

Notes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at 7.00pm at Otterton Village Hall on 22 January 2019

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), Clive Bowman (CB), Haylor Lass (HL), Geoff Lake (GL)

Apologies: David Daniel (DD), Nicky Daniel (ND), David Hatch (DH).

- 1 Minutes of the EC meeting held on 27 November 2018 were agreed and signed.

The EC discussed the following matters:

- 2 The Safeguarding Policy Statement had been circulated to all EC members before the meeting. The EC agreed to adopt this, and it was signed. PK to arrange publication on the website and in the newsletter.
- 3 Work continues on replenishing the harebells at Jubilee Meadow. The next NEC is in February, when the litter pick will be discussed. There is still no news regarding fencing the trees on Three Pines Hill.
- 4 Plans for the Ruby Anniversary. PK to send invitations to founder members who will be guests of the OVA – the surplus from the Christmas Party will be used to pay for this, and for any other additional costs.
- 5 The response to the EDDC Draft Heritage Strategy had been circulated to EC members and submitted following comments.
- 6 The planning application for installation of solar panels on buildings at Ladram Bay. The EC agreed that an objection was not appropriate in this instance
- 7 The recent high numbers of walkers on Saturday walks. The Walks Team would try and encourage a few more walks to be scheduled for Saturdays in future programmes.
- 8 The path up the Otter from Lime Kiln is scheduled to re-open on Monday 28th January at 10am and walkers are encouraged to attend. HL will promote this at his walk on 24th January.
- 9 The Treasurer's report had been circulated, together with a list of OVA affiliations
- 10 The OVA notepads, to use as promotional items, had been received and an example shown to the EC; BW holds the stock.
- 11 The EC agreed to stop the affiliation to the International Tree Foundation. The EC is keen to affiliate to Civic Voice and is exploring options. The EC discussed the CPRE membership fee, and agreed to making a donation to them from proceeds of the recent talk JR to explore this..
- 12 The Membership Secretary's report had been circulated. Numbers are still increasing, and now stand at 823. CB will provide JR with information on Gift Aid for this year so that he can get work underway on the claim.
- 13 The consultation response to the Glover Report had been sent. CPRE Devon had read it and commented favourably. The EC congratulated the sub-committee who had put this together
- 14 Following the publication of an obituary of Derrick Langford Roland in the Newsletter, his daughter had written to BW to thank the OVA and the newsletter editor.
- 15 BW will attend the AONB Ambassadors meeting on 20 February
- 16 The Christmas party for 2019. A volunteer organiser to be requested from the OVA membership. Format for the evening suggested as a murder mystery.
- 17 The EC noted the article in 8th December Daily Telegraph relating to pollution in the Otter from farmland. This subject had been discussed at the AONB Woods and Water conference which GP attended in July.
- 18 The funding offer from Otter Vale products. GL suggested that we act with another organisation, such as The Hub, as a joint project – he will investigate possibilities.
- 19 Potential new EC members.
- 20 BW had received a press release from Civic Voice regarding upward extensions – the EC is supportive of their position.

- 21** Arrangements for the AGM on 9th May in Newton Popleford Pavilion.
- 22** The deadline for the next newsletter is 15th March; anything for the AGM needs to be with JB by then.
- 23** The footpath near the development site south of King Alfred Way in Newton Popleford is now open and is being cleared and improved.
- 24** The planning application for the Pound in East Budleigh. A new report on the bats has been submitted and will be discussed at the Parish Council tonight.
- 25** Otterton: -The Parish Council has been asked for support for permission for another big gas container at Ladram Bay. The Parish Council have said no, whilst the existing application is pending. The new "Rickety Bridge" is still in a field, awaiting installation