

Minutes of a meeting of Exbourne with Jacobstowe Parish Council held on Wednesday 27th January 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in Exbourne Village Hall.

- 87. Those present:** Cllr Luxton - Chairman
Cllr Weeks
Cllr Lawson
Cllr Glanville
Cllr Blakeman
Cllr Cobb
Cllr Phipps

There was one member of the public.

- 88. Apologies for absence** - Cllr Phipps has a parents evening to attend and may be late arriving.

- 89. Declarations of Interest** - There were none.

- 90. Minutes of the last Meetings** – Cllr Weeks proposed that the minutes be signed as a correct record. This was seconded by Cllr Cobb. The Chairman signed the minutes.

- 91. Matters arising –**

91.1 Meeting with Sgt Lee Natrass – The chairman welcomed Sgt Natrass to the meeting. Lee explained that Sgt Hoar is moving on because of ill health. Sgt Natrass is the new Neighbourhood Team leader and he facilitates links between the police and the parishes. The chairman informed everyone that he and Cllr Weeks had recently met with Superintendent Sarah Sharpe and recounted the recent problems encountered trying to get hold of Sgt Hoar. They had received an apology and it had been a constructive meeting. It was acknowledged that communication was a problem that is now being addressed.

It was explained to Sgt Natrass that speeding on the main road (both in Jacobstowe and Exbourne) is a problem as are the actions of parents when dropping off and picking up their children from the local school.

Nadine Wilson is still the Neighbourhood Beat Manager and the new PCSO is Danielle Moore-Dunstan. The whole neighbourhood team can now access the emails and each is actioned. Cllr Glanville asked him to find out the data for the traffic survey. He hopes to be able to attend the parish council meeting at least once a quarter.

The Chairman thanked Sgt Natrass for attending, who then left the meeting owing to other commitments.

Neil Price and Cllr Phipps arrived.

91.2 Meeting with Neil Price to discuss Exbourne with Jacobstowe linking up with the Hatherleigh.net website. The chairman welcomed Neil Price, who apologised on behalf of Geoff Hodgkinson, who was unable to attend because of work commitments.

Exbourne with Jacobstowe will be given a 'landing page'. It will be very similar to what Meeth and Highampton have. The parish council currently has the rights to the website name. It might be possible to save some money on what is currently being paid (Cllr Weeks looked at his records and it cost £52.90). There will also be a cost of £50 per year. Any businesses that advertise on the Exbourne with Jacobstowe section will pay their money direct to Hatherleigh. Net. The Hatherleigh.net website has been going for about 4 or 5 years.

Neil assured councillors that if they type in exbournewithjacobstowe.org.uk then you would come to the 'landing page'.

Cllr Blakeman asked if there would be any difficulty if they wished to pull out and then wished to get the information back. Neil didn't think there would be any problems.

The minimum charge for businesses to advertise is £25 and it is not a condition that if the parish council joins Hatherleigh.net they have to get businesses in the parishes to advertise.

The chairman thanked Neil for attending and informed him a decision would be made later in the meeting.

91.3 Query as to whether the parish council has adopted the Exbourne clock – Cllr Weeks had looked into various minutes and reported that on 15th August 2007 a meeting was held with the Parochial Church Council. It was stated that the PCC had discussed the matter and were willing to adopt the clock, which was on the church's insurance. However, the PCC would appreciate if the Parish Council could give a grant towards its maintenance.

At the Parish Council meeting held on 29th August 2007 the maintenance of the clock was discussed. Councillors were informed that the approximate figure was £160 per annum rising by 3 – 4% per year. The parish council agreed to consider a grant on an annual basis as it could not commit future councils to this policy.

91.4 Jacobstowe open space (update) – the chairman explained there was no Bendyshe Trust. The land is owned by Rupert and his aunt. The chairman has written to the aunt. Her reply stated she would seek advice from a solicitor. The chairman has written to the Arch Deacon, but has not yet received a reply. A meeting has been held with Mr. Gray and he would be happy to represent the parish council and charge costs, but no other expenses.

91.5 Jacobstowe notice board – it was purchased in 2000 and is on the assets register. Cllr Weeks asked if the notice had gone up asking people to contact Tony Lowe if they wished to put up a notice. The clerk stated she hadn't yet and asked about putting his telephone number on the notice. She was asked to contact him and seek his permission.

91.6 Agreement with Sampford Courtenay Parish Council to utilize the computer - this has been signed by the chairman of SCPC and will be placed in the circulation file.

92. New Items –

92.1 Highways – the chairman raised the recent weather conditions (snow and ice). The primary route through to Monkeokehampton was kept open. There had been a shortage of grit (more had been requested). Central Government took over control from DCC.

The chairman and Cllr Weeks had attended the recent Highway Surgery and it appears that parish councils are to be consulted about the positioning of salt bins in their parishes (although there probably won't be any extra).

The Highway Engineer had visited and a number of problem areas have been identified. A letter is required from the parish council. The chairman will liaise with the clerk. The engineer did accept there were problems.

92.2 Finance – Grant applications – when the budget was agreed it was also agreed that the parish council would advertise stating they have a small budget to support local organisations in Exbourne and Jacobstowe parishes. Cllr Weeks will liaise with the clerk, who will put notices up on the notice boards. Applications to be in by the end of March.

92.3 Policing – this was discussed earlier. As a result of the meeting with Superintendent Sarah Sharpe an invitation has been sent out to parishes inviting their chairmen, vice Chairmen and Clerks to an informal meeting at Okehampton Police Station on March 12th between 4 pm and 7 pm. All were in favour that all 3 should attend.

A Government survey showed that respondents were not very satisfied with the Police.

The chairman stated he was surprised to learn that there is no secretary at the Police Station. All the officers are responsible for their own paperwork.

92.4 Council meetings (setting dates and venues) – Cllrs are happy to continue meeting on the last Wednesday of each month (except December). It was decided to hold the June and September meetings at the Vestry in Jacobstowe Church (clerk to contact Tony Lowe) and the others in the Village Hall at Exbourne (clerk to contact Pearl Ayton)

92.5 Dog fouling in village (Exbourne) – Cllr Phipps stated he had received Complaints that dogs are fouling on the pavements and even on the steps to residents houses. It is not known who it is. It was agreed that Margaret Weeks put something in the 'Parish Pump'.

92.6 Cleaning of ditches by DCC – this was raised by Cllr Phipps and has been covered under Highways (92.1)

92.7 Register of Interests – all the Cllrs checked their registers and there were no amendments to make.

93. Matters Arising from circulated correspondence

94.1 the Peer Review Report has been circulated and there were no comments

to make at the moment.

94. Parish Paths Partnership (P3)

94.1 Consideration of £20 donation to Ian Brooker for his work as P3 Co-ordinator – it was proposed by Cllr Cobb that this amount be paid. This was seconded by Cllr Phipps and agreed by all.

He has submitted the end of year forms to the clerk for the Rights of Way Section at DCC

95. Planning

95.1 Applic No. 13525/2009 Hayes Barton, Jacobstowe – erection of extension. comment was required prior to the meeting. A site meeting had been held (the chairman and Cllrs Weeks, Blakeman and Phipps in attendance). It had been decided to support. The size of the extension was in proportion to the surrounding buildings and was not detrimental to the existing main home.

95.2 Applic No. 00001/2010 Land adjacent to Wood Close, Exbourne – outline planning application for residential development. A letter of objection has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson and this was read out to the meeting. It was felt the council could not object to the principle of development at this site, but had objections to the design and low number of dwellings proposed for the site. Concern was also expressed about the impact of the development on the garage, which is an important amenity to the area. A precise objection would be drafted by the chairman and Cllr Blakeman and passed to the clerk for submission to WDBC.

95.3 Applic No. 13375/2009/OKE Niases, Jacobstowe – creation of new access. Granted consent.

95.4 Applic No.13448/2009/OKE Risdon Farm, Jacobstowe – Erection of 12,000 bird free range egg unit. Granted conditional consent.

95.5 Applic. No. 13525/2009 Hayes Barton, Jacobstowe – erection of extension. Granted conditional consent.

The above notices were placed in the circulation file.

96. Finance

96.1 The balance shown in the bank account on December 4th is £4484.08. There are no outstanding cheques, but hire of the hall for October and November (totalling £33.00) has to be taken out. This brings the actual balance to **£4451.08** (General funds £4398.16 and P3 £52.92)

96.2 The clerk submitted an invoice for £338.44. This includes wages for December and January (£265.60), travel expenses (£3.36) and renewal of AVG internet security for 2 years (£69.48).

This was agreed by the council. Cllr Weeks proposed the invoice be paid. This was seconded by Cllr Lawson. A cheque was then signed.

96.3 A cheque was signed for Mr. I. Brooker (see section 94.1 above).

97. Matters at the discretion of the Chairman.

97.1 The DAPC are seeking nominations for attendance at the Royal Garden Parties. Cllr Glanville stated he would be happy to be nominated. This was agreed by all. The clerk will contact him to make sure she has the correct information to put on the nomination paper.

97.2 Cllr Weeks asked for Insurance to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

97.3 Members at Sampford Courtenay Parish Council have expressed an interest in a planning masterclass run by DAPC. She asked if anyone here would be interested. The response was not at the moment as Cllr Blakeman has planning knowledge.

97.4 It was noticed that a discussion on whether to join Hatherleigh.net had not taken place as proposed. The clerk was asked to make it an agenda item for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24th February 2010 at Exbourne village Hall. The meeting will start at 7.30 p.m. as Mrs. Foster, the Parish Council's Representative on the Primary School's Governors, is attending.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 p.m.