

Minutes of a Meeting of Exbourne with Jacobstowe Parish Council held on Wednesday 27th August 2014 at 20.00 in the The Village Hall, Exbourne.

41. Those present

**Cllr M. Luxton
Cllr D. Weeks
Cllr S. Blakeman
Cllr F. Glanville
Cllr Mrs. R. Williams**

There were no members of the public present.

42. Apologies for absence – Cllr Lawson, who is away, and Cllr Cobb, work commitments. These apologies were accepted. Cllr Hill sent his apologies.

43. Declarations of interest – Cllr Blakeman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 8.3 as he is the agent for the applicant.

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

45. Matters arising from the last meeting

45.1 Report by Borough Councillor Trevor Hill – Cllr Hill not present.

45.2 Cllr Hill to report on Enforcement Cases – Cllr Hill not present.

45.3 DCC Lengthsman – request regarding extra work in the two parishes – Cllr Hill has sent an email stating there is a meeting at Merton on 17th September with Highways. If someone attended then may ascertain how to spend the TAP money. The clerk to email South Tawton parish and enquire who carried out their highways work.

45.4 TAP fund for broadband access for village hall – no progress has been made. Cllr Williams felt that as long as the neighbour (and his provider) are happy with the arrangement for the hall to access the broadband now and again she couldn't see any problem.

Northern Links – Cllr Luxton stated there are still funds available it may be possible to obtain more to do it properly.

Cllr Blakeman raised the issue of the continuing annual costs of running broadband based on the amount of usage it will get.

It was decided to see if the informal arrangement can be progressed any further. Discuss at the next meeting.

Cllr Glanville arrived.

46. New Items

46.1 Street Lights – Cllr Glanville stated he has seen better street lights (LED's) in other areas of the country. He had not been able to find any figures, but he feels that it is a conservation area and we just get what is offered. Cllr Blakeman felt that if these bulbs went then they would probably be replaced with energy saving ones. The clerk to ring someone at DCC and enquire if there are any plans to upgrade or if wanted something different would it be possible and when the bulbs are renewed do they put in LED's?

46.2 Clerk's salary – Cllr Weeks stated that 1st August marks the date when the clerk started in her position. The FWG did account for a rise and according to Cllr Weeks' reference she is now on £9.35 and the next increment is £9.69 per hour. Cllr Weeks proposed that the clerks salary be raised to £9.69 per hour. This was seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed by all. The clerk thanked the council.

46.3 Northern Links – next meeting on September 11th at Hatherleigh – Cllr Lawson is still the representative and it was agreed that other councillors would take it in turns to attend with him. Cllr Blakeman felt that he would be able to go. He will liaise with Cllr Lawson.

46.4 Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006 and 2013 – this has been circulated to Cllrs via email. The deadline for comment is August 29th.

47. Matters arising from circulated correspondence (info only)

There was none.

48. Parish Paths Partnership (P3)

Shilstone Farm, Exbourne – the P3 Co-ordinators have spoken with Dr. Forrester and he is not happy about people coming in and strimming the path. There is to be a further meeting. The hedge has been cut. Cllr Weeks stated he had heard that the path had now been cut, but he could not confirm this.

The chairman mentioned an email had been received about the P3 Workshops – hopefully Tim and Steve can go and meet the warden for this area.

49. Planning

49.1 Applic No. 00921/2014 Shiltone 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. Discuss at meeting.

The council objected the application. This is a historic listed building with a natural slate roof, which is appropriate to the building. Many of the slates still remain. The Listings state it has a slate roof. The council feel the slates should be retained.

49.2 Applic no. 00926/2014 Shilstone Bungalow, Exbourne – Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement bungalow. Discuss at meeting.

The council supported the application, but wish to see the agricultural tie retained.

49.3 Applic No. 00927/2014 Manor House, Exbourne – Listed Building Application for proposed replacement windows and doors, removal of external garden wall and installation of railings and gate and associated works. Discuss at meeting.

Cllr Blakeman declared an interest and took no part in this discussion. The council supported the application.

49.4 Applic No. 00628/2014 1 Pooks Cottages, Hayfield Road, Exbourne – listed building application to replace existing softwood frame windows with matching hardwood frame windows. Granted conditional consent.

49.5 Applic No. 00614/2014 The Playing Field, Exbourne – construction of parking area, associated works, and repositioning of existing shed. Granted conditional consent.

The above notices were placed in the circulation file.

49.6 Tree Preservation Order at 7 Manor Gardens

West Devon Borough Council have sent a letter referring to the Tree Preservation Order made on 13th February in connection to the above property. A decision not to Confirm this Order was taken by WDBC on 31st July.

50. Finance

50.1 Prior to the meeting a cheque was signed for the annual renewal with Information Commissioner - £35.00

50.2 Details of balance at bank – the bank balance as at 13th August 2014 was £10565.22. There is the hire of the hall for April/May/July/August £60.00 and an outstanding cheque No. 698 for £357.90. This brings the balance down to **£10147.32**. There are still the sums of £1000 for the lengthsman and £300 for wi-fi (both from TAP funds) allocated, but not yet spent.

51. Matters at the discretion of the Chairman

51.1 Bench at North Road – Cyril has carried out the repairs. A letter has been received from Mr. Foster. He is grateful for the repairs carried out on the bench. He has got some prices from H.M. Prison Dartmoor for some mahogany benches. Discuss at next meeting.

51.2 Email from Catherine Bowen at WDBC – ought to review Code of Conduct. Discuss at next meeting.

51.3 Email from DALC – Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014. Standing Orders and Practices need to be revised. Discuss at next meeting.

51.4 Cllr Williams is attending the CPRE meeting with Mel Stride on 19th September.

51.5 Cllr Williams reminded Cllrs of the Tour of Britain cycle race on 11th September. The lead bike is expected at Exbourne at 13.56 and the cyclists should be there at about 14.15.

51.6 There is a water leak outside Dornaford Cottage, Exbourne. It is causing damage to the road and is on the route of the Tour of Britain cycle race. The clerk to speak to SWW.

51.7 Overgrown hedges in Duck Lane – Cllr Blakeman has spoken with one of the owners. The other wasn't there and he will try and call in to see her. Most of work has been done.

51.8 The clerk had been asked by a resident to copy off some minutes. She had copied off 31 copies and charged 10p per copy. She had used her own photocopier and asked the council if it was alright for her to retain the money towards the cost of ink. The council agreed to this.

51.9 The clerk informed the council she may be going away towards the end of October, but she would ensure she is back for the meeting. Cllrs Luxton and Williams will be away for the October meeting.

The next meeting will be held at The Vestry, Jacobstowe on Wednesday 24th September 2014. It will commence at 8.00 p.m.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 p.m.