

**Minutes of a Meeting of Exbourne with Jacobstowe Parish Council held on
Wednesday 30th July 2014 at 20.00 in the The Village Hall, Exbourne.**

30. Those present

Cllr M. Luxton
Cllr D. Weeks
Cllr S. Blakeman
Cllr F. Glanville
Cllr B. Cobb
Cllr Mrs. R. Williams
Cllr U. Lawson

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

31. Apologies for absence – There were none.

32. Declarations of interest – There were none.

33. Minutes of the last meeting – Cllr Blakeman had noticed that he was present and also sending his apologies. His name was removed from the 'Those present' list (change initialled by the Chairman). Cllr Cobb proposed that the minutes be signed as a correct record. This was seconded by Cllr Glanville. The chairman then signed the minutes.

34. Matters arising from the last meeting

34.1 Report by Borough Councillor Trevor Hill – the wind turbine at Hatherleigh has been refused permission. It is likely it will be taken to appeal. There was nothing else to report.

34.2 DCC Lengthsman – request regarding extra work in the two parishes – Cllr Hill has spoken to Steve Dawe and the man to contact regarding this work is Mike Bray, who is based at Okehampton. Cllr Bill Cann is getting the name of the person that South Tawton use to carry out work. Each parish will organise their own schedule of work.

Cllr Weeks asked Cllr Hill about the sites suggested in Exbourne for housing as part of the 'Our Plan' Consultation. Is there any update on this? Cllr Hill stated that just because they have been nominated as sites for development it does not mean that it will be built on. One of the sites was a designated open space. Cllr Hill felt that it would remain as that.

Northern Links – Cllr Hill informed the council that parish plans now need to be Neighbourhood Plans (i.e. the parishes come together and formulate a plan together). Cllr Hill will arrange for Michelle Luscombe to come to a meeting and invite representatives from the parishes in his Ward to attend.

34.3 TAP Fund for broadband access for village hall. The councillors are aware of DALC advice. Cllrs Luxton and Williams will speak to Ollie Brereton and see if things can

be progressed.

34.4 Repairs to public benches – discuss donation following C Morris's

Bereavement. The clerk had sought advice from DALC. If the charity is one where the council felt its work was of benefit to "some or all of the parishioners" then you could make a donation under S.137. If not then you don't have the power to use public money, but a whip round to make personal donations would be fine.

Cllr Weeks stated the charity was F.O.R.C.E. After a little discussion councillors felt a donation could be made under S.137. Cllr Glanville proposed £10 be donated. This was seconded by Cllr Cobb and agreed by all.

Cllr Weeks stated he had spoken with Cyril, who is happy to continue carrying out bench repairs.

35. New Items

35.1 Enforcement Action – the chairman stated he had looked at the list of Enforcement Cases and there were none for Exbourne. The council has not been informed of any action taken. The chairman asked Cllr Hill if he could find out what has happened. Cllr Hill stated he would speak with Ben Wilcox.

35.2 Review of Assets – the brushcutter and safety helmet have been added to the asset list. The councillors wish them to be added to the insurance schedule.

It was decided to put the 2 bus shelters, Community Shelter at Little Ellicroft and the interactive sign together on the asset list so it corresponds with the insurance value.

35.3 Make a request to the bank for the statements to be sent out earlier each

Month. the clerk had prepared a letter asking for the statements to be dated the 5th of each month and then sent out earlier currently it holds up the end of year accounts preparation and sometimes the statement has not been received for meeting. The council agreed and two of the signatories signed the letter.

36. Matters arising from circulated correspondence (info only)

There was none.

37. Parish Paths Partnership (P3)

37.1 Footpath at Coxwell Farm, Exbourne – the clerk had contacted Rob Phipps informing him the P3 Co-ordinators could trim the path this year. He replied stating he has trimmed it twice already this year and assumes he invoices the council for the work done. The council stated they would await an invoice for this year and hopefully the Co-ordinators will be able to carry out the trimming next year.

37.2 The brushcutter and safety helmet have been received. Discuss the storage of these items. The clerk informed the council that Steve Attfield has offered to store the items for now. This was agreed to be a good idea.

The council agreed that the co-ordinators should be paid £10 per hour for trimming out the length of a footpath (this does not include trimming around gatepost or stile) if they seek permission for doing it first.

The chairman will speak to Mr Forrester at Shilstone to ascertain what is happening with

the path there. The chairman will also speak with the two P3 Co-ordinators.
The council will pay for petrol on production of a receipt.

38. Planning

38.1 Applic No. 00721/2014 Risdon Farm, Jacobstowe – application for the removal of condition 2 of 00264/2014 in order to allow retention of bungalows. An extension agreed to submit comment so discuss at meeting.

The councillors were aware of an email sent in support of the application.

Cllr Cobb proposed that the council objects to this application. Consent was granted in 2003 for the three accommodation blocks, which represented additional sporadic development in the countryside. The mitigation for the development was the removal of two bungalows and the council sees no reason for this to change. The council, therefore, wishes condition 2 to be retained so the bungalows should be removed. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs. Williams and agreed by all.

38.2 Applic no. 00799/2014 3 Cawsand View, High Street, Exbourne – householder application for erection of two storey rear extension. Discuss at meeting.

The council supported the application.

38.3 Applic No. 00587/2014 Shilstone Farm, Exbourne – listed building consent for refurbishment and repair, and new slate roof to barn. Granted conditional consent.

38.4 Applic No. 00504/2014 Land adjacent to Hayes, Exbourne - erection of extension of existing cattle shed. Granted conditional consent.

38.5 Applic No. 00542/2014 Village Hall, Fore Street, Exbourne – installation of replacement windows. Granted conditional consent.

The above notices were placed in the circulation file.

39. Finance

39.1 Received from DCC for purchase of brushcutter and safety helmet - £415.00

39.2 Received invoice from clerk for wages and expenses - £357.90

Cllr Lawson proposed that this be paid. This was seconded by Cllr Williams

39.3 Re-imburse clerk for purchase of brushcutter and safety helmet form Tom's Garden Equipment - £411.26

Cllr Lawson proposed that this be paid. This was seconded by Cllr Williams

39.4 Re-imburse clerk for purchase of Easyspace email facility - £33.56

Cllr Lawson proposed that this be paid. This was seconded by Cllr Williams

This will come out of the I.T. budget.

39.4a Sign cheque for £10 made out to F.O.R.C.E. as agreed P.191 34.4.

39.5 Details of balance at bank – the bank balance as at 7th July 2014 was £11,055.04. There is the hire of the hall for April/May/July £45.00 and the cheques signed this evening for £357.90, £411.26 and £33.56. This brings the balance down to **£10,207.32**. There are still the sums of £1000 for the lengthsman and £300 for wi-fi (both from TAP funds) allocated, but not yet spent.

40. Matters at the discretion of the Chairman

40.1 The clerk stated Steve Dawe had responded regarding the cleaning of the signs in Jacobstowe. There is currently no sign cleaning budget so the Parish Lengthsman will undertake the work. He is due to visit Jacobstowe on September 9th for 1.5 days and Exbourne on 8th September for 1.5 days. Any other issues please let him know to add to their list.

40.2 Cllr Williams stated that Alison Ewen is the permanent head of Exbourne Primary School.

40.3 Cllr Glanville stated he had come across L.E.D. lights and they were very good. Put street lights as an item for the next agenda.

40.4 Cllr Lawson asked that the public meeting for the Jacobstowe Wind Turbine (should one be submitted) be held at Hatherleigh.

Cllr Lawson proposed that in the event of an application being submitted the public meeting is held at Hatherleigh. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs. Williams.

Cllr Weeks proposed that the meeting be held at Exbourne. This was seconded by Cllr Glanville. A vote was taken. There were three votes for Hatherleigh and 2 votes for Exbourne. There were two abstentions. The meeting will take place at Hatherleigh. Cllr Weeks stated he would not be attending.

40.5 Cllr Weeks stated the gully sucking lorry had not been down Blenheim Lane or Stowe Lane. The drain by the Chapel is still blocked. Cllr Hill stated Steve Dawe has said that there is only one lorry and they try to visit villages once every three years.

Cllr Weeks also stated that the trees are growing up into the electric lines and outwards obstructing the highway in Duck Lane. It is understood that Western Power Distribution are arranging for them to be cut back. Cllr Blakeman will speak to the residents living in Wilhay Cottage and Church Cottage.

40.6 Cllr Weeks asked that Clerks Salary be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

40.7 The chairman stated a letter had been received from the Residents of The Shrubby asking if the parish council can write to West Devon Homes to request they maintain the hedge. The clerk instructed to do this.

The next meeting will be held at The Village Hall Exbourne on Wednesday August 27th 2014. It will commence at 8.00 p.m.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 p.m.