

# OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7.30 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Village Hall on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

The Planning Applications mentioned in item 12.iv.8 below were viewed by interested parties.

The Council meeting started at 7.30 p.m.

Present	Cllr J. Edmonds (Chairman)	Cllr Mrs J Smith
	Cllr R. Barlow	Cllr J Lister
	Cllr T. Farrington	Cllr T. Simcock
In Attendance	1 member of the public	District Cllr R. Bloxham
	The Clerk	

### Procedural Items.

<b>12.iv.1</b>	<b>To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on business items to be considered at the meeting.</b>
	There was none.
<b>12.iv.2</b>	<b>To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> March, circulated to members and attached, be signed as a correct record.</b>
	The minutes were accepted unanimously as a true record of the meeting.
<b>12.iv.3</b>	<b>To receive apologies for absence from Councillors.</b>
	These were received from County Councillor Mrs C. Channon.
<b>12.iv.4</b>	<b>Chairman's formal announcements.</b>
	The Chairman announced he had been invited by the Chairman of East Devon District Council (EDDC) to attend a Civic Service at St Paul's Church, Honiton at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April. He is unable to attend but the Parish Council will be represented by the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mrs J. Smith.
<b>12.iv.5</b>	<b>Public questions and comments.</b>
	There was none.

### Business Items.

<b>12.iv.6</b>	<b>Items from the February meeting.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog sign order (Cllr Cogger).</li> <li>• Support for Otter sign on the Green (Cllr Bennett).</li> <li>• Various works in the cemetery. (Cllr Lister).</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Lister informed the Council that he had not started the various tasks yet.</li> </ul>
<b>12.iv.7</b>	<b>Celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. (Minute 11.vii.14)</b>
	The Clerk will inform the Council of the current situation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The earthenware mugs order for the Jubilee have arrived and the invoice for the same is listed in item <b>12.ii.17</b>.</li> <li>• The Clerk explained he had been unable to obtain the five and a half hour closure of Fore Street alongside the Green as the road was considered by Devon County Highways to be a major through route. Cllr Bloxham, informed the Council that he would approach County Cllr Stuart Hughes of our problem.</li> <li>• It was agreed that PCSO Trayhurn should be approached with regard to "No Waiting" signs being placed along that section during the Jubilee Picnic Lunch on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June.</li> </ul>
<b>12.iv.8</b>	<b>Planning Applications:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>12/0339/LBC – Installing new signs at Otterton Mill.</b></li> <li>• <b>12/0663/FUL – Proposed single storey extension to Ladram Bay Holiday Park manager's bungalow.</b></li> </ul> Plans for both applications can be viewed before the Meeting starts.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new signs for the Mill were considered to be very much in keeping with the surroundings and its heritage.</li> <li>• There was no opposition to this small unobtrusive extension.</li> </ul>
<b>12.iv.9</b>	<b>Report from the Police</b>
	No crimes have been reported in Otterton since the last meeting. A car driver was reported as acting suspiciously. He was actually lost.

	There had been a report of anti-social behaviour. The incidents involving the laser pen had been dealt with by the police and had the support of the parents.
<b>12.iv.10</b>	<b>Report from the Chairman.</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The changes to the positioning of the 30 mph speed limit signs had been accepted on the recommendation of County Councillor Mrs Christine Channon who advised that refinements to the safe positioning of them could be discussed later.</li> <li>• PCSO Trayhurn will support the re-positioning at a later date if they are seen to be in a dangerous position.</li> <li>• Repairs to the railway bridge have now finished. Cosmetic changes are all that remain to be completed.</li> <li>• Parishioners who had offered to help with the 'speed watch' through the village have received forms. Although the forms are poorly designed, if returned to PCSO Trayhurn training will start directly.</li> <li>• There will be a questionnaire containing three or four straight forward questions regarding a village shop in next month's Parish Newsletter. Responses should be handed to the Mill, Hair@49 or the Kings Arms.</li> </ul>
<b>12.iv.11</b>	<b>To Consider the Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting, set for Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012.</b>
	The Chairman was anxious to list the Councillors' work which they had undertaken in order to save the Parish financial expenditure. He drew up an intermediate list which will be added to on reading through the previous year's minutes.
<b>12.iv.12</b>	<b>Correspondence received since the last meeting.</b>
	There has been a request from Mrs Di Lee to use Stantyway Recreation Ground on three occasions for the village school's activities. The dates are as follows: Thursday, 31 <sup>st</sup> May; Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June and Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June. She has also requested that the grass is cut before 31 <sup>st</sup> May and 20 <sup>th</sup> June. Both requests were agreed unanimously. The Clerk will write to the grass cutter.
<b>12.iv.13</b>	<b>Safety Reports from the Six Committee Chairmen.</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Bennett reported that the RoSPA report had pointed out a few areas needing attention. He has already tightened the screws on the climbing wall. The football goal-mouths are uneven. Soil is needed to level them. Cllr Smith suggested that Mr M. Parkin might be approached to see whether some of his spare top-soil could be placed in the areas concerned. The major problem was with a plywood board which had rotted and needed to be replaced. Cllr Farrington will approach a local joiner for a quotation that will be passed to the Finance committee for their consideration. If less than £1000 this single quote can be submitted to the Council for their consideration. <b>[Standing Order 34.1(c)]</b></li> <li>• Cllr Edmonds reported that the river bank above Clamour Bridge is being extensively repaired.</li> <li>• Cllr Lister (cemetery) had nothing to report.</li> <li>• Cllr Simcock (finance) had nothing to report.</li> <li>• Tree committee had no report.</li> <li>• Green, War memorial, Stantyway recreation ground committee had no report.</li> </ul>
<b>12.iv.14</b>	<b>Reports from Members Representing Outside Bodies.</b>
	Cllr Mrs Smith attended the Budleigh Salterton Health Care team on 12 <sup>th</sup> March.
<b>12.iv.15</b>	<b>Report from County Councillor Mrs Christine Channon.</b>
	Not present.
<b>12.iv.16</b>	<b>Report from District Councillor Mr Ray Bloxham.</b>
	The East Devon Local Plan will be submitted for consideration before summer's end. If the Parish Council works with the planners at EDDC before that plan is submitted, it could stipulate where additional housing can be built (if the planners agree) within its building line. The Planning Policy Manager has listed all potential building sites offered by local land owners in and around the Parish boundary. The current proposal to the north of North Star is still outside the Parish's building line. Therefore, the 20 houses which the Parish Council are obliged to accept before 2026 would be able to be built within our building line. However, if the Parish Council renegotiates the building line, to include potential building sites, it will be

	able to stipulate where those houses can go. Furthermore, if the current proposal goes ahead for the 15 houses, they would be included in the Parish's quota of 20. The Clerk will contact Matt Dickins at EDDC to ascertain the building plots currently on offer in the Parish.																		
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<b>12.iv.18</b>	The next meeting of the Council will be on <b>Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012.</b>																		
	Agreed.																		

**Part B.**

The Council discussed in closed session the appointment of a 'co-opted councillor'. It was agreed that Mr Jerry Fry be asked to join the Council at the next full meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May. The Clerk will contact him.

The meeting ended at 8.56 p.m.

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