

**Notes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm at Otterton Village Hall
26 September 2017**

Present: Roger Saunders (RS) Chairman, Bob Wiltshire (BW), Haylor Lass (HL), David Daniel (DD), David Hatch (DH), George Maddaford (GM), Penny Kurowski (PK) Hon Sec, Pat Porter (PP), Geoff Porter (GP), Nicky Daniel (ND), Geoff Lake (GL), Jacqui Baldwin (JB)

Apologies: Clive Bowman (CB), Jon Roseway (JR)

The Minutes of the EC meeting held on 15 August 2017 were confirmed and signed.

The EC discussed the following matters:

1. The Himalayan Balsam work is on target, with the 3rd sweep of the year now in progress. There has been interest from Bicton College in involving people with learning difficulties in this work.
2. Progress with planning the Christmas Party.
3. The EC agreed to trial offering refreshments after the first of the OVA winter talks'.
4. Planning
 - a. Budleigh Salterton Neighbourhood Plan was overwhelmingly approved at the referendum. RS congratulated ND, GM and GL who had been involved in putting it together. This, and the East Budleigh Neighbourhood Plan, should help to influence design for the areas they cover.
 - b. Concern that another wall has been demolished in the Budleigh Salterton Conservation Area: retrospective planning permission will have to be applied for.
5. The winter programme of walks has been finalised and a follow up map reading course has been organised, on Dartmoor.
6. GP and Dee Woods are helping with a walk for the visually impaired on 27 September.
7. The Treasurer's report.
8. The Membership Secretary's report: numbers (769) are very slightly down on last year.
9. The EC reviewed and revised the list of organisations receiving complimentary copies of the Newsletter.
10. Publications from the Ottery History Society and CPRE were circulated.
11. An offer from St Michael's Church, Otterton of an opportunity to put an A0 size panel in the church as part of a set of 20. RS will respond that the OVA is interested and would like to meet with the organisers to get clarity of what is required.
12. Following the suggestion last month that the OVA has a more "branded" appearance, polo shirts will now be ordered.
13. BW had attended the Mayor of Budleigh Salterton's Civic Service and reception on 24 September.
14. The need for more content for the newsletter.
15. The Popstock Festival had been organised to include consultation on the Newton Poppleford Neighbourhood Plan. The day was a bit of a washout due to poor weather.
16. Feedback on the Otterton Neighbourhood Plan was mostly about the increase in the volume of traffic and size of vehicles. The EC advised that these issues should be raised with their County Councillor.
17. The continuing saga of the proposed fencing-off of East Budleigh football field to keep dogs off continues.
18. HL confirmed that the LORP Stakeholder Group is due to meet again on 18 October. Ecological and other studies are currently underway.
19. JB will be attending the AONB AGM tomorrow.