

Minutes of a Meeting of Exbourne with Jacobstowe Parish Council held on Wednesday 29th September 2010 in the Vestry, Jacobstowe Parish Church

51. Those present **Cllr Luxton – Chairman**
Cllr Weeks
Cllr Cobb
Cllr Glanville
Cllr Blakeman
Cllr Lawson
Cllr Phipps

There were no members of the public

52. Apologies for absence – there were none.

53. Declarations of Interests – the clerk advised the council that a further application has been received at Land adjacent to Shilstone Plantation, Exbourne. Cllr Weeks declared a personal interest in this application as he is a member of WDBC.

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

55. Matters arising from the last meeting

55.1 Update on Jacobstowe Burial Ground - the chairman informed the council that he had been contacted by Mr. Warren Gray, the solicitor. Mr. Gray has been contacted by The Venerable John Rawlings (Archdeacon of Totnes) and has been informed that the Glebe Committee are in agreement with the proposal for the open covenant of the burial ground. They just require the Services Manager from the Diocese to check it over.

55.2 Ownership of the bus shelter by the Red Lion, Exbourne - the clerk went on the Land Registry website, but could not find the information required. She contacted Cllr Blakeman, who ascertained that it is not shown as being registered by the parish council. It would be possible to purchase a title plan of the area for £4. It was proposed by Cllr Cobb that the title plan of the area be purchased. This was seconded by Cllr Glanville and agreed by all. Cllr Blakeman to obtain this title plan and then the parish council can decide what to do next.

55.3 Lengthsman - Cllr Weeks stated the lengthsman had visited the parish and had Done a good days work clearing out gutters

55.4 Mobile Library - Cllr Weeks informed the parish council that the stop at Dornaford Has been re-instated following a representation made to DCC by the person who uses it.

56. New Items

56.1 Final report House Needs Survey – Cllr Weeks stated he has contacted John Packer at WDBC and Sue Hitchcock and this final report has not been forthcoming. As a Borough Councillor he is going to chase it up and would appreciate support, in the form of a letter, from the parish council. All were in agreement that the clerk should write to Sue Hitchcock and request a date when this final report is to be published.

56.2 Flood Presentation – WDBC have written stating they are to hold an event in Okehampton to promote awareness of flooding issues sometime during November. Cllr Blakeman stated he would be interested in attending subject to the date being convenient.

56.3 Devon County Council – Winter service on Devon’s Highways the chairman attended the severe weather event yesterday. DCC have sent a letter requesting information on the grit bins. This was discussed and the clerk asked to respond.

56.4 Planning seminar at North Tawton on October 14th at 7.p.m. – the chairman and Cllr Weeks have stated they wish to attend. Cllr Blakeman stated he would also be able to attend.

57. Matters arising from circulated correspondence (info only)

There was none.

58. Parish Paths Partnership (P3)

Nothing to report.

59. Planning

59.1 Applic No. 00795/2010 Land at SS607026, Chatafin, Exbourne – revised scheme for Agricultural machinery store. Comment required prior to meeting. The comment that had been sent was: - ‘The parish council still considers that the revised application is still too large to sustain approximately 1 acre of mixed agricultural land. There is no objection to a Sympathetically visual store of say half the size of the current suggestion providing that consent is restricted to the storage of agricultural items solely for the personal use of the applicants. It is felt that the building design on an elevated site requires a more sympathetic approach to blend in to the natural landscape.’

This was agreed by all.

59.2 Applic No. 00794/2010 Teachmore Farm, Jacobstowe – recovering of straw thatch with water reed and removal of mesh. Comment required prior to meeting. The comment sent was: - ‘Support. No objections as necessary maintenance.’ This was agreed by all. Cllr Weeks informed the parish council that the Conservation Officer was objecting to the use of water reed.

59.3 Applic No. 00859/2010 Land adjacent to Shilstone Plantation, Exbourne – agricultural storage building. This was discussed at the meeting and it was decided to support as it is an agricultural need and the size of the shed is justifiable.

59.4 Applic No. 00761/2010 Land adjacent to Teachmore Cottage, Jacobstowe – outline application for a residential 2 bed roomed bungalow. This has been refused consent. The notice was placed in the circulation file.

The clerk informed the council that the residents at Teachmore Cottage had sent her a copy of the letter they had sent to WDBC objecting to the application. The clerk had acknowledged the letter.

59.5 Applic No. 00683/2010 Tor Down Farm, Exbourne – erection of single storey extension. This has been granted consent. The notice was placed in the circulation file.

60. Finance

60.1 Receipt of 2nd Half of precept from WDBC – £2883.50

60.2 Payment of request from WDBC (overpayment of precept) - £311.00. It was proposed by Cllr Cobb that this be paid. This was seconded by Cllr Lawson. A cheque was signed.

60.3 Payment of invoice received from the clerk for payment of wages and expenses - £304.69. (Wages for August/September £273.60, travel expenses £10.08 and the Easyspace single mail box £21.01)

60.4 Review of budget – the expenditure under training can now be reduced to £15 as the chairman can no longer attend the ‘Empowering Communities’ event. There are no items of concern. The legal costs for the burial ground are currently unknown, but should be covered by the carry over. Cllr Weeks stated he felt things were on track and there would be an invoice for maintenance of the seats, but there are funds in maintenance to cover this.

60.5 Details of balance at bank – the most recent bank statement shows a balance of £9264.36 as at 9th September 2010. This amount includes the precept amount of £2883.50 There is the hire of the hall for Apr/May/July/August (£66.00), the Grant to the pre-school (£75) and the agreed expenditure for 1 to attend the Empowering Communities event (£15.00). There are the two cheques signed this evening for £311 and £304.69. This brings the balance down to **£8492.67**. Of this £1853.04 is P3 money and £6639.63 is precept money.

61. Matters at the discretion of the Chairman

61.1 Cllr Phipps reported on the bridge at Birchwood (on the Exbourne to Broadwood Kelly road). The rails have been removed and not replaced. The tape placed there as A warning has broken and it is dangerous.

He also stated the white lines at the garage are fading. The clerk to inform DCC.

61.2 Cllr Phipps stated the gutters were cleared as far as Birchwood, but no further. They will be covered during the next visit.

61.3 The chairman stated at the Extreme weather event they were continuing promotion

Of Community Emergency Plans. He has placed it in the circulation file and requested Councillors study it and then at the next meeting make a decision as to whether to proceed with it or not (agenda item).

The next meeting will be held at The Village Hall, Exbourne on Wednesday October 27th at 8.00 p.m. The chairman will get the agenda out.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 p.m.