

## Notes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm at Otterton Village Hall 22 May 2018

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

- 1 Minutes of the EC meeting held on 24 April 2018 were agreed and signed. Arising from the minutes The EC recognised the work Iain Ure had done on the Three Pines replanting project.

### The EC discussed the following matters:

- 2 Heath Week – CB and Mo will provide a quiz for the OVA stall. OVA branded polo shirts to be ordered for volunteers at this and other events.
- 3 Himalayan Balsam (HB) pulling season to start 14<sup>th</sup> June.
- 4 The unmown strip in Jubilee Field, Budleigh Salterton – opportunities to re-introduce harebells. DH to contact Street Scene.
- 5 A request to identify trees on The Green in Budleigh Salterton – to be directed to the Tree Protection Officer at EDDC. An approach on planting trees as a celebration will be directed to The Woodland Trust.
- 6 The East Budleigh Scarecrow Festival. In view of poor attendance in previous years it was decided not to lead a walk this time. Agreed to order 250 badges for distribution at this and other events.

### 7 Planning Matters

- 7.1 A variation on the Blackhill Quarry application has been submitted.
  - 7.2 Application 18/0954 for land to the rear of Pynes Close in East Budleigh. ND had put in an objection.
  - 7.3 Councillor Jung's letter to Otterton residents about the Ladram Bay Service Yard retrospective application. .
  - 7.4 ND has responded to the National Planning Policy Framework consultation on behalf of the OVA.
- 8 The Treasurer's report. There were no questions.
  - 9 Membership Secretary's report – CB will chase up non-payers with help from village representatives.
  - 10 Publications from CPRE were circulated.
  - 11 RS is continuing to manage the OVA Facebook page.
  - 12 An invitation from the AONB to attend a Landscape Character Assessment Workshop has been received. ND and JB are interested in attending.
  - 13 BW has taken up Whitton and Laing's offer to store surplus OVA publications free of charge.
  - 14 The Woodbury Castle walk by Kim Strawbridge of CDE - BW has written a letter of thanks.
  - 15 BW had been alerted to an issue with trees being cut down behind Rosehill, beyond what had been agreed with the TPO. The TPO had been informed.
- ### 16 Matters raised at the AGM
- 16.1 **Farm tour** BW to arrange this possibly to Stantyway Farm. .
  - 16.2 **Photographic record of the area** – the EC agreed to look into this further.
  - 16.3 **Increasing membership** – the EC agreed it was better to keep to a tight area where we could be more effective, and that the current flyer was fine, but we need to be more effective in distributing it to the public
  - 16.4 **Publicity** – BW had asked for volunteers at the AGM but got none. He will meet with the editor of the Budleigh Journal. CB is going to try and get events onto Bay Radio.
  - 16.5 **Involving young people** – The EC discussed this, and agreed that young people are already engaged through the school visits to the Pebblebed Heaths where the travel is financed by the OVA.  
**Using Colaton Raleigh as a venue** – the EC agreed to explore trialling an event here.
- 17 The Budleigh Salterton traffic group had met in March. The lay-by on the East Budleigh Road has been blocked with earth by farmer Tom Pyne to stop travellers accessing it.
  - 18 The blocked footpath issue in Newton Poppleford continues and has now been taken up by the Parish Council. A lot of soil has moved off the development site on King Alfred Way and moved onto CDE fields. The church has a planning application in for an "adjunct" to provide church hall facilities.