

## Otterford Parish Council

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 12 March 2024 at 1930 hrs in Otterford Parish Hall**

Present: OPC Councillors Mike Canham (Chairman), Lucy Montgomery, Simon MacLeod and John Marsden, SC Councillor Henley, one parishioner and the Clerk.

Item	Detail	Action
	<b><u>Community Time</u></b>	
	Cllr Canham asked Cllr Henley whether Somerset Council was going to produce some briefing for parish councils about the budgetary constraints.	<b>Cllr Henley</b>
	<b><u>Reports from other organisations</u></b>	
	None.	
<b>1.</b>	<b><u>Apologies</u></b> Cllr Field(work commitment).	
<b>2.</b>	<b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b> Cllrs Montgomery and Canham are OPC-nominated (Nominative) Trustees of the Otterford Charity. Cllr Canham is Chairman of Otterford Parish Hall Committee. He is Chairman of the BHPN and is a member of the Steering Group, and a member of the Blackdown Hills Natural Landscapes (formerly AONB) Management Group.	
<b>3.</b>	<b><u>Meeting of February 2024</u></b>	
3.1	The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.	
3.2	<u>Matters arising</u>  OPF Brazier pole still in situ – still too wet to remove with a digger/tractor. OPF benches still to be investigated Water run-off after heavy rains – Highways superintendent to be chased. Richard Smith thanked for his thermal imaging work.	<b>Clerk Clerk  Clerk Clerk</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b><u>Planning</u></b>	
4.1	No new, granted, or refused applications.	
<b>5.</b>	<b><u>Other matters</u></b>	

- 5.1 Projects/activities/events – update.  
An updated list was circulated and noted. Formal notice of the 20mph scheme should be issued shortly by Somerset Council and works are programmed for July/August.
- 5.2 Climate & The Environment Project- Update on Project Action Plan  
Report noted.
- 5.3 Local Community Network (Chard and Blackdown)  
The next meeting was on 13 March. No Councillors were able to attend.

**6. Correspondence**

None.

**7. Financial matters**

- 7.1 Monthly Financial summary – February.  
Noted.

- 8. Other business.** Cllr Montgomery said the councillors' inspection of the playing field was due; they would wait for better weather and drier ground.  
It was agreed to purchase some more daffodils to fill in the gaps in the verges.

**LM**

**Clerk**

- 9. The next meeting of the Council will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9 April 2024, in the Wright Room, Otterford Parish Hall.**

Penny Hart, Clerk, March 2024