

Minutes of a Meeting of Exbourne with Jacobstowe Parish Council held on Wednesday 26th November 2014 at 20.00 in the The Village Hall, Exbourne.

74. Those present

Cllr M. Luxton (Chairman)
Cllr D. Weeks
Cllr S. Blakeman
Cllr F. Glanville
Cllr Mrs. R. Williams
Cllr B. Cobb

**There was one member of the public present.
Cllr Trevor Hill, Borough Councillor for the Exbourne Ward was also present.**

75. Apologies for absence – There were none.

76. Declarations of interest – Cllr Blakeman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 as he is acting as agent for the applicants. Cllr Glanville declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 8.2 and 8.3 as he sold the property to the applicant.

The chairman expressed his thanks to Cllr Weeks for chairing the previous meeting.

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

78. Matters arising from the last meeting

78.1 Report by Borough Councillor Trevor Hill – including election status for the two parishes. Cllr Hill explained he had spoken to the Elections Officer. Exbourne with Jacobstowe Parish Council has 7 seats as a grouped council (5 seats for Exbourne and 2 for Jacobstowe). They are classed as two elections as there are two polling stations and two sets of staff. Looking back to the last election there were 4 candidates for Exbourne and none for Jacobstowe, but as the council was deemed to be quorate they did not have to start the election process again for Jacobstowe due to a lack of candidates. Next year there will be parliamentary and possibly local borough elections so any costs would be shared. If there were 3 elections the cost is likely to be in the region of £1800 so the cost to the parish would be £600. If there were elections in both parishes the council assumed the cost would be £1200. Cllr Hill stated he would check this.

Cllr Weeks stated the council currently has £1800 earmarked for election costs.

78.2 Cllr Hill to report on Enforcement Cases – Cllr Hill understood that the parish council wished to know what happens to those cases that disappear from the list. He has still not heard from Helen Smart yet.

78.3 The chairman and vice-chairman are attending a meeting ‘Future Development in West Devon. Where will it go?’ on December 5th. Anyone else wishing to go?

Cllr Blakeman stated he would also attend. The clerk to book a place for him.

78.4 Discuss list of sites for Ben Pell to carry out work in both parishes (expenditure of TAP Fund money)

Cllr Weeks stated he is coming on 27th and 28th November and he is meeting him at 8.30am. The clerk prepared a map and Cllr Weeks has marked the areas requiring Attention – Gibbings Moor Hill, Farthingland Cross to Woodhall, Bottom of entrance in to Woodhall Barns, Exbourne Cross to Okehampton (near Swanstone).

Cllr Cobb mentioned North Pyne/Cadham in Jacobstowe.

It is not known how much will get done in the two days, but further days can be booked.

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

79. New Items

79.1 A mahogany bench has been ordered from HMP Dartmoor – the clerk has contacted the carpenters shop at HMP Dartmoor and the bench is ready to collect. It is going to cost £250 including VAT, which is slightly cheaper than the original quote of £260-£300. It is not known at the moment who to make a cheque out to. The council were in agreement that if the bench can be collected then a cheque be made out to take down when collecting it.

79.2 Highways Consultation – deadline for comments December 5th.

Cllr Weeks has looked on the website and there are many proposals made to meet a budget reduction. He felt the council should comment on the proposals:

1. Stopping maintaining and restocking grit and
2. Not treating access routes to smaller communities.

He proposed that the council objects to the above proposals. Grit supplies are vital in rural communities and when the road was reclassified Cllr McInnes assured the council that the grit regime would continue (a copy of the minutes can be put in with the letter). This was unanimously seconded. The clerk to respond.

79.3 Future TAP funding – further funding for Highways Lengthsman?

Cllr Weeks has seen that Northern Links has £13,500 unspent in the TAP Funds. Would Broadwoodkelly like to join in a bid for £3000? Cllr Hill felt that BWK would be interested, but suggested that as the last application involved all four parishes that the same be done

again. The application needs to be in by February. It was agreed that all four parishes apply. Cllr Hill will liaise with the other 3 parishes and it was suggested that an application is made for £6000 this time.

80. Matters arising from circulated correspondence (info only)

There was none.

81. Parish Paths Partnership (P3)

81.1 Tim Laws and Stephen Attfield attended the P3 workshop. It was very well attended and they found it helpful.

Cllr Blakeman left the meeting.

82. Planning

82.1 Applic No. 01235/2014 Stone Farm, Exbourne – change of use of barn to 3 bed dwelling including demolition and reconstructions of southern extension and formation of parking area and associated works. Discuss at meeting. An extension had been agreed with the case officer.

The applicant was present and explained the case officer had concerns regarding the excavation and removal of a section of hedge and had requested the agent have a look at the access and parking arrangements again. The parking area has been withdrawn. The parish council has not received notice of this.

The council considered the application and supported it. They also wished to comment that the proposed parking area (now withdrawn) alleviates the danger to other road users. This was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Glanville and agreed by all.

The member of the public left the meeting.

Cllr Glanville also left the meeting.

82.2 Applic no. 01270/2014 Old Rectory, Exbourne – householder application for demolition of existing garage and meeting room and construction of garage and home office/studio extension and associated works. Discuss at meeting.

The application was discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Weeks that the council fully supports the application. This was seconded by Cllr Cobb and agreed by all.

82.3 Applic No. 01271/2014 Old Rectory, Exbourne – demolition of existing garage to allow replacement extension for studio/office and garage. Discuss at meeting.
As above.

Cllrs Blakeman and Glanville returned to the meeting.

82.3a Applic No. 01312/2014 Hayfield Cottage, Hayfield Road, Exbourne – works to trees in a Conservation Area for the crown reduction of T1 Ash, T5 Wild Plum to height of 3.5m and spread of 2.5m. The crown thinning of T4 Maple by 15-20%. T2 and T3 Ash: Crown reduce to a height of 3.5m and spread of 2.5m. T6 Hazel to be cut.

The application was discussed and Cllr Cobb proposed the council supported the application. This was seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed by all.

82.4 Applic no. 01117/2014 Redland, Exbourne – erection of agricultural barn for general storage. Granted conditional consent.

82.5 Applic No. 00926/2014 Shilstone Bungalow, Exbourne – demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement bungalow. Consent refused.

The above notices were placed in the circulation file.

83. Finance

83.1 Received invoice from clerk for wages and expenses - £350.96

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

83.2 Invoice from Yewtopia for highways work - £720.00

There is no meeting until January and subject to the invoice being received and the council being happy with the work he has carried out it was proposed by Cllr Blakeman that the cheque be signed and this was seconded by Cllr Williams. All were in agreement.

83.3 Details of balance at bank – the bank balance as at 14th November 2014 was £12,225.86. There is the hire of the hall for October/November £30.00 and the Cheques signed this evening for £350.96 and £720.00. There is also outstanding cheque no. 704 for £60. This brings the balance down to **£11,064.90**.

There are still the sums of £400 for the lengthsman and £300 for wi-fi (both from TAP funds) allocated, but not yet spent.

84. Matters at the discretion of the Chairman

84.1 An email has been received from WDBC commenting that an applicant had sent an email to them beginning thus:

‘I was disappointed, but not surprised, by your e-mail of 6th November. I had been warned by our parish planning committee that your departments reputation is well deserved.’
The email then went on to offer a meeting between the parish council and Anna Henderson-Smith and Malcolm Elliot.

All the councillors were baffled by the statement and none had made any such remark.

The clerk was instructed to reply stating the council are not aware of these comments being made, but would like to take up the offer of a meeting and would like to invite you to our next meeting on January 28th at 7.30pm. In the meantime can they identify the applicant so they have more understanding of the situation?

84.2 The chairman stated he had received the invoice from Mr. Phipps for the strimming of the footpath at Coxwell Farm. He has been away and so was not able to bring it forward as an agenda item. Technically items have to be an agenda item to be paid. The clerk will email him and explain the situation and ask if it is alright if the invoice is paid at the January meeting.

The next meeting will be held at The Village Hall, Exbourne on Wednesday 28th January 2015. It will commence at 7.30 p.m. if the planners attend, but otherwise will begin at 8.00 p.m.

The chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m.