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|  | **Otterford Parish Council**  **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 8 June 2021 at 1930 hrs in Otterford Parish Hall**  Present: OPC Councillors Mike Canham (Chairman), Charlie Field (Vice Chairman), John Marsden, Lucy Montgomery, and the Clerk. |  |
| Item | Detail | Action |
|  | **Community Time**  Cllr Thorne had submitted a written report on SCC matters, which was noted. Additionally, he reported that SCC had been given £50k for COVID testing in hard-to-reach communities. SCC had found a further £350k for the climate and the environment grant scheme and unsuccessful previous applications would be automatically considered.  Cllr Henley – reported that SWAT had managed £72m of government COVID grants for businesses. SWAT and Forestry England had agreed to the siting of CCTV cameras on FE’s land at the common fly-tipping locations and this would therefore be going ahead. |  |
|  | Reports from other organisations None. |  |
| **1.** | **Apologies**  Cllr Wright – working. |  |
| **2.** | Declarations of Interest  1. *Cllr Canham is a member of the Otterford Parish Hall Committee* 2. *Cllrs Canham and Montgomery are Trustees of the Otterford Charity* |  |
| **3.** | **Meeting of 4 May 2021** |  |
| 3.1 | The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed. |  |
| 3.2 | Matters arising: road edge collapse repaired (3.2.1), response sent to DCMS broadband consultation (5.2), and planning enforcement alerted to parishioners’ concerns about Woodend Farm development (5.10). |  |
| **4.** | **Planning** |  |
| 4.1 | New applications: *29/21/0004,* Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic solar panels on land at Hayne House, Honiton Road, Corfe.  *29/21/0002,* Erection of a timber storage shed at The Annexe, Otterhead House, Whatley Road, Churchinford.  *29/21/0003,* Erection of a BBQ lodge and additional room for ancillary accommodation at Underdown Cottage, Royston Road, Bishopswood. The Council had no comment on these applications. |  |
| 4.2 | Granted/refused applications: none |  |
| **5.** | **Other matters** |  |
| 5.1 | Projects/activities/events – update.  An updated list was circulated and noted.  The Corfe Hill fingerpost was going to be re-sited the following day. Other fingerpost repairs were ongoing. |  |
| 5.2 | Community Broadband  The Blackdown Hills Parish Network (BHPN) had been lobbying its MPs (Neil Parrish and Rebecca Pow) about broadband issues and Project Gigabit and were due to have a meeting with them and the DCMS Minister this week, which Cllr Canham would be chairing.  Airband still had no firm plans for its rollout in the parish. |  |
| 5.3 | Climate & The Environment Project- Update on Project Action Plan  A report was noted.  Repair Café – Mrs Marsden had asked for a start-up grant/loan of £1k; the Council agreed to a grant of £250 and a loan of £250. |  |
| 5.4 | Otterford Playing Fields  Annual Safety Inspection – Alvian had carried out the annual inspection and condemned the two-seater swing. This had now been removed and would be replaced in due course. Other issues identified in the report were minor.  Cllrs Marsden and Montgomery had completed a councillors’ inspection and identified a number of minor issues which the Parish Handyman would be asked to rectify. However, it was agreed to get a costing for metal ‘boots’ to put at the bottom of the wooden posts on the ‘castle’ feature to protect them from damage and rot. Clerk to ask Alvian for a quote.  Renewal of Lease – discussions were ongoing. | **Clerk**  **Clerk**  **MC** |
| 5.5 | Holman Clavel’s Property Insurance – consideration of quotes for renewal.  The Council agreed the Clerk’s recommendation. She would advise the tenants of the change to their monthly repayments. | **Clerk** |
| 5.6 | Otterford Amble  This had been postponed from 2019 due to COVID restrictions and inclement weather. Several parishioners had asked when it was going to take place; it was agreed to reschedule it for this summer. | **MC** |
| 5.7 | Otterford Parish Hall – Committee Membership  Cllr Canham reported the present situation with problems finding new members and summarised the implications of not having a working committee. The Council’s role as Custodian Trustee was noted – to be kept under review. |  |
| **6.** | **Correspondence**  None. |  |
| **7.** | **Financial matters** |  |
| 7.1 | Monthly Financial summary.  The Clerk circulated a summary, which was noted. |  |
| **8.** | **Other business.**  None |  |
|  | **The next meeting of the Council will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13 July, in Otterford Parish Hall.** |  |
|  | Penny Hart, Parish Clerk, June 2021 |  |