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|  | **Otterford Parish Council**  **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 12 October 2021 at 1930 hrs in Otterford Parish Hall**  Present: OPC Councillors Mike Canham (Chairman), Charlie Field (Vice Chairman), John Marsden, Lucy Montgomery and Phil Wright, SCC Councillor John Thorne, one parishioner and the Clerk. |  |
| Item | Detail | Action |
|  | **Community Time**  SCC Cllr Thorne had submitted a written report prior to the meeting which was noted. He was concerned that the invitation to a local government reorganisation meeting with parishes did not seem to have been received by several parishes including Otterford. |  |
|  | Reports from other organisations None. |  |
| **1.** | **Apologies**  None. |  |
| **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 14 September 2021** |  |
| 3.1 | The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed. |  |
| 3.2 | Matters arising: SWAT’s dog waste bin-empyting service was going well so far and the first invoice had arrived and been paid. |  |
| **4.** | **Planning** |  |
| 4.1 | New applications: none |  |
| 4.2 | Granted applications: none |  |
| 4.3 | Cobblers Cottage planning application.  Mr Ruthven attended to explain the difficulties he was having obtaining detailed planning permission for the renovation of this dilapidated and unsightly property. The Council agreed that it was in the Parish’s interest that the building be renovated and would write to the planning department in support of the application. Councillor Canham would also try to set up a site visit with himself, SWAT Councillor Ross Henley, a Senior Planner and Mr Ruthven to try to resolve matters. | **Clerk**  **MC** |
| **5.** | **Other matters** |  |
| 5.1 | Projects/activities/events – update.  An updated list was circulated and noted. Clerk to produce a poster advertising remaining compost bins (10 still left). | **Clerk** |
| 5.2 | Community Broadband  There was no significant progress to report. A parishioner is continuing to canvass households in Bishopswood to gauge interest in community broadband. Gigaclear have not responded to Councillor Canham’s letter enquiring about privately-funded networks. Airband have produced a rollout plan which indicates that work will not start in Otterford until 2023. |  |
| 5.3 | Climate & The Environment Project- Update on Project Action Plan  Noted. The draft Questionnaire to those parishioners who received free compost bins, bird boxes and been hotels was agreed. Questionnaire now to be circulated. | **Clerk** |
| 5.4 | Otterford Playing Fields  There was no news on the new lease. |  |
| 5.5 | Platinum Jubilee 2022  Details of local celebrations still to be fleshed out. | **MC** |
| 5.6 | Milepost project – end of project report  The report was noted and thanks recorded to the volunteers who had carried out the works. It was agreed to meet the costs of restoring another milepost from further down Corfe Hill which a parishioner had rescued in a poor state and stored after it had been hit by a car some years ago. |  |
| **6.** | **Correspondence**  The Public Consultation on A358 dualling has been announced. All to examine consultation materials at: [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A358-Taunton-Southfields](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A358-Taunton-Southfields) and for discussion at next month’s meeting. | **All**  **B/F to Nov** |
| **7.** | **Financial matters** |  |
| 7.1 | First Half-year 2021/22 – financial review  Noted. |  |
| 7.2 | Monthly Financial summary.  Noted. |  |
| **8.** | **Other business.**  Potholes – 1 by the old Otterford School, 1 next to Little Whatley (previously reported but getting worse) and the bend above LW was deteriorating. Clerk to report.  Fly tipping – on the link road between the B3170 and the Holman Clavel Road. Also a large plastic item had been dumped on the track between the Holman Clavel Road and the B3170. Clerk to report.  The Otterford Amble had taken place successfully with 14 walkers participating.  The Remembrance Service will take place at Otterford Church on 14 November.  Councillors were reminded to consider in good time whether they wished to stand for re-election in 2022.  It was agreed to meet in the Wright Room from November. | **Clerk**  **Clerk** |
|  | **The next meeting of the Council will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8 November, in Otterford Parish Hall.** |  |
|  | Penny Hart, Parish Clerk, October 2021 |  |