according to the approved plan) has gone to appeal.
  - On the "Land to the rear of Pynes Close East Budleigh" application, the OVA put a complaint to the monitoring officer and have received a reply that everything had been done correctly. ND wants to go the ombudsman as she felt that the heritage impact assessment was not sufficiently comprehensive.
  - The Pound, East Budleigh planning application – EDDC will be doing a bat survey.
  - Blackhill Quarry – the work on creating new habitat has started.
- 11 The Treasurer's report had been circulated. Outgoings were high, but these included the hire for Otterton Village Hall for the year, and the Christmas Party where the costs would be recouped through ticket sales.
  - 12 The Membership Secretary's report had been circulated. Numbers are slowly increasing.

- 13 PK had received the Charity Commission email update, which recommended that all charities have a safeguarding policy. The EC agreed that the OVA should have such a policy. PK to find a suitable template and produce a draft policy.
- 14 BW is still collecting items for the asset list.
- 15 BW had been contacted regarding the Norman Centre in Budleigh Salterton which is available at £7.50ph and seats 20. Th EC agreed to keep it in mind as a possible venue.
- 16 BW and GP had attended the Catchment Communities Conference. BW gave the EC a summary.
- 17 The meeting with John Varley of CDE, arranged for 13 October, was cancelled by him at short notice, and will be rescheduled.
- 18 BW has spoken with Sam, the farmer at Stantyway Farm, and agreed July for a farm visit next year. The exact date will depend on when the CDE trailer is available.
- 19 Notification had been received that former OVA chair Derek Rolands had died in October. The EC agreed that this should be announced in the newsletter, and that Brian Turnbull should be asked to write an obituary.
- 20 Budleigh Salterton – a extra length s to be added to the outfall pipe for the Little Otter.
- 21 East Budleigh – there are a lot of events happening around the 400 year centenary of the death of Sir Walter Raleigh. The mobile mast is affecting TV reception for some people.
- 22 **Otterton** – The leaflet holders are in place on the information board in the church. Rickety Bridge is still not repaired - the bridge is in the field but not yet installed. Councillor Claire Wright has written a letter to Otterton residents to say that the village will be recommended for a 20mph speed limit.