

## Otterford Parish Council

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 9 May 2023 at 2030 hrs in Otterford Parish Hall**

Present: OPC Councillors Mike Canham (Chairman), Charlie Field (Vice Chairman), John Marsden, and Lucy Montgomery, SC Cllr Sarah Wakefield, and the Clerk.

Item	Detail	Action
	<b><u>Community Time</u></b> Cllr Wakefield reported that plans for re-opening Wellington station were well advanced. Cullompton would also be re-opened. She suggested that the Council have another attempt at getting a 20mph speed limit introduced in Bishopswood, as the new Somerset Council was more inclined to support such applications.	
	<b><u>Reports from other organisations</u></b> None.	
1.	<b><u>Apologies</u></b> Cllr MacLeod (indisposed).	
2.	<b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b> Cllrs Canham and Montgomery are OPC-nominated (nominative) Trustees of the Otterford Charity. Cllr Canham is Chairman of Otterford Parish Hall Committee. He represents OPC at the BHPN and is also a member of the Steering Group, and a representative on the Blackdown Hills AONB Management Group.	
3.	<b><u>Meeting of 11 April</u></b>	
3.1	The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.	
3.2	<u>Matters arising</u> None not already on the agenda.	
4.	<b><u>Planning</u></b>	
4.1	<u>Planning Matters</u>	
4.2	New, refused, granted, or withdrawn applications: none.	
5.	<b><u>Other matters</u></b>	
5.1	<u>Projects/activities/events</u> – update. An updated list was circulated and noted. There were two further missing mileposts on the B3170 – in and beyond Corfe	

village. Cllr Canham would see if there were any further grants available.

**MC**

Coronation celebrations – a verbal report was given. Attendance at both the tea and the barn dance had been disappointing but those attending had enjoyed themselves. The coronation mugs were being delivered to parish children. The remainder would be sold to those who want them.

5.2 Climate & The Environment Project- Update on Project Action Plan

An updated list was circulated and noted.

Thermal camera – there were still no parish volunteers to co-ordinate this.

5.3 Otterford Playing Fields

The 'castle' play equipment had been demolished by Phil Wright and the Wednesday Volunteers. The Parish Handyman will install the additional drainage w/c 15 May and the new play equipment should be installed from 20 June, taking about 3 weeks, during which the fields will be closed.

5.4 BHPN – report on 1<sup>st</sup> quarter work plan.

Cllr Canham circulated a copy of the work plan, showing completed and ongoing actions.

**6. Correspondence**

None.

**7. Financial matters**

7.1 Monthly Financial summary – April.

Noted.

**8. Other business.**

It was agreed to hold the June meeting a week early, on 6 June, due to holidays.

The Clerk would remind Phil Wright that he owes the Council some invoices.

**Clerk**

**9. The next meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 6 June 2023, in the Wright Room, Otterford Parish Hall. NB: This is a week earlier than usual.**

Penny Hart, Parish Clerk, May 2023