

**Minutes of the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Otter Valley Association held at 7.30pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at Newton Popleford Pavilion**

1. Apologies: Nicola Daniel, David Daniel, Clive Bowman, Iain Ure, Dee Woods, Chris and Paula Burhop, Anne and John Peacock, Ann Hack, Trevor and Diane Waddington, George Maddaford, Nick and Gill Speare, Jane and Ervine Kewley, Andrew Beresford, Jed Falby, Di Bagshawe, Angela Symes, Mary Jones.
2. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were signed as a true reflection of that meeting.
3. Matters arising: Bob Wiltshire clarified that the OVA can make donations to other charities in our area of benefit, and within our constitution.
4. Annual Report including Trustees Report and Accounts

Chairman Bob Wiltshire said that there would be a change of officers this year, and thanked Penny Kurowski and Jon Roseway for their work. There would be one more change in committee members as Geoff Lake was stepping down.

There were several events planned for 2019: the Christmas Party on 16<sup>th</sup> December the Ruby Anniversary Party on 19<sup>th</sup> June, and a visit to Stantyway Farm on 3<sup>rd</sup> July which was already full with a waiting list.

Funds are being spent on transporting children to the Pebblebed Heaths and local farms, which fits with our constitution as these are of educational value.

Bob asked for members to suggest projects for the OVA to take on. He also asked if any member had storage space for the OVA gazebo.

The OVA has secured £3,000 of funding from the AONB for training for the East Budleigh Heritage Project, more information will be available on this soon.

Bob thanked the Executive Committee for their support and ideas.

The Accounts and Treasurer's Report had been circulated. Haylor Lass highlighted small errors on page 12 ("Scottish Widows Bank Plc, Edinburgh" should be replaced by "Virgin Money plc, Newcastle upon Tyne" and "Other Committee Members" should be deleted); these would be corrected for the web version. There was one question on the accounts, asking about the Otterton Church display board. It was explained that the OVA had been given the opportunity to provide a display board in the church following a donation of money towards the roof fund. The board shows a map of the Otter Estuary and other information, and publicises the OVA.

The Honorary Treasurer, Jon Roseway, thanked Brian Leveridge for his help in putting together the accounts.

The Treasurer's Report was proposed by C Buckland, seconded by Geoff Porter, and accepted by the meeting.

5. Election of Officers and Executive Committee Members

There was only one candidate per post. Penny Kurowski read out the list of nominations received for Officers and members of the Executive Committee; these were: Chairman – Bob Wiltshire, Vice Chairman – Haylor Lass; Honorary Treasurer – Martin Smith; Honorary Secretary – Roger Saunders; Planning Chairman – Nicola Daniel; History Chairman – David Daniel; Natural Environment Chairman – David Hatch; Membership Secretary – Clive Bowman; Budleigh Salterton Representative – George Maddaford; Otterton Representatives – Geoff Porter and Pat Porter; East Budleigh Representative – Jon Roseway; Talks – Peter Baldwin; Newsletter Editor - Jacqui Baldwin. All these had been nominated and seconded. Haylor Lass will also act as Newton Popleford Representative. The appointment of the Executive Committee was carried unanimously.

6. Appointment of Independent Examiner.

Jon Roseway proposed the reappointment of Mr Brian Leveridge as the Independent Examiner. This was seconded by Haylor Lass and accepted by the meeting.

7. Any Other Business

None.

8. The meeting closed at 7.41pm

9. Date of next AGM Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020 in the Peter Hall, Budleigh Salterton.