

Minutes of a meeting of Exbourne with Jacobstowe Parish Council held on Wednesday 28th April 2010 at 8.00 p.m. in Exbourne Village Hall.

121. Those present: Cllr Luxton - Chairman

**Cllr Weeks
Cllr Glanville
Cllr Blakeman
Cllr Phipps**

There were no members of the public.

122. Apologies for absence - Cllr Lawson (work commitments) and Cllr Cobb (family commitments).

123. Declarations of Interest - There were none.

124. Minutes of the last Meetings – Cllr Weeks proposed that the minutes be signed as a correct record. This was seconded by Cllr Phipps. The chairman signed the minutes.

125. Matters arising –

125.1 Highway Maintenance Surgery – the chairman attended this event. He reminded DCC about the drain behind the Methodist Church. He was promised a speedy response.

Cllr Blakeman reported the centre of the main road going through Jacobstowe was eroding. The chairman stated this had been marked to do.

The clerk has received a letter from DCC notifying the parish council of the Intended dates the parish lengthsmen is to visit the parishes. They are: - 10th June, 13 & 14 September, 30th November and 1st December, 9th & 10th March 2011.

Cllr Weeks stated they require two weeks notice so if Cllrs have any items they want the lengthsmen to do then to let Cllr Weeks know by the end of May.

125.2 Hatherleigh.net website/Easyspace renewal – the clerk informed the Council that Geoff has arranged for the old web hosting service to be cancelled as of the date of expiry of existing subscription. He has been assured that the domain name will stay in place. The council then has to buy a new subscription for the email service. This will cost £1.49 per month and can be done online (he will talk the clerk through it). There is the chance the clerk could be offline for a short period of time.

The clerk apologised to the council as she has not yet sent out the letters to the local businesses informing them of the change in the website and the business opportunities it offers.

The Chairman of the Governors has informed the parish council chairman that they have appointed a new head – Mrs. Luckhurst. He was advised to put the

news on the website, which has been done. It was reported that Geoff is very happy with the number of hits the Exbourne with Jacobstowe site is getting.

125.3 Local Housing Needs Survey Report – accept report. Sue Hitchcock is attending on May 26th. Cllr Weeks proposed that the draft report be accepted this was seconded by Cllr Blakeman and agreed by all.

Cllr Weeks stated he was asked to ascertain the situation with Wood Close. He informed the council that it was now in the hands of the legal team, who are drawing up a section 106 agreement.

125. 4 Grants – discuss ownership of the grass verge opposite the garage. Cllr weeks stated he had spoken to Richard Dunn, who owns the field. He is certain the area of bank in question does not have a registered owner, but he is happy to trim the bank again in the autumn. It was decided to accept this offer. Cllr Blakeman proposed that the council decline a grant. This was seconded by Cllr Weeks. The clerk pointed out the council also has to be careful about setting a precedent (i.e. if it pays for one area to be cut there may be other areas residents would like cut). The clerk to write to Mrs. Stoneman.

The clerk read out a letter received from Mrs Hordern, the Company Secretary of The Burrow. They wish to thank the council and would appreciate help with the printing of the next newsletter, which will be towards the end of the summer.

The council agreed that the cheques for The Burrow, The Village Hall and the maintenance of St. Mary's Churchyard would be signed at the next meeting.

126. New Items –

126.1 Insurance – Community First have sent the renewal, which is for £331.17. Last year the amount paid was £309.14 so this represents a 7.1% rise. The clerk Has sent the renewal to Came and Company and Cornhill Insurance. Came and Company have expressed an interest, but the clerk hasn't yet received a quote. It is due for renewal on June 1st so discussing it at the next meeting would give a few days to send off the cheque. It was decided to give Came and Company extra time and discuss the issue at the next meeting.

126. 2 West Devon Local Development Framework – Core Strategy update : Cllr Weeks stated that after a 7 hour meeting the core strategy was accepted by 6 votes to 4. He had voted against as there was no guarantee that the infrastructure would be in place before the houses are built. There is nothing to determine where the roads are going to be. Nothing will start in Okehampton until 2016 and no road building will begin until phase 2 or 3 (2016 is phase 2). It will now go to the Secretary of State and there will be a public inquiry.

126. 3 Seat Maintenance – Cllr Weeks stated that when the budget was agreed some money had been put aside for maintenance. The bus shelters are O.K. The seats at the Crossways, North Road, Ducks Lane and Jacobstowe are all in good order. The seat at Barton Head is in need of repair and the seat at Glebe is in

need of a new board. The seats have been inspected and deemed safe except the 2 requiring minor repairs.

Cllr Glanville proposed that Cyril Morris be asked to carry out the repairs. All were in agreement. It was also felt that they should be treated. Cllr Weeks will speak to him.

127. Matters Arising from circulated correspondence

There was none.

128. Parish Paths Partnership (P3)

128.1 The clerk reported that the extra grant for £2375 has been paid into the bank account. She is still awaiting a letter from Ros Davies confirming what it is for.

129. Planning

129.1 Applic No. 00066/2010 Old Broomford, Jacobstowe – conversion of barn to holiday let. This has been granted conditional consent. The notice was placed in the correspondence file.

129.2 Applic no. 00130 Higher Woodhall, Exbourne – replacement of ground floor window and door with windows similar to those at first floor. This has been granted consent. The notice placed in the correspondence file.

129.3 Applic no 00255/2010 Risdon Farm, Jacobstowe – variation of condition 3 of planning permission 4730/2003/OKE in order to allow existing 2 bungalows to be retained for staff use. This application has been WITHDRAWN.

129.4 Applic no. 00209/2010 Orchard House, Exbourne – alterations and extension to dwelling. This has been granted consent.

129.5 Cllr Weeks reported that the application at Beech Lodge, Jacobstowe for outline planning went to committee and they have decided to hold a site meeting (a week tomorrow at 11.15 am). It was felt that the development was just outside the sign designating the village. The chairman will attend to represent the parish council. The council agreed to their original decision to support the application.

130. Finance

130.1 Invoice presented for payment from the DALC for annual membership totalling £107.16. Cllr Blakeman proposed it be paid. This was seconded by Cllr Glanville. A cheque was signed.

130.2 Details of balance at bank – the balance shown in the bank account on 9th April is £9070.72. There are cheques 581, 582 & 583 (£239.66) to be deducted along with the hire of hall for April (£16.50). The clerk has submitted a claim for a VAT refund totalling £115.04. This makes the actual bank balance £8929.60 (General fund £6107.18 and P3 funds £2822.42)

130.3 Sign the annual return for the year ended 31st March 2010 – the clerk presented the council with the annual return. Cllr weeks proposed it be signed. This was seconded by Cllr Glanville. The chairman and clerk/RFO signed Sections 1 and 2 of the annual return.

131. Matters at the discretion of the Chairman.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 26th May 2010 at Exbourne village Hall. The meeting will start at 7.30 p.m. There will be the AGM. The chairman proposed that Sue Hitchcock be the speaker at this meeting. This will be followed by The Annual Council meeting and then the regular council meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.