

Minutes of a Meeting of Exbourne with Jacobstowe Parish Council held on Wednesday 27th October 2010 in the Village Hall, Exbourne

62. Those present

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

PCSO Danielle Moore-Dunstan was present

The chairman invited PCSO Dunstan-Moore to address the council. In a couple of weeks time she will be based in Okehampton Town having swapped with PCSO Lisa Smith, who has been based there. PCSO Smith only works part-time (16 hours per week) and she will now cover the North Tawton area (including Exbourne with Jacobstowe).

Exbourne has been quiet. Danielle has been trying to get hold of the fixed penalty notices for the dog fouling, but the dog warden seems reluctant to release them. Cllr Weeks stated he would pursue this as a Borough Councillor.

The next few months are going to be busy. Next week there is Moor Watch – there will be police presence in the rural areas doing speed checks etc. In the run up to Christmas there will be the annual Drink Driving campaign.

The chairman thanked her for all that she has done during her time as Neighbourhood Beat Officer and wished her well for the future. Hopefully it will be possible to invite PCSO Smith to a meeting in the New Year

PCSO Danielle Moore-Dunstan left the meeting.

63. Apologies for absence – Cllr Glanville, who is unwell, and Cllrs Lawson and Phipps who have work commitments.

64. Declarations of Interests – Cllr Weeks declared a personal interest in item 8.1 as he is a member of WDBC.

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

66. Matters arising from the last meeting

66.1 Update on Jacobstowe Burial Ground - the chairman informed the council he has no update to report, but he will endeavour to obtain some information for the next meeting.

66.2 Ownership of the bus shelter by the Red Lion, Exbourne - Cllr Blakeman has ascertained that the land is unregistered and it is not included within the title of The Red

Lion. Following a brief discussion all councillors present were in agreement that there was no need to register the ground at the present moment.

66.3 Community Emergency Plan – the Chairman had attended a Severe Weather Event and much pressure was exerted on councils to have a plan in place. All councillors have had a look at the document handed out at the event. The chairman recognised it had its merits, but once in place it needs continually updating. Cllr Cobb felt that local communities such as Exbourne and Jacobstowe all help each other out when there is an emergency.

All the councillors present recognised that the document had some credibility, but in view of the work involved to maintain it's accuracy they did not wish to create one.

66.4 Final report House Needs Survey – the final report has now been received. It is anticipated that there will be a meeting of the 5 parishes of Exbourne Ward to discuss the final report. Cllr Weeks stated there is a need for 8 houses in the ward over the next 5 years.

66.5 Planning seminar held at North Tawton on October 14th – Cllr Blakeman explained a brief outline of the planning process had been given. The attendance had not been that high.

67. New Items

67.1 Maintenance – Notice boards – the chairman had noticed that the notice board at Jacobstowe is in need of varnishing. Cllr Weeks was asked to speak to Cyril about it.

67.2 Restoration of War Memorial at Jacobstowe – a letter has been received from Rod Lane of the Jacobstowe Community Group. The parish council has accepted responsibility for the upkeep of the war memorial and it is apparent that it has become neglected. It is estimated that it will cost £350 to restore it – clean the granite, remove the rust from the lamp holder and repaint the lettering. A form has been obtained from the War Memorials Trust, who will give up to 50% of the cost. The chairman asked the council whether they wished to proceed with the application and the expenditure of at least £175. All were in agreement to proceed. The clerk to send off the form. The work will not be carried out until Spring 2011.

67.3 Royal British Legion Donation – Cllr Weeks stated it was now the time of year to Consider whether the parish council wished to make a donation. Funds are available in the budget. It was agreed by all present that the council should make a donation. Cllr Weeks proposed the amount of £75. This was seconded by Cllr Blakeman and agreed by all.

67.4 Report – Empowering Local Communities Meeting – Cllr Weeks attended and found the meeting disappointing. There were speakers present from Devon Futures, who were encouraging people to consider what Devon will be like in 30 years time. The second presentation was by Devon Heartlands Forum, who stated that in the current

economic climate cluster opinions carry more weight. It was agreed that bureaucracy needs to be addressed and that health and safety is a hinderment to carrying out tasks. The Government could limit precept increases.

The chairman thanked Cllr Weeks for attending.

67.5 Road Maintenance - Steve Dawe is the person who has responsibility for this area. It seems that Bruce Pedrick will not be returning to his job.

Some jobs have been done and Mr. Dawe is looking at other issues that have been raised by the parish council. There is pressure on the Highways budget.

When an issue is raised a copy should be sent to Barnstaple and it was mentioned that The clerk at South Tawton includes a map to show the location – this clerk will find out more.

The ditch behind the chapel – Mr. Dawe (DC Highways) has located the contractor (Monteray), who does maintenance at the BT property. They will clear the culvert regularly and Mr. Dawe will monitor the work.

68. Matters arising from circulated correspondence (info only)

There was none.

69. Parish Paths Partnership (P3)

The forms for the finance and the Christmas Workshop have been received. The Workshop this year is being held on 10th December at Merton Village Hall. The Chairman, Cllr Weeks and Ian Brooker would all like to attend. The clerk will return the form.

70. Planning

70.1 Applic No. 00885/2010 Risdon Farm, Jacobstowe – erection of agricultural workers Dwelling. Comment required prior to meeting. The parish council had returned a comment: 'Object. Consideration should be given to a single storey building, which would harmonise with the recently constructed chicken house. Also felt it would be more appropriate for the proposed site to be moved in a westerly direction so minimising its impact when viewed from the south west.

Concessions should be sought in removing the static caravans from this area, on land that is attributable to Risdon Enterprises, but are connected with Gilead Foundation.'

Cllr Cobb proposed this comment be ratified. Cllr Blakeman seconded with all in agreement.

Cllr Weeks had been told by one of the planning officers that once one of the accommodation blocks is occupied then there should be removal of the static caravans. The planning officer is looking into it.

70.2 Applic No. 00701/2010 Orchard House, Exbourne – erection of garage and ancillary accommodation. This has been granted conditional consent.

70.3 Applic No. 00794/2010 Teachmore Farm, Jacobstowe – recovering of straw thatch with water reed and removal of mesh. This has been granted consent.

70.4 Applic No. 00795/2010 Land at SS607026, Chattafin, Exbourne – revised scheme for agricultural machinery store. This has been granted conditional consent.

The above three notices were placed in the circulation file.

71. Finance

71.1 Invoice received from DALC for Cllr Weeks to attend the Empowering Communities Event - £17.63. All were in favour that this should be paid. A cheque was signed.

71.2 Donation towards the Royal British Legion - £75. This had been agreed earlier in the meeting (67.3). A cheque was signed.

71.3 Details of balance at bank – the most recent bank statement shows a balance of £8953.36 as at 8th October 2010. There is the hire of the hall for Apr/May/July/August/Sept (£82.50), the Grant to the pre-school (£75). There is an outstanding cheque no. 596 (£304.69) and the two cheques signed this evening for £17.63 and £75.00. This brings the balance down to **£8398.54**. Of this £1853.04 is P3 money and £6545.50 is precept money.

72. Matters at the discretion of the Chairman

72.1 Cllr Blakeman has been asked if the council can put up a dog poop bin. The clerk stated she had asked on behalf of Sampford Courtenay Parish Council and WDBC had informed her they preferred owners to pick up after their dogs and dispose of it themselves.

72.2 The Chairman stated that on Thursday 25th November at 6.30 p.m. John Hart (the Leader of DCC) is attending the Charter Hall in Okehampton and he hoped as many Cllrs as possible would attend.

The next meeting will be held at The Village Hall, Exbourne on Wednesday November 24th at 8.00 p.m.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 p.m.