

EXBOURNE WITH JACOBSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Remote Meeting
held via video conference on Tuesday 25th August 2020 at 8:00pm

Councillors Present: Steve Blakeman (Chair), Ian St John, Dave Stuart, Adam Hedley and Lois Samuel

Absent: Councillors Lawson, Cobb and Guy

In Attendance: Zena Tett (Clerk) and 3 members of the public

49. Welcome Address

Cllr Blakeman (Chairman) of the Parish Council, welcomed everyone to this remote meeting.

50. Apologies for this Meeting

There were none.

51. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the remote meeting held on 28th July were amended as follows: item 44.4 should read 2086 not 2085 – they were then agreed as true copies. Proposed by Cllr St John, seconded by Cllr Stuart. These minutes will be signed at the next meeting to be held in the Village Hall.

52. Declarations of Interest

There were none at this time.

53. Public Speaking Time

One member of the public asked to speak on item 55.3 Parish Path Partnership Request for Funds – Cllr Blakeman agreed they could speak at that time.

54. Borough Councillor Report

Borough Councillor Lois Samuel gave apologies for being out of the picture in the last few months. She reported since the Pandemic, West Devon Borough Council (WDBC) were working hard to close the budget gap and that they had recently received a third round of funding from the Government. She also reported that WDBC have had to put a support package together amounting to £97,000, to help leisure centres – Okehampton Leisure Centre has reopened but not Meadowland. She hopes to have more to report at the next meeting.

Cllr St John asked why children's play parks were still closed. Cllr Samuel said she will look into it. **Action Cllr Samuel**

55. Matters Arising

55.1 Maintenance of Parish Assets

At a previous meeting it had been reported that the VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign) located at the end of the village was not working. The Clerk had been notified by the Highways Officer that a visit has been requested to put this right. Cllr Blakeman confirmed that sign had not yet been mended.

55.2 Caravan in Layby

There had been concerns from a parishioner about a caravan parked in a layby at the bottom of the village by Hole Farm/Hole Hill. Cllr Stuart confirmed the caravan was no longer there. **Item Closed**

55.3 P3: Request for Funds

At a previous meeting, the Parish Paths Partnership Co-ordinator for Exbourne and Jacobstowe requested a contribution towards stoning the green lane/bridleway between Woodhall and Monkokehampton. A member of the public said it was their opinion the track was already sufficiently stoned and of a better quality than many other footpaths in the village. She also stated that the gate, mentioned in the June minutes, would need planning permission. The Clerk confirmed the Parish Council was still awaiting information from the P3 Co-ordinator so this item was deferred to the next meeting.

56. New items

56.1 Air Ambulance Planning Application

Cllr Blakeman notified the meeting the application had been approved by the Local Authority, however, he had some concerns with a condition which states members of the public can only use the emergency light and car park for emergency services. Cllr Blakeman will approach the planning department for further clarification. **Action Cllr Blakeman**

56.2 Letter from Parishioner Regarding Bike Track

At a previous meeting it was noted the Parish Council had received a letter from a parishioner asking for the Council to consider building a bike/skateboard track on the playing field in Exbourne. At that meeting, Councillors questioned how much demand there would be for a track in Exbourne and the Clerk was asked to write to the parishioner and also to investigate insurance, Cllr Hedley was asked to report on previous Neighbourhood Plan (NP) consultation in this area. The Clerk confirmed there would be a significant impact to the insurance and she was still waiting to hear from the parishioner who requested the bike track. Cllr Hedley informed Councillors that he had looked at consultation feedback from both the initial key themes and issues questionnaires and the community consultation day and it was noted that there was some interest from the community in improving/developing the play area and playing field (approximately 15% of respondents). The Clerk was asked to find out from the original author if they were intending to carry out a survey. **Action Clerk**

56.3 Exbourne Conservation Area Appraisal

A resident of Exbourne had carried out an appraisal of the conservation area in Exbourne. At the last meeting the Parish Council took the view that the NP Group would be better placed to consider the document, however, the author has since notified the Chairman that he didn't want the appraisal to be considered by the NP Group but by the Parish Council instead. Cllr Blakeman suggested the Parish Council put this item on hold until he receives a response from the author.

57. Planning

57.1 2071/20/TPO Manor Gardens, Exbourne: T1: Silver Birch - Crown thin by up to 30%, lateral reduction by up to 2m on South, East and West sides; T2: Silver Birch - Crown thin by up to 30%, lateral reduction by up to 2m on North, East and West sides. Works to help maintain long term stability of the trees.

Decision: Support

Proposed by Cllr Stuart, seconded by Cllr Blakeman

57.2 1566/20/FUL Hayes, Holebrook Lane, Exbourne: provision of rural worker's dwelling.

Decision: Support

Comments: The Parish Council would support this application providing the Local Authority is satisfied there is a genuine agricultural need.

Proposed by Cllr Hedley, seconded by Cllr Blakeman

57.3 2085/20/FUL The Old Mill, Jacobstowe: Change of use of building to residential C1 and C3 to form 1no. dwelling/guesthouse.

Decision: Support

Comments: The Parish Council agreed the proposal was considered to be sympathetic to and respects the existing character of the building.

Proposed by Cllr Stuart, seconded by Cllr St John

57.4 2085/20/LBC The Old Mill, Jacobstowe: Change of use of building to residential C1 and C3 to form 1no. dwelling/guesthouse.

See above comments.

57.5 Additional Applications: there were none.

58. Clerks Report

58.1 Correspondence

Apart from the usual bulletins which have not been listed, the items below had been circulated prior to this meeting and were noted/reviewed:

- 58.1.1 Okehampton Community Transport Group: newsletter
- 58.1.2 Cllr James McInnes: Drainage Data
- 58.1.3 Update from resident regarding Exbourne Conservation Area Appraisal
- 58.1.4 Kier Utilities & Rail: Notification of Road Closure – Work Ref: LM903DS8400554

59. Councillor's Reports and Items for Future Agenda

There were none.

60. Finance

60.1 The following payments were proposed by Cllr St John, seconded by Cllr Stuart, all in favour. **Action Clerk**

60.1.1 Clerks Expenses £71.81

60.1.2 NPG Zoom Monthly Subscription: Cllr Hedley £14.39

Cllr Stuart proposed Cllr Hedley have a rolling agreement to be able to purchase a zoom subscription each month if this should be required, this was seconded by Cllr St John, all in favour.

60.2 Bank Balance

The balance in the account was not recorded at this meeting.

61. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 29th September 2020 at 8pm which will take place remotely.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 9:21pm

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD: (Chair)

NAME: DATE: