

Notes of the OVA Executive Committee Meeting 27 July 2021

Present – Bob Wiltshire (BW) Chairman, Roger Saunders (RS), Chris Hodgson (CH), Peter Baldwin (PB), Jacqui Baldwin (JB), John Roseway (JR), Geoff Porter (GP), Pat Porter (PP), Clive Bowman (CB), & Rosemary Jerrard (RJ).

Apologies – Haylor Lass (HL), Martin Smith (MS) & George Maddaford (GM).

Confirmation of Minutes – 29 June Zoom Meeting – Approved

Philip Jones was welcomed as a new member of the Committee.

The Executive Committee discussed the following matters :-

1. Patrick Hamilton who has been the co-ordinator of the Balsam Eradication operation for many years is to stand down. His successor is being discussed.
2. It was agreed to finance further seeds for Harebells on Jubilee Field, Budleigh Salterton.
3. The recent planting of Scots Pines on The Clump in Otterton Park has experienced a few losses. Further planting was considered.
4. Plans are being formulated for a Christmas party this year. Expressions of interest would be appreciated.
5. Our annual Litter Pick is taking place on 18 September. The Keep Britain Tidy organisation will again be supplying the equipment.
6. The LORP is progressing with more visible activity commencing in September as announced in the press.
7. Talks. The first talk of the season will take place at 7.30pm on 26 October at the Peter Hall, Budleigh Salterton & is entitled 'Mapping the Otter Valley'.
8. The Honorary Treasurer & Membership Secretary's Reports were circulated.
9. Otterton Parish Council expressed interest in receiving seeds for a wild flower area.
10. The meeting concluded with a lengthy discussion on how we are to encourage more interest in improving the support for the administration of the OVA.

Next Executive Committee Meeting 28 September 2021 at Otterton Village Hall.