

Minutes of a Meeting of Exbourne with Jacobstowe Parish Council held on Wednesday 25th August 2010 in Exbourne Village Hall.

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

There were no members of the public

41. Apologies for absence – Cllr Cobb because of work commitments.

42. Declarations of Interests – the clerk advised the council that a further application had been received at Teachmore, Jacobstowe. Cllr Phipps declared an interest in item 8.1 as he is a neighbour and Cllr Weeks declared a personal interest in all three of the planning applications as he is a member of WDBC.

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

44. Matters arising from the last meeting

44.1 Update on Jacobstowe Burial Ground - the chairman informed the council that he had been contacted by Mr. Warren Gray, the solicitor. The chairman had emailed The Venerable John Rawlings (Archdeacon of Totnes) and had been informed that the proposal for the open covenant of the burial ground had been agreed to. Anyone then wishing to use it would then gain consent from the parish council. They just require the Services Manager from the Diocese to check it over. He has been on holiday, but it is now hoped to progress.

Cllr Cobb had raised the issue of cutting the burial ground. The chairman had spoken to the Jacobstowe Community Action Team and had been informed that it has been cut and is due to be cut again. It has been suggested that a meadow could be created in the future.

44.2 Confirm places booked for the ‘Empowering Communities in Devon – A Local Perspective’ – the clerk confirmed that two places had been booked for the event in Okehampton.

45. New Items

45.1 Finance Working Party and Composition – the chairman wished to propose the forming of the Finance Working Party again, following its success last year. Cllr Weeks was happy to head the group again. The chairman asked if all were happy to resurrect this group again and for the members to remain the same as last year (Cllrs Weeks, Cobb and Phipps). Cllr Glanville proposed and Cllr Lawson seconded with all in agreement.

45.2 Suspension of Highway Maintenance Surgeries – the clerk has received an email that DCC are to suspend these surgeries because of the low attendance and increasing priorities in other areas.

Cllr Weeks stated that when he had attended the most recent one the attendance had been low.

45.3 Items for parish lengthsman – next visit 13th and 14th September - Cllr Weeks sought any items for the lengthsman to be brought to his attention by Monday please. He is sending in a request for some gutters to be cleared out.

45.4 Mobile Library Service – earlier this year DCC asked current and potential Customers of the mobile library service and Town and Parish Councils for their views. On 9th June the changes were approved to be introduced in January 2011. If there is any feedback then DCC wish to be informed before September 10th. The changes are: -

- i. the 10 minute stop at Dornaford Hamlet is to be stopped.
- ii. the 50 minute stop at the Post Office is to be increased to 60 minutes
- iii. the 30 minute stop at the School is to be decreased to 20 minutes.

45.5 The clerk is going away on holiday for 2 weeks in October – the council asked her to notify WDBC's planning department. She will let the chairman have the parish council computer so that he can keep up to date with emails. She will ask her children to keep the parish council mail separate

46. Matters arising from circulated correspondence (info only)

It was noted that there is now a new sector Inspector Jonathon Perry.

47. Parish Paths Partnership (P3)

47.1 The clerk has contacted Ian Brooker and the 60 tonnes of sub-base has been delivered.

48. Planning

48.1 Applic No. 00683/2010 Tor Down Farm, Exbourne – erection of single storey extension. This was discussed and it was decided to support as it would improve the living accommodation.

48.2 Applic No. 00701/2010 Orchard House, Exbourne – erection of garage and ancillary accommodation. The council understood the need for the extra accommodation. It was decided to support, but insist that a condition is included stating that it is only to be used as ancillary accommodation to the main dwelling. Cllr Glanville proposed this and it was seconded by Cllr Phipps with all in agreement.

48.3 Applic No. 00545/2010 Easterbrook Rest, Fore Street, Exbourne – external alterations to dwelling. Granted conditional consent. The notice was placed in the circulation file.

48.4 Applic No. 00761/2010 Teachmore, Jacobstowe – outline application for a residential 2 bed roomed bungalow. This was discussed and it was decided to object as it appears to be contrary to Local Plan policy. This was proposed by Cllr Lawson and seconded by Cllr Blakeman and agreed by all.

49. Finance

49.1 Confirm payment of invoice from The Information Commissioner's Office for Data Protection Act 1998 renewal - £35.00

The clerk had spoken to DALC and had been advised that although you do not see anything for the money it is necessary to register as you are then covered legally in respect of the Data Protection Act. The renewal has been made.

49.2 Details of balance at bank – the most recent bank statement shows a balance of £6380.86 as at 13th August 2010. 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 2 to Attend the Empowering Communities event (£30.00). This brings the balance down to **£6209.86**. Of this £1853.04 is P3 money and £4356.82 is precept money.

50. Matters at the discretion of the Chairman

50.1 The ownership of the bus shelter in Exbourne is to be discussed at the next meeting. The clerk to look on the Land Registry website and see if ownership is registered.

50.2 The chairman has received an official receipt from DCC Devon Record Office that The Jacobstowe Parish Meeting minute book 4th December 1894 – 15th September 1961 and a newspaper cutting about Exbourne water supply dated 24th March 1939 has been deposited with them.

The next meeting will be held at The Vestry, Jacobstowe on Wednesday September 29th at 8.00 p.m.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.