

Minutes of a Meeting of Exbourne with Jacobstowe Parish Council held on Wednesday 28th July 2010 in Exbourne Village Hall.

29. Those present

**Cllr Luxton – Chairman
Cllr Weeks
Cllr Glanville
Cllr Blakeman
Cllr Cobb
Cllr Phipps**

**PCSO Danielle Moore Dunstan
There were no members of the public**

30. Apologies for absence – Cllr Lawson, who is away.

31. Declarations of Interests – there were none.

32. Minutes of the last meeting – Cllr Weeks proposed that the minutes of the last meeting were an accurate record, this was seconded by Cllr Blakeman. The Chairman signed the minutes.

33. Matters arising from the last meeting

33.1 Meeting with PCSO Danielle Moore Dunstan – the chairman welcomed Danielle to the meeting. She had brought some leaflets about Community Messaging, which is a new system being used by the police to pass on information to residents. People need to sign up to it and will then get either an email, text or phone call to alert them about a scam or other crime happening in the area.

Identity fraud is also occurring on a frequent basis. Criminals have varying ways of obtaining money.

Cllr Weeks had a warning about a scam from WDBC. People are being contacted about their council tax and being tricked into giving their bank details over the phone. WDBC would not contact people in this way. Cllr Weeks will put this information on the website. The speeding on the main road has been reported to PS Lee Natrass. PC Wilson has also visited the area with a gentleman from DCC Highways.

Danielle stated she would change her shift time so she can try and catch the dog owner responsible for the dog fouling.

33.2 Letter received from dog owner (following incident in the village) – a response has been received, which was read out by the Chairman. PC Wilson sent an email request to Peter Savage to remove the poster. The chairman had queried why she was not aware of the new clerk. The poster had been placed in the public side of the notice board. The parish council has no censorship over this side. Cllr Weeks had approached Reg and it had been removed.

No member, or employee, of the parish council had put up the poster and the clerk would reply to Mr Lovett's letter.

It is understood that Inspector Hammond is to visit Mr. & Mrs. Bromilow.

The chairman thanked PCSO Danielle Moore Dunstan for attending. She then left the meeting.

33.3 Update on Jacobstowe Burial Ground – the chairman has not heard anything.

33.4 Completion of Annual Audit – the annual return has been received and there are no matters arising. The clerk has advertised the conclusion of audit and right to inspect the annual return.

34. New Items

34.1 Report on Northern Parishes Link Committee Meeting – Cllr Weeks had attended this meeting on July 8th. Police Reports – there were 3 crimes in Exbourne and 2 in Jacobstowe. Residents were urged to record serial numbers of property and to keep shed doors locked.

Sue Clarke, the Strategic Officer talked about Federation Schools.

Chris Cruise – talked about the possibility of not opening the maternity unit after 8 pm. Midwives would be on call should someone go into labour.

Lesley Halton gave details of the new waste collection and the amalgamation between WDBC and South Hams.

Sonia Burgess from DCC stated the severe weather task group had made 35 recommendations following this winters bad weather.

34.2 Highway Maintenance Surgery – Cllr Weeks had attended. 2 items had been Raised for the lengthsman to do when he visited the parishes. One of these items the Lengthsman could not do, but the blocked drain at Narracott Road had not been tended to.

35. Matters arising from circulated correspondence (info only)

There was a circular regarding the Rural Services Network, but this information is already received via email.

There were details of a meeting entitled 'Empowering Communities in Devon - A Local Perspective'. It is to be held in Okehampton on October 15th and the cost per person is £15. The chairman and Cllr Weeks expressed an interest in attending. Cllr Glanville proposed that funds from the budget be made available for them to attend. This was seconded by Cllr Cobb and agreed by all.

36. Parish Paths Partnership (P3)

36.1 Bardon Aggregates had contacted the clerk seeking payment for the 60 tonnes of 803 sub base (@ £13.75 per tonne) for the restricted bye way near Woodhall.

Following confirmation from Ian Brooker a cheque was sent to them. Ratification of this decision was sought – Cllr Blakeman proposed and Cllr Cobb seconded with all in agreement.

37. Planning

37.1 Applic No. 00465/2010 Risdon Farm, Jacobstowe – extension to free range egg unit to allow additional 4000 birds. This has been granted conditional consent.

37.2 Applic No. 00450/2010 Land at SS607026, Exbourne – agricultural machinery store. Refused. The justification provided for this new agricultural building in the open countryside was not considered acceptable. It was not considered that the proposal was of an appropriate size commensurate with the size of the land or necessary for the purposes of agricultural.

37.3 Applic No. 00367/2010 Mobile Home, Stockbeare Farm, Jacobstowe – retention of mobile home. Granted conditional consent.

38. Finance

38.1 Bardon Aggregates (60 tonnes of 803 sub base from Meldon Quarry to Exbourne – P3 expenditure) - £969.38. Cheque signed prior to meeting. Ratified under 36.1.

38.2 Invoice from The Information Commissioner's Office for Data Protection Act 1998 renewal - £35.00. Cllr Blakeman asked what the parish council gets for this money. It was agreed that the clerk should contact DALC and send it off if it is mandatory.

38.3 Invoice from the Audit Commission for 2010 Audit Fee - £141.00. Cllr Weeks proposed this invoice be paid. This was seconded by Cllr Phipps and agreed by all.

38.4 Invoice from the clerk for wages and expenses - £275.68. Cllr Blakeman proposed this invoice be paid. This was seconded by Cllr Cobb and agreed by all.

38.5 Details of balance at bank – the most recent bank statement shows a balance of £7801.92 as at 9th July 2010. There is the hire of the hall for Apr/May/July (£49.50), the Grant to the pre-school (£75), the cheque to Bardon Aggregates (P3 funds - £969.38) and the other three cheques signed this evening (total £451.68). This brings the balance down to **£6256.36**. Of this £1853.04 is P3 money and £4403.32 is precept money.

38.6 Review of budget – the clerk had provided figures of what has actually been spent against the budgeted figure. Well within budget at the moment. The only unknown figure is the amount of the legal fees for the burial ground.

38.7 Review of clerk's salary - Cllr Weeks stated provision had been made in the budget for an increase and he suggested moving her hourly rate from spinal column point 15 to SCP 16 and £8.55 per hour. This was proposed by Cllr Cobb and seconded by Cllr Blakeman. The clerk thanked the members of the council.

The chairman informed the council that her status was still ongoing.

39. Matters at the discretion of the Chairman

39.1 Cllr Blakeman stated that Mrs. Hordern had intended to attend and highlight problems on the road to Okehampton.

39.2 Cllr Cobb asked if the grass in the burial ground was going to be cut.

The next meeting will be held at The Village Hall, Exbourne on Wednesday August 25th at 8.00 p.m.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 p.m.