

**Minutes of a Meeting of Exbourne with Jacobstowe Parish Council held on  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 20.00 in the The Village Hall, Exbourne.**

**118. Those present**

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

**There were three members of the public present.**

**119. Apologies for absence –** Cllr Hill had sent his apologies.

Before the meeting started the Chairman invited the members of the public to address the council.

Two members of the public expressed concerns regarding the application adjacent to The Tumbles. They have concerns about the access and how it will cope with the extra traffic and it is outside the development boundary.

The third member of the public was also opposed to the application at The Tumbles. It is outside the development boundary, not appropriate for the site as the current use is agricultural. He thanked the council for making it easier to access the agenda and improving communication.

**120. Declarations of interest –** there were none.

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

**122. Matters arising from the last meeting**

**122.1 Report by Borough Councillor Trevor Hill –** Cllr Hill was not present.

**122.2 Cllr Hill to report on Enforcement Cases –** Cllr Hill was not present.

Cllr Blakeman stated he had spoken to the new Enforcement Officer, who is very busy, but is chasing a couple of applications.

**122.3 Cutting of grass and clearing of car park at Little Ellicroft Meadow**

Cllr Cobb stated the first cut had been done, but the car park cannot be cleared at the moment as a container is there (connected to the work being carried out in the church).

The chairman stated he had spoken with Rod Lane about the container. Rod had apologised as it had been put there with no consultation with the parish council. Things had happened

very quickly. The contractors have provided the council their insurance certificate. Cllr Weeks stated he had noticed the gate has been left open. The clerk was asked to contact Rod and ask for it to be kept shut.

**122.4 Review of Assets – the value of the bench has been amended. The clerk realised that the value included VAT.** She has since noticed that the brushcutter and helmet were also listed with their values including VAT. She has amended them on the asset list. The correct values were given to the insurance company.

**122.5 The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting can take place on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The regular council meeting can be held on the last Wednesday as usual if the council is agreeable.** Cllrs Lawson and Blakeman will be unable to attend as they have prior engagements, but the remaining councillors were in agreement that the meeting should be held on this date. The clerk will book this and with the work being done at the church June and September will be booked at the hall as well until we hear different from Jacobstowe.

**122.6 The notice board from the village hall has been taken over to The Burrow.** It is now up on the wall and the clerk will place agendas, minutes etc there.

**122.7 The bank statement was obtained from the bank and the accounts have been delivered to the internal auditor and the Notice of Appointment of date for the exercise of electors' rights has been put up in accordance with audit regulations.** The clerk stated she had overlooked the minutes, but these will be handed over tomorrow.

### **123. New Items**

**123.1 Undertake annual Risk Assessment** – Cllr Weeks has usually undertaken this, but he is stepping down at the election. The chairman stated he would take it on.

**123.2 Uncontested election** – the seats at Jacobstowe have been filled, but there are two vacancies for Exbourne. The clerk to advertise them on the notice boards and website.

**123.3 Underground cables and a residents response to 'Our Plan'** – all the councillors have received this email and the chairman proposed that it be discussed at the next meeting to give everyone time to read it. The clerk to find out about the European Directive regarding the distances between power lines and domestic properties.

**123.4 4 Work being undertaken at St James Church, Jacobstowe – a container and protective barriers have been erected in Little Ellicroft Meadow. The contractors have provided public liability insurance.** Discussed earlier.

### **124. Matters arising from circulated correspondence (info only)**

There was none.

### **125. Parish Paths Partnership (P3)**

There is nothing to report.

**126. Planning**

**126.1 Applic No. 00341/2015 Land at Birchwood, Exbourne – prior approval application for general purpose agricultural building. Comment required prior to meeting. The council had no objections.**

**126.2 Applic No. 00374/2015 Land at Ngr SX5900990, Jacobstowe – prior notification for general purpose agricultural building and access track. Comment required prior to meeting. No comment submitted.**

**126.3 Applic no. 00395/2015 Land adjacent to The Tumbles, Exbourne – erection of single storey dwelling with rooms in roofspace and attached garage. Discuss at meeting.**

A letter has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Butcher objecting to the application. This was read out to the council. Cllr Blakeman stated the access over the track is not a planning issue it is a legal one. Highways are usually consulted so their comments would be heeded. It is outside the development boundary and this is relevant, but may not carry much weight. It was felt that the plots mentioned in the 'Our Plan' consultation open this site up for development and smaller sites or 'infill' were preferred.

Cllr Weeks proposed that the application be supported. This was seconded by Cllr Lawson. One councillor wished to object as it is outside the development boundary. A vote was taken. There were 4 votes in support, 1 objected and two abstained. The decision is to support the application, but express reservations regarding the access and trust that the comments of Highways will be heeded. Also comment that the parish council is aware that the site is outside the development boundary.

**126.4 Applic No. 00341/2015 Land at Birchwood, Exbourne – prior approval application for general purpose agricultural building. WDBC has no objection to the work being carried out.**

**126.5 Applic no. 00278/2015 Hole Downs, Exbourne – outline application for erection of agricultural workers dwelling. This has been WITHDRAWN.**

**126.5a Applic No. 00410/2015 Town Living Farm, Exbourne – application for erection of fence and creation of courtyard garden to holiday unit involving change of use from agricultural to residential. Alteration of garage to car port and installation of chimney flue.**

**126.5b Applic No. 00411/2015 Town Living Farm, Exbourne – Listed Building Application for installation of woodburner and flue to holiday cottage. Post and rail fence around new garden area and alterations to garage/outbuilding.**

Items 126.5a and 126.5b were both discussed. Cllr Blakeman proposed that both applications are supported. Cllr Cobb seconded his proposal and all were in agreement.

## **127. Finance**

### **127.1 Invoice from DALC for membership - £118.02**

It was unanimously agreed that this invoice be paid.

### **127.2 A claim for a refund of VAT has been submitted to HMRC - £289.09**

### **127.2a Received from WDBC the first half of the precept and Council Tax Support Grant - £2825.50**

WDBC has overpaid by £40, but will correct this when they pay the second half of the precept.

**Two members of the public left.**

**127.3 Details of balance at bank** – the bank balance as at 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 was £10,019.54. There is the cheque signed this evening for £118.02 and the hire of the hall for April (£15.00) to deduct. Then the reclaimed VAT £289.09 and the money received from WDBC £2825.50 to add on. This brings the balance to **£13001.11**. There are still the sums of £400 for the lengthsman, £300 for wi-fi (both from TAP funds) and £500 towards the heating in the village hall allocated, but not yet spent.

## **128. Matters at the discretion of the Chairman**

**128.1** Cllr Lawson asked if WDBC can help with broadband. The clerk stated there was a partnership between Devon County Council and Somerset Council to obtain faster broadband, but it is likely that populated areas will see an improvement and the rural areas probably won't. It could be raised at a Northern Link meeting.

**The third member of the public left.**

**128.2** The chairman and Cllr Williams had attended the Neighbourhood Planning meeting at Bridestowe on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was a comprehensive presentation.

Cllr Williams stated regarding 'Our Plan' that Debbie Bird had corrected the statement regarding the plot of land behind the garage. These houses can be included in the 20 homes proposed for Exbourne.

The Bere Peninsula Neighbourhood Planning Group began their plan in 2010 and it is still far from finished so it is a time consuming exercise. It seems likely that a group may be formed in the parish. The chairman made it known that he did not wish to be directly involved, but if a viable group is set up then the council would support it. Will wait and see if an approach is made.

**128.3** The chairman stated it was his sad duty to say farewell to Dave Weeks and Frank Glanville. He thanked both of them for their hard work over the years and wished them well for the future.

**128.4** The chairman also paid tribute to Councillor Trevor Hill. As a Borough Councillor his attendance has been excellent and the council expresses its sincere thanks to him. He will be missed. The clerk was instructed to send a letter to him.

The next council meeting will be held at The Village Hall, Exbourne on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015. It will commence at 8.00 p.m and will consist of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Council Meeting. The regular council meeting will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm in the village hall.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 p.m.