

## Notes of the OVA Executive Meeting 19 October 2021

**Present** – Bob Wiltshire (BW) Chairman, George Maddaford (GM), Chris Hodgson (CH), Peter Baldwin (PB), Jacqui Baldwin (JB), John Roseway (JR), Haylor Lass (HL), Clive Bowman (CB), Geoff Porter (GP), Pat Porter (PP) & Rosemary Jerrard (RJ).

**Apologies** – Martin Smith (MS), Roger Saunders (RS) & Philip Jones, who is not now able to join the Executive Committee.

**Confirmation of Minutes** – 28 September Meeting – Approved.

### **The Executive Committee discussed the following matters –**

1. It was suggested that we try to resurrect the Natural Environment Committee, also that the OVA should be involved and make comments on the Government's Beaver Consultation.
2. Christmas Party – on 9 December. This will be held at the East Devon Golf Club. Arrangements for the evening were discussed in full regarding entertainment, seating & payments.
3. Talks – October, November, January & March are all now arranged. The February talk is still not fully arranged. Details later.
4. Walks – Recent ones on Dartmoor & locally had attracted approximately 15 walkers.
5. CB reported that our membership now stands at 830.
6. We have submitted an article in The One Magazine in a bid to attract new members.
7. It was suggested and agreed that future Committee Officers stagger their retiring, therefore not leaving all the Committee at the same time.
8. Otterton Parish Council have agreed to the sowing of Wildflower seeds on the village green. The movement of mobile homes through the village has caused recent traffic gridlock.
9. The ongoing problem of traffic congestion through Budleigh Salterton town centre was also discussed.
10. A number of new copies of the OVA book 'The Lower Otter Valley' published in 1984 have come to light. These will be available at OVA Talks and Otterton Village Shop at a suggested donation of £1.

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be held at Otterton Village Hall on 30 November at 7.30pm.