

**Notes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm at Otterton Village Hall
24 October 2017**

Present: Roger Saunders (RS) Chairman, Bob Wiltshire (BW), David Daniel (DD), George Maddaford (GM), Penny Kurowski (PK) Hon Sec, Pat Porter (PP), Geoff Porter (GP), Nicky Daniel (ND), Jacqui Baldwin (JB) Clive Bowman (CB), Jon Roseway (JR) Treasurer

Apologies: Haylor Lass (HL), Geoff Lake (GL), David Hatch (DH)

The minutes of the EC meeting held on 26 September 2017 were confirmed and signed.

The EC discussed the following matters:

1. Digital copies of OVA leaflets. The EC agreed that where they are available they should be kept on the secure "membership drive" and by the Hon Secretary.
2. The logo for OVA branded polo shirts.
3. Iain Ure had a positive meeting with Clinton Devon Estates about replanting trees on the hill east of the Otter.
4. The LORP – HL will attend the next Stakeholder Group meeting on 24 January 2018.
5. Plans for the Christmas Party.
6. East Budleigh's plans for commemorating 400 years since the death of Sir Walter Raleigh, and 100 years since the end of WW1. CB offered Mo's photographs and information about WW1 battlefields.
7. Planning
 - a. EDDC have not yet adopted the Local Heritage Asset List. It was agreed that the EC should write a strong letter to the EDDC Chief Executive – ND and DD to draft, EC to approve.
 - b. Planning application 17/2282 for conversion of the barn at The Pound East Budleigh into a house. ND to draft some comments for the EC to approve about change of use and making a track across The Pound.
 - c. Planning application 17/1813 for conversion of the upper parts of Rolle Arms at East Budleigh into rooms to let. The Parish Council is objecting due to lack of parking.
 - d. Retrospective planning – the EC agreed to park the issue for now and focus on the Heritage Asset List.
 - e. There have been 2 requests received via the website for information to help with planning applications.
8. The first aid course had gone well with 14 walk leaders and one "balsam basher" attending.
9. The Treasurer's report had been circulated – there were no questions.
10. The Membership Secretary's report. One new member has joined this month. A generous bequest has been received from Mrs Otto via her nephew.
11. The DWT Magazine and the Devon Historian were circulated.
12. Newsletter distribution now the Harbers, our current distributors have resigned. The EC agreed proposals to simplify the process, led by JB. RS will make a request for volunteers to co-ordinate the Budleigh Salterton deliveries via email and at the talk on 30 October.
13. RS will attend the AONB Partnership meeting on 15 November. A new chair and vice-chair will be voted in. The EC decided not to make nominations for these posts.
14. The deadline for the next newsletter is 13 December. The next issue will include articles on Otterton Church, specific buildings on the Heritage Asset List and perhaps something on WW1.
15. The EC agreed that CB should add more content to the OVA noticeboard outside the Public Hall..
16. The Budleigh Salterton traffic report had been circulated to EC members – there were no questions.
17. The proposed fencing-off of East Budleigh football field. Following presentation of a petition to the Parish Council, discussion groups have been set up prior to any decision being made.
18. Otterton: Ladram Bay are holding a public meeting on 8 November to discuss their plans. There will be a boundary walk on 11 November. Traffic counts are taking place. Villagers had cleaned out the stream.
19. It was agreed that RS would ask Martin Smith to add "OVA" to the subject line in emails to OVA members.