

# ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Ermington Parish Council held in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. T. Auburn, J. Bower, Hughes, Kerslake, J. Morley, K. Toms, N. Toms, Webley, Walsh.

Also Present: Devon County Councillor William Mumford, District Cllrs. Tom Holway and Lindsay Ward.

Chairman: Councillor Jon. Morley.

Parishioner(s) Present: 3

## 01/13 a) POLICE MATTERS

In the absence of the Police, the Chairman read out the following report:

Overnight 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> two cars parked near each other had paintwork scratched [Smithaleigh area] JI/12/1189 refers

Lee Mill Ind. Est.

15<sup>th</sup> a shoplifting JI/12/1174 refers

17<sup>th</sup> a shoplifting JI/12/1180 refers

Overnight 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> theft of a power washer JI/12/87 refers

22<sup>nd</sup> a drunk and disorderly JI/12/93 refers

24<sup>th</sup> theft of a computer JI/12/1201 refers

## b) OPEN FORUM

A complaint was made regarding the speed of approval for the Planning Application in Chapel Street, with no acknowledgement of the number of complaints against this application and the possible risk to flooding.

There appeared to be discrepancies compared to other planning applications in Ermington.

Dis. Cllr. Holway made the comment that because the Application had been deferred back to SHDC the Parish had effectively taken itself out of the Planning Process. He could only follow regulations and, after a site inspection, could not find any reason to refuse this Planning Application.

Local residents feel they have been ignored.

In regard to the Barratt Housing development, the question was asked as to whether the Parish Council still feels that it is working as a team with Barratt David Wilson especially in regard to the start and finishing times and the entrance to the site?

It was pointed out that the entrance from the Industrial Estate had been agreed with SHDC, and was only temporary to allow workers to park their private vehicles off the road.

There were concerns with the delivery times and access and it was confirmed that there will be strict monitoring by SHDC and if Barratt David Wilson fail to adhere to the agreement within the construction management plan there will be penalties imposed.

DCC Councilor William Mumford reported that Devon County Council had raised a number of issues with Barratt Homes since work had commenced. There is a far greater number of vehicles going into the site than was originally suggested. He explained what had been happening up to date to make Barratt Homes conform to the agreement.

Lorries were blocking up the entrance to the Trading Estate and taking parking spaces allotted to the businesses on the Estate.

The enlarged splay for the entrance must be put in soon.

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Question –why can't Barratt Homes produce a list of when lorries are expected with date and time?

The Chairman agreed to contract Barratt Homes regarding all of these concerns and suggesting that a representative from Barratt Homes come to every meeting to report on what was happening.

**Action – Cllr. J. Morley.**

An another subject, the question was asked as the current position regarding the Reading Rooms development.

Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council had been waiting for the completion of the purchase of Honeys Field which should happen in the very near future. Once this is done, the Reading Rooms project will be looked at again.

DCC William Mumford, reported that the July flooding will cost 2.2 million pounds, the November flooding – 4.8 million pounds and at least double this figure for the flooding on Christmas Eve.

A Flood Report had been produced and the Clerk agreed to forward the information to all Councillors on how to access the report. The EA had set out which organisation/department was responsible for what, i.e. the Environment Agency was responsible for primary water courses but not for any stream or brook. Devon County Council has responsibility to report on flood events and is the responsible Highways Authority. South Hams District Council retain their responsibility for land drainage. Land owners with streams are responsible for keeping them clear and free flowing. The Water Authority is responsible for sewage systems.

He mentioned that there seems to be a general lack of drain maintenance.

It was reported by a Parish Councillor that two babies were rescued from a car the previous week in Hunsdon Road which had been caught in flooding. The babies were rescued by the police constable who attended the incident even though he had to wade through deep water. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the police constable concerned. **Action – Clerk**

An article to go into the next edition of the Parish Magazine asking for residents to contact the Clerk with any areas that have flooded during the recent bad weather so that the Council can have a list and once the weather has improved take a look to see if anything can be done to stop this happening again in the future.

Both District Councillors were present at the meeting and had made various comments regarding the above concerns.

## 02/13 APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. M. Auburn.

## 03/13 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, pecuniary or a prejudicial interest. No additional "Register of Members Interest" forms were received from Councillors at the January 2013 meeting and no Dispensation Requests had been received.

## 04/13 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012 were confirmed and signed. Matters arising are as follows:

90/12 - INVEST IN DEVON application. The Parish Council has been informed that the £5,000 grant cannot be used to pay the Architects fees as was hoped. It was agreed to amend the application and request the £5,000 to go towards the general refurbishment of the Reading Rooms. The Clerk confirmed that she had already spoken to DCC and they intimated that this would be agreed and that the money would be kept for at least two years until the Parish Council was in a position to use the grant.

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## 04/13 MATTERS ARISING - continued

It was also agreed to apply to the Locality Budget to help pay the Architect fees.

97/12 Barratt Homes Housing Development already dealt with under the Open Forum.

98/12- P3 Fund. A list of work had been forwarded from Cllr. M. Auburn. It was agreed to arrange for dog entrances to be put beside/built into styles and that Cllr. M. Auburn would contact Peter Gale regarding this. Also that a handrail be fixed by the steps on footpath 11 (Kingsacre end). The Clerk to contact the person who installed the handrail by the steps to the War Memorial to see if he would be willing to undertake this work.. – **Action Clerk.**

Finally, that the Clerk would contact Ivybridge Town Council to find out costs involved for signs and also what regulations there are.

It was suggested that the District Councillors budget could be used to help pay for these additional signs.

## 05/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was suggested by a Councillor that in future all comments made in regard to Planning Applications by the Parish Council be included in the Minutes. Agreed.

Application No: DCC/3465/2012  
Proposal: To allow use of crushers and screens to pre-treat waste and produce secondary aggregates in conjunction with architectural recycling and concrete batching.  
Location: Strashleigh Hams Inert Processing and Recycling Facility, Lee Mill, Ivybridge.

### **OBJECTION WITH COMMENTS based on the following points::**

1. Site: proximity to Lee Mill
2. The effect on the local highway network.
4. Noise.
5. Future Development: Slippage.

Application No; 21/2924/12/F  
Applicant: Mr Julian Macgregor  
Proposal: Full planning application (Retrospective) to allow change of use of granny annexe to allow unrestricted residential occupancy of dwelling.  
Location: Lankwells, Burraton, Ivybridge, Devon PL21 9LA

### **SUPPORT**

Application No: 21/0008/13/F  
Applicant: Mr J Tarrant  
Proposal: Erection of temporary single storey storage building ancillary to the existing Permaban Ltd. operations.  
Location: Unit L Mill Close, Lee Mill Industrial Estate, Lee Mill Ivybridge, PL21 9GL.

### **SUPPORT**

### **Planning Applications Granted**

Application No: 21/2441/12/F  
Applicant: Mr Mrs Pett  
Proposal: Householder application for the installation of 3 no. rooflights, alterations to 2 no. window openings to form door openings.  
Location: 2 Cadleigh Barjns, Cadleigh PL21 9HW

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## 05/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – continued

Application No: 21/2431/12/F  
Applicant: Dr B and Mrs Z Thurston  
Proposal: Retrospective application for field shelter that has been in location since 2009.  
Location: Clickland Farm, Ermington, Ivybridge PL21 9JY.

Application No: 21/2124/12/F  
Applicant: Mrs C Mills  
Proposal: Full planning application for erection of three bedroom dwelling  
Location: R/O 1 Chapel Street, Ermington, Devon PL21 9ND

Application No: 21/2552/12/CU  
Applicant: Mr M. Smallacombe  
Proposal: Change of use to sand school (outdoor) turn out pen.  
Location: Crossparks, Hunsdon, Ivybridge, Devon PL21 9JR.

## 06/13 FINANCE:

**The Precept for the coming financial year was discussed and having taken into account the current financial position of the Country, the fact that Precepts may be capped next year and the projects currently ongoing in Ermington, it was unanimously agreed to increase the amount to £15,500.**

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

- Caretakers wages – up to 16th December 2012	£24.50
- Clerks Wages – October, November, December, including overtime	£905.40
- PAYE Clerk	£64.60
- Reimbursement to Clerk for copy paper and staples	£22.62
- Reimbursement to Clerk for black ink cartridges	£44.94
- South West Water – monthly payment – January (DD)	£33.50
- EDF Energy – monthly payment – January (DD)	£15.00

It was unanimously agreed to settle the account with the Architect during this financial year:

- Stephen Hitch, Architects: Professional Services, Reading Rooms	£3,750.00
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GRANT REQUESTS: Inter Parish Quiz - **AGREED** £10.00

Balance of accounts: - **Lloyds Treasurer Account:** Balance as at 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012: £16,778.01.

- £24.50	Cheque No. 000852
- £905.40	Cheque No. 000853
- £64.60	Cheque No. 000854
- £22.62	Cheque No. 000855
- £44.94	Cheque No. 000856
- £10.00	Cheque No. 000857
- £3,750.00	Cheque No. 000858
- £33.50	Direct Debit
- £15.00	Direct Debit

+ £5.34

**Lloyds Treasurer Account:** Balance at 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013 - £16,095.96. Does not include payment to Architect.

**Investment Account:** Balance as at 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 - £13,368.57. Does not include interest for January.

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## **07/13 PURCHASE OF FIELD**

The Clerk outlined the current position and hoped that the purchase would be completed by the Spring.

At this point in the meeting a non-agenda item, the future of the Reading Rooms, was discussed in some detail. The various options were mentioned and Councillors put forward their opinions on the best way forward. This matter will be put on the Agenda of a future Parish Council meeting once the purchase of the field is completed.

## **08/13 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANS**

Due to lack of time, this matter was deferred to a later meeting.

## **09/13 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Rock Salt – to be discussed at a later date.

Ugborough Neighbourhood Plan – Agreed that this did not affect Ermington as the plan did not encroach into the Parish.

Cllr. M. Auburn had drafted a letter to Gary Streeter, asking for his support and help in raising funds for the Reading Rooms project. Agreed that this letter be circulated by email to all Councillors asking for comments, before it is sent to Gary Streeter. **Action - Clerk**

## **10/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **a) Emails regarding access through church yard to school.**

Agreed that this matter would be dealt with once the Parish owned the field.

## **11/13 PARISH CLERK – Applications**

After consideration by the Parish Council it was unanimously agreed that M/s Dawn Trower would be offered the position of Ermington Parish Clerk, commencing employment on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013, working alongside the current Clerk for two months,.

An informal get-together to be arranged between Dawn and Councillors prior to the next meeting. **Action - Clerk**

Mrs Jill Collings will retire on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The monthly [Parish Council Meeting](#) will take place on [Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013](#) in the Parish Rooms, Ermington commencing at [7.30 p.m](#)