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|  | **Otterford Parish Council** **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 9 June 2020 at 19.30 hrs via ‘Zoom’ online meeting facility.** This meeting was held under the provisions of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility on Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020. Present: OPC Councillors Mike Canham (Chairman), Charlie Field (Vice Chairman), John Marsden, Lucy Montgomery, SCC Cllr John Thorne, SWATDC Cllr Ross Henley and the Clerk. |  |
| Item | Detail | Action |
|  | **Community Time** Cllr Thorne had submitted a written report on SCC matters, appended to these minutes. There were no substantive questions relating to this. Clerk to circulate the report published by SALC/NALC on the Local Government Reorganisation to Otterford Councillors and to Cllr Thorne, who had not seen it, and to co-ordinate OPC’s response to the One Somerset consultation. Cllr Henley advised that SWAT were considering running outreach services in the community in the longer term. The Council were not re-introducing car parking charges yet in order to support local businesses. | **Clerk****Clerk** |
|  | Reports from other organisationsNone.  |  |
| **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*

There were no further Declarations of Interest in agenda items that accord with any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (s31 & 33 of the Localism Act 2011).  |  |
| **3.** | **Meeting of 12 May**  |  |
| 3.1 | The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.  |  |
|  3.2 | Matters arising:  |  |
|  3.3 | Dog fouling: there had been a few incidents, notably at the bottom of the bridleway. Review next month. | **Clerk** |
|  3.4 | Barbed wire on bridleway: Cllr Wright had been busy but would collect when he had time. | **PW** |
|  3.5 | Clerk had emailed Sampford Arundel PC but had not had a reply. | **Clerk** |
| **4.** | **Planning** |  |
|  4.1 | New applications: *29/20/0009* Erection of broiler shed at Higher Warrens Farm, Churchinford (resubmission of 29/18/0004) and 29/20/0011, Erection of a general purpose agricultural building on land at Otterford:the Council had no objection to these applications. | **Clerk** |
|  4.2 | Applications granted by SWATDC: 29/20/0003, Replacement of poultry building at Higher Warrens Farm, Churchinford.  |  |
|  4.3 | Appeal to the Secretary of State: 29/20/0001, erection of a single storey extension to the side of Waterhayes Cottage, Otterford. |  |
| **5.**  | **Coronavirus (COVID 19) Pandemic** |  |
| 5.1 | Update on parish activity.The Clerk circulated a report which was noted. |  |
| **6.** | **Projects/activities/events – update.**The noticeboard at the Candlelight had now been moved, reported potholes had been repaired, the swing seats had been replaced in the playing field and the ditch/grille in Whatley Lane had been cleared. RW Gale had quoted for the drainage work opposite the Candlelight - £1,350. This was agreed. Cllr Canham would contact the Highways Superintendent to seek the final OK for the works to go ahead.July Litter pick – the Council agreed, subject to any new instructions from the Government, that this should go ahead, albeit with some modifications to take account of physical distancing, no car sharing with non-family members and no access to the hall. | **Clerk****MC****MC** |
| **7.**  | **Correspondence** The Clerk had been approached by Kingfisher Tree Services offering to carry out some work for the parish for free. It was agreed to meet them and discuss what they might do (trees in the playing field needed some attention).It was agreed to sign a petition on Change.org about take-away outlets writing car registration numbers on containers so that litter culprits could be prosecuted. And agreed this would be publicised locally – including details to be sent to Rebecca Pow MP, Councillors Thorne and Henley, and the Blackdown Hills Parish Network (for onward sending to all PCs).  | **CF & MC****All/Clerk****Clerk** |
| **8.** | **Financial matters** |  |
| 8.1 | Monthly Financial summary. Noted.  |  |
| 8.2 | Payment of Invoices. None. |  |
|  **9.** | **Other business** |  |
|  | Cllr Canham had been promised some apple trees for the Village Green (and people to plant them) from a contact at the Blackdown Hills Trust.Cllr Field to inspect the bridleway ‘dip’ along the path to see if it was of concern.All to consider how the parish could celebrate once the COVID 19 situation improves. | **MC****CF****All** |
|  | **The next meeting of the Council will take place, location tba, at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14 July 2020.**  |  |