

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Ermington Parish Council held in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 10th July 2012 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. Tim Auburn, Marina Auburn, Bower, Hughes, Kerslake, Morley, K. Toms, N. Toms, Walsh, Webley

Also Present: Dis. Cllrs. Holway and Ward.

Chairman: Cllr. Jon. Morley

Parishioner(s) Present - 2

48/12 a) POLICE MATTERS

In the absence of the Police the following report was read out:

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Fraud offence – 4th June scam telephone call. Victim telephoned by someone claiming to be computer engineer, bank card detail passed, money taken from account. Enquiries had negative result [JI/12/476 refers] .

Lee Mill Industrial Estate

3 x shopliftings, each resulting in arrest and offender being charged to court. [JI/12/522/541 and 543 refer].

It was agreed that a warning should be put in the next edition of the Parish Magazine regarding fake telephone calls. – **Action Cllr. M. Auburn.**

b) OPEN FORUM

A Parishioner produced alternative plans/ideas for the Reading Rooms which would provide a car park coming off Church Road and a completely new hall at the rear of the field. This idea will be considered further at a later meeting. The Parishioner was thanked for his efforts producing the alternative plan.

A question was asked about flooding in Ermington after the recent bad weather. It was reported that Hunsdon Road had flooded, partly due to the weather but also because the Parish Lengsthman had not cleared drains and culverts recently. The drain by the postbox in Westlake could not cope with all the water and needs an additional gulley put in. There was also flooding at Kingsacre Nursing Home and Sequers Bridge, Thornham Bridge, Keaton Bridge were also mentioned.

Generally agreed that there needs to be joined up thinking between the relevant agencies. There is a lot of bad feeling in the Parish regarding flooding and the ongoing maintenance, or lack of it.

Dis. Cllr. Lindsay Ward reminded Councillors of the next Cluster Meeting on Monday 16th July 2012, at the Watemark in Ivybridge.

There is an electrical amnesty at Follaton House at the present time. Modbury is still open for business after the flooding.

Dis. Cllr. Tom Holway commented on the new Code of Conduct.

49/12 APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from: - DCC Cllr. William Mumford.

50/12 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT – Register of Members' Interest

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

51/12 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th June 2012 were confirmed and signed. Matters arising are as follows: -

40/12 - Cllr. Jon. Morley gave a brief report on the meeting with Michelle Roberts, Community Champion for Tesco which he and the Clerk attended. This had proved to be very productive and although not much money is available, they are willing to assist with fund raising by such things as providing food for the barbecue at the summer fair, bag packing to raise money for Ermington projects, providing a team for a quiz night and support the Primary School by giving talks on healthy eating etc. He again suggested that all requests for help should come through the Parish Council, via the Clerk.

43/12 – Two tables had been delivered to the Auctioneers – the large extending dining table (Victorian) and a large pine kitchen table. The auction is expected to take place towards the end of July but prior to this agreement will be reached on a reserve for the Victorian table.

47/12 – The Churchyard Committee had met recently, attended by Cllr. Jon. Morley. Various bits of maintenance had been discussed including some stone tombs in need of repair. The Church has received a bequest this year which will enable them to repair some of the paths. There will be a meeting of a Church Working party later in the year. Consideration be given by the Parish Council at a later date for donating a little more than the £1,000 during the next financial year.

52/12 PLANNING

Planning Permission Granted

Application No: 21/0830/12/F
Applicant: Sir S Day
Proposal: Erection of stockholding and handling agricultural building
Location: West Worthele Farm, Westlake, Ivybridge PL21 9JT

Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed use or Development

Applicant: David Sheppard RIBA
Application No: 21/0695/12/CLP
Proposal: 3 small extensions to dwelling
Location: Cob Corner, Higher Keaton, Ermington

Applicant: Dr E Williams
Application No: 21/0878/12/CLP
Proposal: Garage Conversion
Location: Badgers, Town Hill, Ermington, Devon. PL21 9LR

Planning Appeals

Reference: APP/K1128/12/2170970
Location: Land and buildings at Cadleigh View, Beech Road, Cadleigh.

The Appeal is dismissed.

Tree Preservation Order – Grant of Conditional Consent

Planning Ref: 21/1114/12/TW
Site: Strode Cottage, Strode, Ermington, Ivybridge.

53/12 FINANCE:

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Use of the Reading Rooms by the Village Band - Agreed that the charge to the Village Band would be £15, up to the end of June. This amount would cover heating and lighting costs and is a special one-off payment bearing in mind the small number of residents taking part at present. Future charges would depend on numbers and would be agreed at a later date.

The Clerk confirmed that the total raised so far for the purchase of the field was £8,411.00.

Freedom of Information Charges – agreed that the Parish would charge a similar amount to Newton and Noss Parish Council. Chairman, Jon. Morley agreed to amend our charges accordingly and put the information on the Parish Website. – **Action Cllr. Jon. Morley.**

The following finance was discussed and agreed to be paid:

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| - £24.50 | - Caretaker wages – up to 16th June |
| - £886.45 | - Clerks wages April/May/June |
| - £90.00 | - Hedges and Lawns – June/July cuts. |
| - £12.00 | - The Gardening Girls – clearance of Knotweed. |
| - £35.00 | - Data Protection Act annual renewal |
| - £33.50 | - South West Water. Direct debit (July) |
| - £15.00 | - EDF Energy – Direct Debit (July) |

Retrospective Payment

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| - £59.80 | - PAYE for Parish Clerk |
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GRANTS = None

Balance of account: - **Lloyds Treasurer Account:** balance – as at 15th June - £13,565.98

- £59.80	Cheque No. 000824
- £24.50	Cheque No. 000825
- £886.45	Cheque No. 000826
- £90.00	Cheque No. 000827
- £12.00	Cheque No. 000828
- £35.00	Cheque No. 000829
- £33.50	DD
- £15.00	DD
+ £15.00	Freedom of Information Act Charges
+ £1,613.00	Various donations towards purchase of field
+ £3,500.00	Donation from Village Fund Committee
+ £100.00	Donation from Wednesday Group
+ £18.00	Collection Box, Crooked Spire
+ £11.00	Hire of Reading Rooms, Review of Footpaths meeting.

Treasurers Account: Balance as at 13th August 2012 - £10,436.23. **Note: £5,000 has been transferred to Investment Account.**

Investment Account: Balance as at 11th June 2012 - £8,365.33. **Note: this does not include £5,000 transferred from Treasurers Account.**

54/12 SOUTH HAMS TAP FUND

Cllr. Ian Walsh gave a brief talk about dementia friendly societies and whether some of the TAP fund could be used for this. Agreed that the Clerk contact Modbury and Ugborough Parish Councils to see if they would be interested. – **Action Clerk**

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55/12 NEW CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk explained that new regulations connected to The Localism Act were published in June and they require all Parish Councils to adopt a new Code of Conduct. The main difference with the new code is that failure to declare disclosable pecuniary interests will now be a criminal offence and the Register of Interests will be published on the website.

The Clerk suggested that the South Hams District Council code should be adopted.

It was resolved that Ermington Parish Council adopts the SHDC Code of Practice with the final details being ratified at the next Parish Council meeting in September.

The Clerk also informed Councillors that they are required to complete the new Register of Interest Forms by the end of July and forward them to SHDC. The forms were distributed at the meeting.

56/12 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. Ian Walsh was thanked for attending the Bridge Ceremony in Ivybridge on behalf of the Parish Council.

57/12 CORRESPONDENCE

- SHDC Ivybridge and Surrounding Area Cluster Meeting, 16th July 2012. – **noted**.
Cllrs. Morley and Kerlake attending.
- NHS Newsletter –June 2012 - **circulated**
- Clerks and Councils Direct – July 2012 – **passed to Clerk**
- South Hams – Connect, Summer 2012 - **circulated**
- Village Green – Summer 2012 - **circulated**
- Open Door – Summer 2012. Tor Homes. - **circulated**
- CVS Voluntary Vine, July 2012. - **circulated**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The monthly [Parish Council Meeting](#) will take place on [Tuesday 4th September 2012](#) in the Parish Rooms, Ermington commencing at [7.30 p.m.](#)