

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm at Otterton Village Hall  
24 April 2018**

Present: Roger Saunders (RS) Chairman, Bob Wiltshire (BW), David Daniel (DD), Penny Kurowski (PK) Hon Sec, Nicky Daniel (ND), Pat Porter (PP), Geoff Porter (GP), Jon Roseway (JR) Hon Treasurer, Haylor Lass (HL), Clive Bowman (CB), David Hatch (DH).

Apologies: Jacqui Baldwin.(JB), Geoff Lake (GL), George Maddaford (GM),

- 1 Minutes of the EC meeting held on 27 March 2018 were signed following small amendments: Arising from the minutes, RS will remind Andrew Beresford to produce a description for his role.

**The EC discussed the following matters:**

- 2 DH has taken over from Patrick Hamilton as chair of the Natural Environment Committee.
- 3 Himalayan Balsam (HB) activity – Clinton Devon Estates (CDE) will start the HB pulling season on 20<sup>th</sup> June. OVA walk leaders and CDE estate workers have been asked to report new outbreaks. No news yet on the rust trial.
- 4 .The litter pick went well, with a good turn out.
- 5 The 3 Pines planting was successful with a good attendance of interested children from Otterton School. The EC agreed that finding a similar project each year would be a good idea.
- 6 Heath Week - the NEC will man the OVA stall on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. HL will provide a walk. RS will check with JB about branded polo shirts and JR is looking at sourcing branded goods.
- 7 **Planning matters**
  - Stantyway Farm Planning Application 18/064 – PP and GP reported that this looks good. It was agreed that the OVA should support this application.
  - The new National Planning Policy Framework is out for consultation, deadline 6<sup>th</sup> May. ND will draft a response for EC comment.
  - ND clarified that it would cost round £700 for the OVA to have associate membership of Civic Voice. The EC agreed that this was an excessive amount for an organisation of our size to pay.
- 8 The East Budleigh Scarecrow Festival - JR to lead a walk. BW to manage the stall
- 9 Revised Aims and Objectives for the Walk Team are now on the OVA website. Peter Paine has stood down from the Walk Team . Ideas for publicising the walks programme were discussed..
- 10 AGM Planning - all necessary committee posts have nominations. HL to circulate the annual report for EC agreement. The EC agreed to keep the existing policies on reserves and risk management.
- 11 Hon Treasurer's report - takings from talks were up from last year. ND suggested using some of the OVA reserves on a robust electronic record of old photographs of buildings in the OVA area. She will meet with RS and Martin Smith to discuss this possibility further.
- 12 The Annual Accounts were approved by the EC.
- 13 Membership Secretary's report - members are renewing their membership this month, CB will send a reminder to those paying by cash or cheque who have not renewed.
- 14 Publications from DWT and Sid Vale Association were circulated.
- 15 RS thanked the EC for their support over the last 4 years, especially ND for her work on planning.
- 16 The visit to Woodbury Castle is not yet well subscribed. RS will promote it at the AGM.
- 17 Progress on the blocked footpath and archaeology report for King Alfred's Way site in Newton Popleford.
- 18 A deteriorating cob wall in Park Row (CDE has this on a list of things to attend to) and the condition of the path beside the Otter – good below Otterton, poor above it. JR has reported this to DCC
- 19 The chair of East Budleigh Parish Council has now resigned, and the Parish Council decided that the fence on the football field would not now go ahead.