

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Ermington Parish Council held in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 7th February 2012 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. M. Auburn, T Auburn, Bower, Hughes, Kerlake, Morley, K. Toms, Walsh.

Also Present: County Councillor William Mumford, Dis. Councillors, T. Holway and L. Ward.

Chairman: Councillor J. Morley.

Parishioners(s) present: 2

12/12 a) Police Report

No recorded crime in Ermington

Lee Mill Ind Estate and Tesco's

2 x shopliftings [JI/12/23 and 39 refers]

1 x article with blade or point [JI/12/40 refers] [found in possession of a Stanley knife]

Same offender, charged to court.

1 x public order offence, harassment [JI/12/32 refers] verbal abuse. Dealt with by way of restorative justice, an apology made.

1 x theft of money [JI/12/41 refers]

1 x minor assault [JI/12/67 refers]

Meeting held with Nick Colton at The Highways Office on 27th January regarding Fawns Close.

Nick is in contact with the Police Road Safety Officer PC Tanner regarding the problem.

Double yellow lines are not an option due to cost and enforcement problems but other options are being considered.

Regarding the letter compiled for the school newsletter highlighting the traffic problem and asking parents to email highways with their concerns, Nick Colton has only received one email.

b) Open Forum

The Chairman of the Village Fund Committee explained about the plans for the Queens Jubilee celebrations. He confirmed that a letter was going out to all local organisations asking for their support.

Cllr. Holway reminded the meeting of the Community Land Trust Events, the nearest one being held at Taunton on 21st March 2012.

There is still some money available from the locality budget for Ermington which could go towards the fixing of the new gates in Honeys field.

Cllr. Ward also mentioned the Community Land Trust events.

Generally SHDC is doing very well.

The Connect Outreach Service regulations are now going through.

Unfortunately there are 2,000 children still in poverty in the South Hams.

Cllr. Ward is very supportive of the Villages in Action initiative and hopes to promote this in other areas. Ermington is already involved and is holding an event at the end of February.

County Councillor William Mumford reported that the budgets will be voted on the following day. There will be a nil increase in Council Tax this year. Only careful budgeting has enabled this.

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12/12 b) OPEN FORUM - continued

He then listed some of the services which will have funds including: Highway Maintenance; housing for vulnerable people – bringing homes up to standard; the proposed reinstatement of the Village Lengthsman programme; youth budget.

The Broadband survey which had been sent to all Councillors was very important and he asked that everyone should complete it. The greater the demand for an improved service the greater will be the investment. Clerk asked to mention this in the next edition of the Parish Magazine and to put up posters in Ermington. – **Action Clerk**

A question was asked from a parishioner as to whether the new Broadband will benefit people who live too far away from an exchange.

Cllr. Mumford explained that the whole point of the broadband project was to look at every aspect and he confirmed again for everyone to complete and return the survey

He confirmed that the local primary school could not justify any of the Section 106 money from the Barratts Development. This had already been notified and explained to the Parish Council.

A Parish Councillor stated that the new signs that have been put up in the Parish saying 'Unmetalled Road' had not helped as drivers were seeing this as a roadway and were trying to drive along the lanes, particularly vans and scooters.

13/12 APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs. Bower and Nick. Toms.

14/12 MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT – Register of Members' Interest

At Council meetings, each Councillor has a duty to declare an interest if it is either a personal or prejudicial interest – no additional "Register of Members Interest" forms were received from Councillors at the February 2012 meeting.

15/12 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd January were confirmed and signed. Matters arising are as follows: -

(01/12)

Extra funding for the Primary School under Section 106 agreement was explained by the Chairman.

The replacement of the gate by Honeys Field came under the P3 Agreement. The wooden gates can be given free of charge but would need to be fitted by a local tradesman. The Parish Clerk explained the possibilities i.e. sizes of gates available. The Chairman and Pete Davis from the Village Fund Committee to look at the requirements. There is still money available to the Parish from the District Councillors and a suggestion was made that this could be put towards the cost of fixing the gates.

A laminated sign to be put up explaining that the Parish Council intended to replace the gates and inviting anyone who has an interest in, or who knows the owner, of the gates to contact the Clerk immediately. Also a note to go into the next edition of the Parish Magazine. – **Action Clerk**

(04/12)

Cllr. Ro Hughes was still in the process of arranging for Debbie Holloway, Housing Strategy and Enabling Officer, to attend a future Sustainable Saturday which it was felt was more appropriate than a Council Meeting as she would meet more local people.

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15/12 MATTERS ARISING - continued

Barratts proposed Development; Clerk asked to find out if the bat survey had been received yet and how far the editing process was in respect of the amended Transport Survey. – **Action Clerk**

An email to be sent to County Councillor William Mumford (who had left the meeting by this time) asking what the current feeling was regarding traffic flow from Sherford travelling towards Exeter and joining the A38. How would this effect the village of Ermington? – **Action Clerk**

16/12 READING ROOM UPDATE AND PURCHASE OF FIELD

Regarding the purchase of the field to the rear of the Reading Rooms, an offer had been received from the owner. A full discussion took place.

Councillors in favour of the offer being accepted were:

M. Auburn, T. Auburn, Hughes, Kerslake, Morley, K. Toms, Walsh, Webley. It was also noted that Cllrs. J. Bower and N. Toms. who were not in attendance at the meeting, were also in favour.

However it was agreed that the Parish Council should wait until after a site meeting with a Planning Officer from South Hams District Council which had been arranged for Tuesday 21st February 2012 in order to make sure that there would be no problems with the proposed extension to the Reading Rooms.

17/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applicant: Ms H Pimm
Application No: 21/0059/12/F
Proposal: Horse exercise arena
Location: Fieod at SX638 540, South of Higher Keaton, Ermington, Devon

SUPPORT, with comment

Applicant: Mr J Hilsdon
Application No: 21/0127/12/F
Proposal: Householder application for loft conversion and refurbishment of existing bungalow.
Location: Erme View, School Road, Ermington, Devon PL21 9NH

SUPPORT

Applicant: Mr & Mrs C Drew
Application No: 21/0152/12/F
Proposal: Provision of agricultural building
Location: Orchard Barn, Ermington, Ivybridge, PL21 0LB

SUPPORT

Works to Trees in a Conservation Area

Ref: 21/0209/12/CA
Proposal: Fell one Leylandii
Location: Prospect House, The Square, Ermington, Ivybridge.

REFERRED TO PARISH TREE WARDEN

Listed Building Consent Application

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Installation of an in-situ reinforced concrete invert slab around the piers and abutments of Sequers Bridge with a sheet piled cut off wall on each side of the bridge, at Sequers Bridge, A379 between Modbury and Yealmpton, Nr Ermington.

PASSED TO CLLRS. HUGHES AND M. AUBURN FOR CHECKING AND THEN RETURNED FOR COUNCIL SUPPORT.

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17/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS - continued

Planning Permission Granted

Applicant: Mr G Elliott
Application No: 21/2956/11/F
Proposal: Householder application for 2 parking bays
Location: Rose Cottage, Westlake, Ivybridge PL21 9JT

Town and Country Planning – Enforcement Notice

Location Cadleigh View, Beech Road, Cadleigh, Devon, PL21 9HN
Breach of Planning Control alleged: Operational development without planning permission namely the erection on the land of a workshop building, freestanding conservatory, shipping container and shed.

18/12 FINANCE:

Cllrs. Morley and K. Toms had completed the mid-year check of the accounts and they do not have any concerns.

The following finance was discussed and agreed to be paid: -

-	Creative Solutions – Fawns Close Notice Board (Tor Homes)	£175.00
-	Caretakers wages – up to 16 th January 2012	£18.00
-	Reimbursement to Clerk for refreshments and papers	£10.13
-	Payment to Cliff Sumner for purchase of storage cupboard	£15.00
-	EDF Energy – monthly payment – February (DD)	£15.00

Retrospective Payments:

-	Reimbursement to Cllr. Jon. Morley for laminating costs	£21.60
-	Supply and fitting of grabrails – entrance to Reading Rooms	£47.43

Grant Requests: None.

Balance of accounts: - **Lloyds Treasurer Account:** - Balance at 13th January 2012 - £10,321.08.

-	£21,60	Cheque No. 000792
-	£47.43	Cheque No. 000793
-	£175.00	Cheque No. 000794
-	£18.00	Cheque No. 000795
-	£10.13	Cheque No. 000796
-	£15.00	Cheque No. 000797
-	£15.00	Direct Debit.
+	£88.00	
+	£11.00	

Lloyds Treasurer Account: Balance at 13th February 2012 - £10,376.95

Investment Account: Balance at 9th December 2011 - £8,363.20. (This figure does not include interest for January and February).

19/12 AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the following changes would be made to the Standing Orders, effective from 1st April 2012:

Under Item 8 – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – the following amendment:

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19/12 AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS – continued

Change of heading to ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At each Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council in May the first business shall be to elect a Chairman of the Council. No Councillor can remain as Chairman continually in excess of eight years. Said person cannot be re-elected as Chairman for a minimum of four years.

Clerk instructed to amend the Standing Orders and circulate to all Councillors prior to the March meeting. At which time, the amendments will be confirmed. – **Action Clerk**

20/12 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd April 2012, in The Reading Rooms. The guest speaker will be Ros. Davies from the P3 initiative. She has agreed to do a Power Point Presentation.

It was agreed to hold a short Parish Meeting following the Annual Parish Meeting.

It was agreed to set up a data base of email addresses of Parishioners who wished to be kept informed of Parish Council decisions and any public information notices that are received by the Clerk. Advertisements to be placed on Notice Boards and in the next edition of the Parish Magazine inviting residents to forward their emails to the Clerk for inclusion on the list. – **Action Clerk**

A suggestion was made that the Parish Council use Facebook as a means of communication. Cllr. Ro Hughes and the Clerk to look into the viability of this idea especially in regard to the Data Protection Act. – **Action Cllr. Hughes and Clerk**

21/12 CORRESPONDENCE

- Consultation on School Admissions Arrangements. – **noted and filed**
- Letter received from Mrs Sue Roberts, Chair of Governors, Ermington Primary School. – **noted and acknowledged.**
- Broadband Survey – **to be publicised on Notice Boards and in Parish Mag.**
- DCC P3 Footpath scheme for Ermington - **filed**
- I&DALC Minutes of Meeting held on 18th January 2012. - **filed**
- Permission application for Queens Jubilee Fun Day from Ermington Village Fund Committee to be held Ermington Playing Fields - **noted**
- Best Kept Village competition. – **noted but no action taken.**
- Clerks and Councils Direct – January 2012. - **circulated**
- Junk Mail, Issue 8. - **circulated**
- SLCC The Clerk, January 2012 - **circulated**
- CVS Voluntary Vine, January to March 2012, with enclosures. - **circulated**
- Everyone's Tomorrow, January 2012. - **circulated**
- DPFA The Playing Field, Winter 2011/2012 - **circulated**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The monthly [Parish Council Meeting](#) will take place on [Tuesday 6th March 2012](#) in the Parish Rooms, Ermington commencing at [7.30 p.m.](#)