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|  | **Otterford Parish Council** **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 19 July 2022 at 1930 hrs in the Wright Room, Otterford Parish Hall**Present: OPC Councillors Mike Canham (Chairman), Charlie Field (Vice Chairman), John Marsden, SCC and SWAT Councillor Ross Henley and the Clerk.  |  |
| Item | Detail | Action |
|  | **Community Time**Cllr Henley brought the Council up to date with plans for the new County Council. A new Chief Executive had been appointed who would oversee the transition and head the new Council. Plans for local community networks were in hand and a local community network officer has been appointed.SWAT would be providing further free trees (up to £100 per parish) in November. |  |
|  | Reports from other organisationsNone.  |  |
| **1.** | **Apologies**Councillors Montgomery and MacLeod. |  |
| **2.** | Declarations of Interest 1. *Cllr Canham is a member of the Otterford Parish Hall Committee* and *a Trustee of the Otterford Charity.*
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| **3.** | **Meeting of 14 June 2022**  |  |
| 3.1 | The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.  |  |
|  3.2 | Matters arising:5.3 the Parish Handyman had started the work in the playing field. The volunteers had started the new safety-checking rota. The tree which needed removal was close to power lines – Clerk to speak to Western Power regarding safety.8.1 Buckland St Mary PC had not finished preparing final costs for the Jubilee weekend so a final report of total costs could not be produced. | **Clerk** |
| **4.** | **Planning** |  |
|  4.1 | Planning MattersThe Council had no objections, but agreed to ask the AONB planning officer whether this application was consistent with the AONB planning guidelines.  | **Clerk** |
|  4.2 | There were no granted or refused applications. |  |
| **5.**  | **Other matters** |  |
| 5.1 | Projects/activities/events – update.An updated list was circulated and noted. The Council agreed to purchase a steel milepost to replace the one missing from the B3170/Waterhayes Lane junction. Cllr Canham advised that he had obtained a grant from the AONB towards the cost of this.The broken fingerpost had been repaired and was being restored by the Wednesday volunteers prior to being put back at the Corfe Hill crossroads.  |  |
| 5.2 | Climate & The Environment Project- Update on Project Action PlanAn updated list was circulated and noted.  |  |
| 5.3 | Five Year ProgrammeThis item was deferred until all councillors could be present. |  |
| 5.4 | Otterford Playing Field1. *Replacement of castle climbing frame.* The Clerk circulated a paper with various options. No conclusions were reached.
2. *Application for S106 money and other available grants.* Cllr Canham advised that the Council could apply for all the S106 play equipment money – about £14,000 - since there is only one playground in the parish. Additionally, the Council has already received some CIL monies, which it has to spend on capital projects or return to SWAT. And he would speak to Mrs Price about a grant from the Otterford Charity. A decision about what equipment to purchase would be needed before applications for grants could be taken forward.
 | **MC** |
| 5.5 | Bus shelter at Culmhead crossroadsThis is hardly ever used, has fallen into disrepair, and is dangerous. It is also a focus for rubbish dumping and other antisocial behaviour. The Council agreed to demolish the shelter. The Wednesday volunteers could hopefully do this, with help from a mechanical digger. |  |
|  **6.**  | **Correspondence** None. |  |
| **7.** | **Financial matters** |  |
| 7.1 | Quarterly review of Income/ExpenditureThe Clerk circulated a paper, which was noted. |  |
| 7.2 | Monthly Financial summary. Noted. |  |
|  **8.** | **Other business.**Community Broadband – progress investigating detaching the parish from the Airband contract so as to take advantage of the voucher scheme had stalled as the parishioner who was leading the work had been very unwell.  |  |
|  | **The next meeting of the Council will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9 August 2022, in Otterford Parish Hall.** |  |
|  | Penny Hart, Parish Clerk, July 2022 |  |