

EXBOURNE WITH JACOBSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Council was held on
Tuesday 30th October 2018 at 8:00pm in The Vestry, Jacobstowe

Councillors Present: Steve Blakeman (Chair), Adam Hedley (Vice Chair), Kirk England, John Guy and Borough Councillor Lois Samuel

Parish Clerk: Zena Tett

Also in attendance: 19 members of the public

60. Apologies for Absence: Councillors Williams, Lawson and Cobb

61. Welcome: Steve Blakeman, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

62. Minutes of the Last Meeting: the minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record, proposed by Cllr England, seconded by Cllr Blakeman, all in favour.

63. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Blakeman item 68.1 and Cllr Hedley item 71.1.4

64. Public Speaking Time:

64.1 A parishioner reminded the Parish Council that the tree on the Woodhall walk was still blocking the pathway and the fence is still in a state of disrepair. Cllr Blakeman advised this would be in the remit of the Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Co-ordinator which would be discussed later in this meeting.

64.2 A parishioner gave a statement (attached as appendix 1) on how disappointed he was at how the Neighbourhood Plan Group (NPG) was dealing with the process of assessing Local Green Spaces (LGS). At the end of his statement he expressed an interest in joining the NPG.
It was made clear that other parishioners also intended to join the NPG before the next meeting in which the remaining LGS sites would be assessed.
Cllr Hedley felt he had tried to address many of the points the parishioner raised in previous NP meetings and suggested the NPG should be allowed to move forward with the assessment process. He had concerns regarding the motives of anyone joining the group before the next meeting. Cllr England disagreed and said that anyone should be able to join the Group. Cllr Blakeman said that more members would spread the workload.
Cllr Blakeman suggested anyone wishing to join the NPG should notify Cllr Hedley before the next meeting due to take place on 14th November 2018. Cllr Lois Samuel said she would have liked to take part in the meeting, however, she had a previous appointment but offered to act as the voice of West Devon Borough Council (WDBC) if parishioners had any further concerns.

65. Borough Councillor Report:

Borough Councillor Lois Samuel reported that WDBC had been working hard on budgets over the last few months. There is still £450,000 budget gap for next year. She explained that she sits on the Waste Procurement Board and she advised they are nearly to the end of submissions for the new contract and there maybe savings there. WDBC is currently lobbying MP's to gain support for business rates. The Joint Local Plan is near to adoption and she hopes it will be signed off before the new council around February March 2019.

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66. Matters Arising

66.1 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hedley read a statement regarding the status of the Neighbourhood Plan and his concerns over the current atmosphere of meetings (attached as appendix 2). Cllr England felt that everyone on the NPG were doing their best but the process had now come to an impasse and a way forward needed to be found. His opinion was that new people would give fresh insights into the way forward and that the main objective of the NPG was choosing sites for development, which is still a long way off. The NPG needs to adapt and listen as it moves forward and people should be allowed to question and challenge the process if they believe it isn't right.

- 15 parishioners left the meeting.

66.2 Maintenance of Parish Assets

Cllr Blakeman will inspect the hand bells.

The granite is now on site where the bench will be erected.

66.3 Devon Air Ambulance Trust

Cllr Williams is currently looking into a grant for this project. Please see minute reference 67.5 for further information.

66.4 Remembrance Sunday

Cllr Williams has consulted with a member of the church who has confirmed the church will organise the ringing of the bells and the lighting of the beacon. At least one Parish Councillor will attend the service. Cllr Blakeman asked for volunteers to help clean up the War Memorial before the service 10:00am Saturday. This matter is now closed.

66.5 First Aid Training

Cllr Williams has been advised that a recent First Aid Training session was held in The Burrow, if anyone comes forward requesting training organised by the Parish Council then the Clerk will organise.

67. New Items

67.1 Post Office Sign

Members of The Burrow would like to erect a ~~new~~ Post Office sign outside the building and have requested the Parish Council to consider making the application on their behalf. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council make the application. Cllr Guy proposed, seconded by Cllr Hedley, all in favour. **Action Cllr Blakeman**

67.2 Parish Paths Partnership (P3)

P3 is a scheme which allows the community to get involved in looking after their public rights of way. Until recently the parish had two 2 coordinators who carried out minor maintenance around the parishes, however, they have recently tendered their resignation. A parishioner kindly spent some time outlining the role of the co-ordinators to the Council and the members of the public present. The Clerk was asked to put together a notice asking for volunteers to help out with this scheme. **Action Clerk**

67.3 The Burrow

Cllr England gave an update on The Burrow mentioning there was a new Management Committee running the shop and they were pleased to announce they have made a profit in the last financial year, their first since opening their doors 6 years ago. It is not a large sum but the intention is that profits generated will be invested back into the community. Cllr England explained the shop needs volunteers to keep it going and he mentioned doing a leaflet drop around the village some weeks ago and as a result more people have come forward.

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- 67.4 Public Rights of Way
The Parish Council has been approached by a parishioner asking if a right of way could be formed from the top of Exbourne down to the Old Mill at Jacobstowe so you don't have to walk on the road. We were given to understand that if the landowner objects it would not be possible to put in an application as you cannot enforce a right of way on a landowner. Devon County Council (DCC) has already been contacted and they advised there wasn't enough money to move this forward. Cllr Blakeman suggested the new P3 coordinator could speak to the landowner and monitor DCC in case any opportunities arise in the future. If the landowners are supportive this could again be considered.

- 67.5 Communities Together Fund
Cllr Williams will be completing the application forms to apply for a grant for the work required for the Devon Air Ambulance landing site. The application requires support from surrounding parishes and she has requested the Clerk for write to local Clerks asking for their support. **Action Clerk**
Updated quotes will be required to complete the application and she has offered to contact the Playing Field Committee. Cllr Blakeman will obtain the quotes for groundworks and power supply.
It was noted that any organisations that can do a project to benefit the community are able to apply for this funding.

68. Planning

- 68.1 Somer Court: 3424/18/HHO
Application for construction of rear extension.
Comments: None
Decision: Support
Proposed by Cllr England, seconded by Cllr Guy, all in favour. **Action Clerk**
- 68.2 Other Applications
No applications have arisen since the Agenda was published.


69. Clerks Report

- 69.1 Correspondence
The following items of correspondence were discussed/reviewed:
- 69.1.1 Okehampton Hamlets: Northern Link – 20th September 2018 Waste Feedback
 - 69.1.2 WDBC: Invite to Civic Service
 - 69.1.3 Okehampton Hamlets: Northern Link Meeting Notes
 - 69.1.4 Citizens Advice Bureau: request for funds
 - 69.1.5 WDBC: Elections – we have been advised that West Devon Borough Council will be sending out canvassers to all properties within the Borough who have not yet returned a Household Enquiry Form with regard to Electoral Registration.
 - 69.1.6 Devon Communities Together: Devon Communities Resilience Forum
 - 69.1.7 WDBC: Recycle Devon Awards 2018
 - 69.1.8 WDBC: Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan Consultation

70. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

- 70.1 Cllr Guy asked if anyone had inspected the play equipment recently. Cllr Blakeman confirmed that it had been inspected. He also added the Playing Field Committee are struggling for members so if anyone would like to join please come forward.

71. Finance

- 71.1 The following payments were proposed by Cllr Blakeman, seconded by Cllr Guy, all in favour. **Action Clerk**
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| 71.1.1 | Clerks Expenses | £45.04 |
| 71.1.2 | Village Hall – Parish Council meetings | £60.00 |
| 71.1.3 | Village Hall – NP meeting | £15.00 |
| 71.1.4 | The Burrow – NP Meeting | £15.00 |
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58.1 Bank Balance Review

Since the last bank balance review the Parish Council has received a payment from West Devon Borough Council for the sum of £2,558.50 for the second instalment of the precept and a payment from Groundwork UK for the Neighbourhood Plan Group for the sum of £2,728.00. The bank balance as of 15th October 2018 statement was £15,895.94. Outstanding payments, including the cheques above, amount to £135.04, giving the parish an actual balance of £15,760.90.

72. **Date of Next Meeting:** Councillors confirmed the date of the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 27th November 2018 in the Village Hall, Exbourne at 8pm.

With no further business, the meeting closed at pm

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD: S Blakemore (Chair)

NAME: S BLAKEMORE DATE: 27/11/2018