

**Minutes of a Meeting of Exbourne with Jacobstowe Parish Council held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 20.00 in the The Village Hall, Exbourne.**

**63. Those present**

**Cllr D. Weeks (Chairman)**  
**Cllr S. Blakeman**  
**Cllr F. Glanville**  
**Cllr U. Lawson**  
**Cllr B. Cobb**

**There were no members of the public present.**  
**Cllr Trevor Hill, Borough Councillor for the Exbourne Ward was present.**

Cllr Weeks was in the chair.

**64. Apologies for absence** – Cllr Luxton, who is away and Cllr Mrs. Williams, who is also away. These apologies were accepted.

**65. Declarations of interest** – There were none.

**66. Minutes of the last meeting** – Cllr Blakeman proposed that the minutes be signed as a correct record. This was seconded by Cllr Weeks. The chairman then signed the minutes.

**67. Matters arising from the last meeting**

**67.1 Report by Borough Councillor Trevor Hill** – the Transformation 18 programme continues. Head of Paid Services was offered to Tracey Windsor, but she declined for personal reasons. It has been offered to someone else. The other Corporate Director post is being re-advertised as the candidates were deemed unsuitable for the post.

**67.2 Cllr Hill to report on Enforcement Cases** – Cllr Hill has spoken with the new Enforcement Officer, Rebecca Prideaux, regarding the lack of information when Enforcement Cases disappear from the list. She has passed it on to Helen Smart, who has not responded yet.

**67.3 Report on Neighbourhood Plans – following meeting at Sampford Courtenay** – Cllrs Weeks and Blakeman attended and Cllr Blakeman delivered the report. Rebecca Black, the Strategic Planning Officer, gave the presentation on Neighbourhood Plans. Money is available to produce a plan, but the advice given was to wait and see how things go. Cllr Blakeman expressed his concerns about them as they may restrict development.

Cllr Weeks stated there was a meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> 10am to 4pm regarding 'Future Development in West Devon. Where will it go?' He has booked himself and Cllr Luxton places. North Road, Meadow's Edge and Town Living have been mentioned as potential development sites in Exbourne. He asked Cllrs to look at the email and book a place if they wished to attend.

Cllr Weeks thanked Cllr Blakeman for delivering the report.

**67.4 DCC Lengthsman – the clerk has contacted the gentleman used by South Tawton.** His name is Ben Pell and he carries out work for other parishes as well. He is self employed, has his own insurance and carries out his own risk assessments. He has a team of 4/5 men working for him. He cannot clear drains. They can lift the cover and have a look, but if is blocked then DCC need to clear it. He does not carry out work on 'A' Class roads. He charges £150 + VAT for a man day. They have found it better for two men to work for half a day. If they carry out work for a full day then obviously it is £300 + VAT. He seems a very pleasant able person.

The council have £1000 in the bank and it requires spending. There are areas in the parishes that require work ( Jacobstowe near Niases water goes across the road, Giblands Moor – the water requires diverting to prevent it going across the road and there are places in the village requiring attention).

Cllr Glanville proposed having two men for two days and see how it goes. The end of November/early December when the leaves have fallen was considered to be a good time. This was unanimously seconded. Cllr Cobb will prepare a list for Jacobstowe and Cllr Weeks will prepare one for Exbourne. The lists can be presented to the next meeting.

The clerk to book two men for two days in early December.

**67.5 Overgrown hedges in Duck Lane, Exbourne –** Cllr Blakeman has not had an opportunity to visit the site since the last meeting.

**67.6 Precept – reminder – any items for consideration to be included in next years precept?** Cllr Weeks suggested the £250 put aside for dog fouling could be used elsewhere. He also mentioned the Council Tax Support Grant was being reduced. Cllr Blakeman mentioned increasing the maintenance budget for possible repairs to the bus shelter by the Red Lion.

## **68. New Items**

**68.1 A mahogany bench has been ordered from HMP Dartmoor –** Cllr Luxton has stated he can collect it. The prison has altered the design slightly so it could be cheaper than quoted.

**68.2 Replacement of bench at North Road – discuss quotes from H.M. Prison Dartmoor woodwork shop.**

The clerk apologised this item should have been removed as it was discussed at the last Meeting.

**68.3 Donation to Royal British Legion –** the clerk informed the council the donation will be made under S.137. The amount of the donation last year was £75.

Cllr Weeks proposed that the council makes a donation of £75 this year. This was seconded by Cllr Cobb and agreed by all.

**68.4 Proposed reduction in Council Tax Grant Support (from £256 to £216)**

This has already been discussed.

**69. Matters arising from circulated correspondence (info only)**

There was none.

**70. Parish Paths Partnership (P3)**

**70.1 Tim Laws and Stephen Attfield are both planning to attend the P3 workshop at Beaford on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>.** The clerk will email them and ascertain if there is anything to report from the workshop.

**71. Planning**

**71.1** Applic No. 01055/2014 Land adjacent to Hayes, Holebrook Lane, Exbourne – erection of 4 bedroom dwelling, garage, new driveway, access and associated landscaping. Comment required prior to meeting. Council supported the application as it has the same development line as that granted in 2010.

**71.2** Applic No. 01117/2014 Redlands, Exbourne – erection of agricultural barn for general storage. Discuss at meeting.

The application was discussed. Cllr Lawson proposed that the council supports the application. This was seconded by Cllr Blakeman and agreed by all.

**71.3** Applic No. 01135/2014 Land at Shilstone Farm, Exbourne – outline application for erection of a supervisory workers dwelling in connection with horticultural business, including consideration of access. Discuss at meeting.

Cllr Weeks stated an amendment to the application had been submitted. The access now comes from the highway rather than off the lane into Shilstone. The owner of Shilstone Farm had contacted Cllr Weeks and expressed concerns about the access.

The council discussed the application. It was proposed by Cllr Blakeman that the council submits a neutral view and would not object if WDBC are satisfied that there is a genuine need for a second home here.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cobb and agreed by all.

**71.4** Applic No. 00921/2014 Shilstone Farm, Exbourne - Listed Building Consent for removal of failing slate/batten roof covering the Threshing Barn and replace with traditional rolled 13/3 corrugated iron profile. Granted conditional consent.

**71.5** Applic no. 00927/2014 Manor House, Exbourne – Listed Building Consent for proposed replacement windows and doors, removal of external garden wall and installation of railings and gate and associated works. Granted conditional consent.

## **72. Finance**

### **72.1 Received invoice from Exbourne Village Hall for hire of hall - £60.00**

Cllr Blakeman proposed that the invoice be paid. This was seconded by Cllr Cobb and agreed by all.

### **72.1a Donation to Royal British Legion - £75.00**

As agreed on Page 205 68.3.

**72.2 Details of balance at bank** – the bank balance as at 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 was £12,300.86. There is the hire of the hall for October £15.00 and the Cheque signed this evening for £60.00. This brings the balance down to **£12225.86**. This does not include the cheque written out for £75.00  
There are still the sums of £1000 for the lengthsman and £300 for wi-fi (both from TAP funds) allocated, but not yet spent.

## **73. Matters at the discretion of the Chairman**

**73.1** The clerk stated she had received correspondence from The Local Government Boundary Commission stating Exbourne Ward will now include North Tawton and Bondleigh and be represented by two Borough Councillors. Cllr Hill confirmed this and stated it is possible that both councillors could attend parish council meetings.

**73.2** Cllr Weeks asked for Highway Consultation to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Comments need to be submitted by December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**73.3** Cllr Weeks also requested volunteers to help clean the war memorial before Remembrance Sunday. Cllrs Glanville and Blakeman offered to help on Nov 8<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am.

**73.4** Borough Councillor Trevor Hill reminded Cllrs that it is election year next year and he has spoken to Election Services to ask how much a parish would need to put towards an election (if there was one). It would be about one third of the cost so approx £600.

This sparked the question would Exbourne and Jacobstowe require two separate elections? Cllr Hill will find out.

The next meeting will be held at The Village Hall, Exbourne on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014. It will commence at 8.00 p.m.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.04 p.m.