

Notes of the OVA Executive Committee Meeting 28 September 2021

Present – Bob Wiltshire (BW) Chairman, Roger Saunders (RS), Chris Hodgson (CH), Peter Baldwin (PB), Jacqui Baldwin (JB), John Roseway (JR), Clive Bowman (CB), Haylor Lass (HL), Martin Smith (MS) & Rosemary Jerrard (RJ).

Apologies – Geoff Porter (GP), Pat Porter (PP), George Maddaford (GM) & Philip Jones, who had recently been co-opted onto the Executive Committee.

Confirmation of Minutes – 27 July Meeting – Approved

The Executive Committee discussed the following matters –

1. Kate Ponting will now take over as co-ordinator of the Balsam campaign from Patrick Hamilton. The OVA will be part of the group led by CDE.
2. Christmas Party will be on 9 December at East Devon Golf Club. Arrangements were discussed.
3. LORP is progressing. Concerns were raised regarding some Deer, which appeared to be trapped behind the contractors' fencing on the south side of South Farm Road. (BW) to contact relevant authority.
4. Litter Pick – not as many volunteers had attended this event this year, however less litter than usual had been collected due in part to higher level of vegetation than when held in the Spring.
5. Talks – October & November talks are all arranged & planning is underway for January.
6. Walks – These are all set up on our website, it was agreed that posters would be put up to encourage more support for them.
7. The Hon Treasurer & Membership Secretary's Reports were circulated.
8. Concerns were raised about the increased use of paddleboards. Signs are needed to deter them & protect the wildlife.
9. A lengthy discussion then ensued regarding the urgent need for new members on the Executive Committee in order to fill the gaps which will arise next year.
10. A leaflet has been produced re the East Budleigh Conservation Area. It is available in the Village Shop, the Information Point & TIC in Budleigh Salterton. The project was organised by the OVA, supported by EDDC & funded by East Devon AONB & the Norman Family Charitable Trust.