

**Notes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm at Otterton Village Hall
27 June 2017**

Present: Roger Saunders (RS) Chairman, Haylor Lass (HL), Jon Roseway (JR), Clive Bowman (CB), Geoff Lake (GL) and George Maddaford (GM).

Apologies: Bob Wiltshire (BW), David Daniel (DD), Nicky Daniel (ND), Patrick Hamilton (PH), Penny Kurowski (PK), Pat Porter (PP), Geoff Porter (GP), Jacqui Baldwin (JB)

The minutes of the EC meeting held on 23rd May 2017 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising: JR confirmed that the OVA will cover the cost of Navigation and First Aid courses for the walk leaders. Archiving copies of OVA publications – to be followed up.

The EC discussed the following matters:

1. The Balsam bash had gone well so far, with good turnout of volunteers.
2. LORP is holding a public meeting on 5th July in Budleigh.
3. Options for an OVA Christmas Dinner; further information to be circulated and decisions made by email due to timescales.
4. The Scarecrow Festival in East Budleigh where OVA had a stall and arranged two walks. Lots of people and goodwill generated – pictures on the OVA Facebook page.
5. The EC had no inspiration for a theme, or volunteers to participate in the Budleigh Carnival.
6. Planning: The Budleigh Salterton Neighbourhood Plan had agreed to changes made by the Examiner, except for reducing the green space of the Hospital Garden, which caused much local anguish. The final decision rests with EDDC.
7. The walks listing had gone to print for the Newsletter. The walk for the visually impaired was much appreciated – thanks were expressed to Heather and her team.
8. The Treasurer's Report - Gift Aid for one year came in; more is expected. School transport bills received for heath visits – thanks received from Feniton Primary School. JR is closing a separate Publications account – all transactions now in the main OVA account. JR to investigate accounting for 'rounding up' of membership subscriptions – possibly as donations.
9. The Membership Secretary's Report. Membership now 751. To help track recruitment EC members should annotate membership leaflets given out with our initials in the top RH corner and a letter W, T, E for walks, talks, events respectively
10. The Ottery St Mary Heritage Newsletter was circulated at the meeting
11. Invitations received – Budfas Fine Arts Team, 'One of our Beavers is missing' and the AONB Partnership meeting at Southleigh in July.
12. Otterton: concern that the grasslands around Stantyway had been mown while the skylarks were nesting. RS to ask Sam Bridgewater about this.
13. Newton Popleford: slow progress on the Neighbourhood Plan
14. East Budleigh: the Neighbourhood Plan had received a good percentage approval. The fence around the football pitch is in progress.