

Exbourne with Jacobstowe Parish Council.

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Draft: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 30th September 2025 at 7pm in Exbourne Village Hall.

Cllrs Present: Steve Blakeman (Chair), Dave Stuart (Vice-Chair), Peter Steer & Brian Cobb.

Also in Attendance: Alice Turner (Clerk) and Borough Cllr Mike Casbolt.

BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

1.09.25: Welcome & Public Speaking Time (max. 3minutes/person. Session time: 10 minutes).

No members of the public were present.

2.09.25: Chair to formally open the meeting.

The Chair opened the meeting and informed everyone that an audio recording was in progress.

3.09.25 Co-option (Chair)

Reminder that there are 2 Casual Vacancies interested parties should refer to the Co-option policy ([EJPC 025](#)) found on the Council Policies tab on the website and submit a completed [application form](#) to the Clerk. No forms had been received at this time.

4.09.25: Apologies for absence: to consider apologies received (with reasons) (Chair).

Cllr Lawson sent his apologies (prior commitment)

Cllr Blakeman proposed that the Council approve the apologies from Cllr Lawson (prior commitment) seconded Cllr Cobb. All in Favour – Motion Carried. (RR25/09/01)

5.09.25: Declarations of Interest (Chair).

No interests were declared at this time.

6.09.25: Cllrs to consider approval of [Minutes of meeting held](#): (Chair).

- 24th June 2025,
- 26th August 2025 – deferred as Cllrs were unable to open the document online.

Cllr Steer proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th of June 2025 be signed as a true and accurate record, seconded Cllr Cobb. All in Favour – Motion Carried. (RR25/09/02)

7.09.25: To receive reports from County Cllr. Davies & Borough Cllrs Casbolt & Watts.

[County Cllr Davies sent a report which can be read in Appendix A.](#)

Borough Cllr Casbolt gave a verbal report on the current WDBC LGR discussions. WDBC is proposing a 4-5-1 model but the final decision will be with Central Government.

8.09.25: Current & New Business.

- New Planning Application: [2493/25/HHO Householder application for veranda to rear of property at Rosemary House, Hayfield Road, Exbourne, EX20 3RS](#) – Deadline 02/10/2025. (Chair)**
Cllrs discussed and Cllr Blakeman proposed that the Council support this application, seconded Cllr Cobb. All in Favour – Motion Carried. (RR25/09/03)
- New Planning Application: [2740/25/FUL Change of use from portion of land from agricultural to residential, erection of single storey outbuilding & new dormer to rear of the property \(part retrospective\) at Redlands, Exbourne, EX20 3RD](#) – Deadline 23/10/2025. (Chair)**
Cllrs discussed and Cllr Cobb proposed that the Council support this application, seconded Cllr Stuart. All in Favour – Motion Carried. (RR25/09/04)
- New Planning Application: [2826/25/FUL Creation of new field access and blocking up of existing field access at Land at SS 615 033, Exbourne](#) – Deadline 30/10/2025. (Chair)**
Cllrs discussed and Cllr Blakeman proposed that the Council support this application, seconded Cllr Steer. All in Favour – Motion Carried. (RR25/09/05)

d) To Approve attendance of the Chair and Clerk at Wider Okehampton Councils Cluster Group Meeting - 9th October at Okehampton Town Hall (Chair)

Cllr Stuart proposed that the Council approve the attendance at the Wider Okehampton Councils Cluster Group Meetings, seconded Cllr Cobb. All in Favour – Motion Carried. (RR25/09/06)

e) Asset Maintenance – to receive any reports from the Annual Inspection (Chair)

It was noted that the War Memorial could do with cleaning again. No issues with other assets.

9.09.25: Finance – Documents presented at the meeting (Clerk):

a) To approve the Financial Schedule as presented.

The Clerk presented payment PM26/012 £413.37 to Miss A. Turner for August Salary (LGA 1972 S.112)(Staff Costs/Salary) and noted that the second half of the precept had been received.

Cllr Blakeman proposed that the Council approve payment PM26/012 for £413.37 to Miss A. Turner for August Salary (LGA 1972 S.112)(Staff Costs/Salary), seconded Cllr Steer. All in Favour – Motion Carried. (RR25/09/07)

10.09.25 Reports & future agendas items: not for debate or decision making.

- a) Clerk: Notification of Annual Leave 20/10/2025 to 26/10/2025 inclusive – Noted.**
- b) Clerk: To agree a date for the H.R Committee to meet in October – 7th October at 7pm.**
- c) Cllr Stuart reported that the Speedwatch group have had 6 sessions with an average speed recorded of 39.24MPH.**

11.09.25: Confirmation of the next Council meeting: changes will be posted on the Website.
The next meeting will be on Tuesday 28th October 2025 at 7pm at Jacobstowe Church.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.40pm.

Appendix A: County Cllr Davies Report from Devon County Council – Exbourne with Jacobstowe Parish Council 30/9/25

I would like to address the following issues:

Local Government Reorganisation – Have your say!

I would like to highlight to councillors and parishioners to have their say on Local Government Reorganisation. The link to the survey is on the DCC website under LGR and is open until 14th October. The scheme preferred by DCC is called “New Devon” or 9-1-1. It is comprised of the two current unitary councils Plymouth and Torbay, and then 9 separate areas within Devon county. Link attached. <https://www.devon.gov.uk/news/a-stronger-future-shaped-by-communities-devon-unveils-leading-option-for-local-government-change/>

Pothole Repair Trial

On 15th September a Devon Highways trial was launched to fill all potholes within a 500metre range whilst workmen, materials and equipment is on site and not only those potholes with safety defect markings. Two Devon sites have been chosen including our division of Hatherleigh and Chagford. The trial runs until the end of October. Link attached.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/news/pothole-repair-trial-starts-in-devon/>

Fire Service – Co-Responder Scheme

Discussions continue regarding the cancellation of the fire service co-responder scheme and a possible solution in favour of a voluntary community responder scheme. Link attached below.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/news/scrutiny-urges-ambulance-service-to-stop-plans-to-replace-fire-co-responders-with-volunteers/>

Cllr Sue Davies, Devon County Councillor for Hatherleigh and Chagford

Signed: _____ Date: _____