

**Minutes of a Meeting of Exbourne with Jacobstowe Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 20.00 in the Vestry,  
Jacobstowe**

**53. Those present**

**Cllr Luxton  
Cllr Weeks  
Cllr Phipps  
Cllr Lawson  
Cllr Blakeman  
Cllr Cobb**

**There were three members of the public present.**

**54. Apologies for absence** – Cllr Glanville has sent his apologies.  
The Borough Councillor, Trevor Hill, has also sent his apologies as he is unwell.

**55. Declarations of interest** – Cllr Phipps declared a personal interest in items 8.1 and 8.2 as he is related to the applicants.

**56. Minutes of the last meeting** – Cllr Weeks proposed that the minutes be signed as a correct record. This was seconded by Cllr Blakeman. The chairman then signed the minutes.

The chairman stated he was bringing forward item 5.1 of the agenda as the members of the public wished to comment on this. Rod Lane reported to the council that he has spoken to Mr. Aylett and informed him that the community wishes to be able to hold fetes and local celebrations on the open space. Mr. Aylett informed him that they would be able to do that. What they are wishing to prevent is a local football team turning it into a football pitch or a tennis court. Michelmore Hughes requires the money in advance. Mr. Lane stated that the people in the community would reimburse £1300 (or costs incurred) to the parish council should the report be presented to the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd and they turn down the request to use the land as an amenity.

The Consideration Fee (£500) has been pledged to Jacobstowe PCC by the Archdeacon. If the Parish Council wishes to proceed they should let him know as soon as possible. The ground was sold at agricultural rates and the consideration fee is a requirement in recognition that the land will have increased in value. When the ground reverts back to being a burial ground the consideration fee cannot be repaid as the community will have had use of the land and it will be at least 50 years before the ground is required as a burial ground again.

Cllr Weeks took exception that Mr. Lane's letter stated he was acting on behalf of the parish council. He was not.

The £1300 includes Mr. Aylett's fee, which is £600 + VAT + disbursements. Mr. Lane explained he has been informed that the council are required to send a cheque for £722.40 to enable the process to proceed. Mr. Lane pledged that the community would meet these costs if the required result was not achieved.

Mr. Lane also explained the community's plan to erect a shelter there.

This was discussed and it was generally felt that proceeding can do no harm. Cllr Weeks proposed that the council goes ahead on what has been put forward this evening. The chairman stated he would like a signed agreement with Mr. Lane on what has been agreed and he stated he would prepare something for Mr. Lane to sign in the morning. Cllr Lawson proposed that a cheque for £722.40 is signed. This was seconded by Cllr Phipps. Mr. Lane stated he would speak with the Archdeacon and let him know that the chairman will be contacting him.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – Mr. Lane stated he had seen in the minutes that the council were prepared to donate £200 towards Jacobstowe celebrations and if the cheque is made out to the Jacobstowe Community Group.

The three members of the public left the meeting.

## **57. Matters arising from the last meeting**

**57.1 Removal of hedge at Risdon Farm, Jacobstowe** – the clerk has been contacted by Natural England. The ground is in the Stewardship Entry Level Scheme and they are going to investigate next week so the council should hear from them after that.

The chairman stated he was deeply unhappy about what has occurred here and has emailed Georgina Browne, the Landscape Officer. He has not received a response. It was felt that it was a bit too soon to take the matter to the Northern Links meeting. The chairman and Cllr Weeks have spoken with someone from the History Group and they have been pointed in the direction of some legislation, which they will study further.

**57.2 Playing Fields Crossing** – the council's response has been sent to Cllr McInnes, who has sent it on to Michael Newcombe, who should contact the parish council in due course.

The Playing Fields Committee has a meeting tomorrow evening and the chairman will endeavour to attend and discuss.

**57.3 Contract for service of Exbourne Church Clock** – Lorraine has contacted the clerk and informed her that the letter has been sent to the wrong place. There is no contract with them.

## **58. New Items**

**58.1 Jacobstowe Open Space – Rod Lane hopes to attend to let the council know how things are progressing.** Discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

**58.2 Report on Highways Surgery on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** The chairman and Cllr Weeks attended. Grit bins had been requested for Hayfield Road, Exbourne and over at Jacobstowe. A bin has appeared in Exbourne, but not where it was requested. This was raised with DCC, who will replace the bin in Hayfield Road. Cllr Weeks has spoken to a landowner in Hayfield Road, who has a suitable site and it has been agreed that the grit bin can go there. A grit bin has not appeared in Jacobstowe.

Blenheim Lane – this has been patched and should be surface dressed in the New Year.

The chairman is querying DCC's reluctance to extend the speed limit by the playing fields. The village of Bow has a very long length of speed limit. Motorists first drop down to a 40mph limit and then down to 30mph through the village.

**58.3 Report of Northern Links meeting** – Cllrs Weeks and Lawson attended and a Written report has been circulated to all Cllrs.

The Snow Warden scheme was discussed – the chairman was happy for his name to be put forward. The parish would receive 5 tonnes of salt. The council felt it would be better in 20kg bags and Cllr Cobb stated he would be able to store it until suitable locations in parishes were finalised. Cllr Weeks and Lawson stated they would be happy to be volunteers.

The clerk to contact DCC and inform them that the chairman will be the Snow Warden for the parishes.

**58.4 Dog fouling** – Cllr Weeks has received three complaints (Blenheim Lane, Duck Lane and Fore Street). He has made enquiries at WDBC and it costs £183 to join the dog warden scheme. It would cost £1.04 + VAT each time the dog bins were emptied. The clerk stated that the dog bins themselves are in the region of £80 - £100. It was agreed the Financial Working Group could consider these figures when discussing the precept and a decision can be made then.

**58.5 Redundant church weather vane** – the weather vane was erected for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, but it has had to be removed from the church tower because it was damaging it. It is understood that public donations paid for it. It is currently being repaired and it is hoped to erect it somewhere in the village in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee next year. Advise would need to be sought as to whether to galvanize it or not. Cllr Weeks proposed that the parish council should adopt the weather vane as it is part of the village's history. All were in agreement with this proposal.

**58.6 Traffic speeding on east side of Exbourne village** – it was understood that a resident was going to lodge a complaint about this, but as yet nothing has been received.

**58.7 Request for a grant from The Ring and Ride and Community Car Services** – This was discussed and there will be no grant.

**59. Matters arising from circulated correspondence (info only)**

There was none.

**60. Parish Paths Partnership (P3)**

Nothing to report.

**61. Planning**

**61.1** Applic No. 01878/2011 – Land at SS609026, Exbourne – erection of agricultural building. Discuss at meeting. The council supported the application.

**61.2** Applic No. 01882/2011 – Land at SS609026, Exbourne – proposed siting of agricultural workers dwelling. Discuss at meeting.

The council supported the application as long as WDBC confirm there is an agricultural need.

**61.2a** Applic No. 01611/2011 Rose Cottage, Jacostowe – partial demolition of unstable wall, reconstruction and alterations. Reinstatement of chimney and windows (partially retrospective). This application has been granted conditional consent. The notice was placed in the circulation file.

## **62. Finance**

**62.1** Received second half of precept - £2572.50

**62.1a** A cheque for £722.40 (being the expenses requested by Michelmore Hughes to produce the report in connection with the Jacobstowe Open Space) was signed. As agreed earlier in the meeting (Beginning of Page 63).

**62.2 Review of budget** – the overspend on the clerks wages (with the addition of holiday pay) has been addressed by taking some money from reserves. The review of the budget shows £100 given to the church for the upkeep of the burial ground, but it is in fact only £42 coming out of the precept as the council receives a grant of £58 from WDBC. There are no other problems.

**62.3 Details of balance at bank** – the most recent bank statement shows a balance of £9807.22 as at 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011. There is the hire of the hall for April/May/June/Aug £66.00. Outstanding cheques 615 (£4.63) and 619 (£383.02). There are the donations agreed at the June meeting still to be paid (£250.00). This brings the balance to **£9103.57**. Of this £272.42 is P3 money and £8831.15 is precept money.

## **63. Matters at the discretion of the Chairman**

**63.1** It was reported that a wooden shed has been erected at Chatafin Barn. It is approx 20 feet x 20 feet and has the appearance of a two bay garage. The clerk to bring it to the attention of the planning dept and ascertain whether it requires planning consent.

**63.2** The chairman stated he had received a letter from Simpkins Edwards Accountants stating the clerk has declared her earnings on her tax form.

The next meeting will be held at The Village Hall, Exbourne on Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 p.m.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.