

# ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Ermington Parish Council held in the Parish Rooms on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors M. Auburn, T. Auburn, Hughes, Kerslake, Morley, K. Toms, N. Toms, Walsh, Webley

Also Present: County Cllr. William Mumford. Dis. Cllr. T. Holway.

Chairman: Cllr. Jon. Morley

Parishioner(s) present: 12

## 40/12 a) POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Andy Potter gave the following report:

Ermington

Overnight 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of May three workshops on the industrial estate were burgled. Tools, foodstuffs and a small amount of cash was stolen. Enquiries have had a negative result [JI/12/380,381,382 refer].

Lee Mill Ind .Est.

7<sup>th</sup> May a theft, dispute over taxi fare, may end up as a civil matter [JI/12/375 refers].

## b) OPEN FORUM

Michelle Roberts introduced herself as the new Community Champion from Tesco, Lee Mill. She explained about the new Community Notice Board at the entrance which was available for all Parishes in the area to use for such things as information on the progress of fund raising. It was not a Parish Notice board and therefore not for general public notices such as meeting dates. However she was aware that the Parish Council would like their own Notice Board and would continue to look into this matter. She offered the support of Tesco for such things as supplying food for various activities free of charge. The suggestion was made that the Ermington Village Fund Committee could run a 'bag packing' activity, possibly using children from the Primary School, to raise funds towards projects.

Agreed that a meeting be arranged between Michelle, the Chairman of the Council and the Clerk, in order to discuss other ways in which Tesco could support Ermington, especially with regard to the current projects.- **Action Clerk**

County Councillor, William Mumford, gave some good news regarding the number of job seeker claims, which had fallen for the second month in a row. However youth unemployment was still too high. Shops were being approached to take on apprentices.

Plymbridge cycle track has just been extended and Cllr. Mumford pointed out that small pieces of track are being added to the cycle network all the time.

There has been a slight delay to the Rural Broadband initiative but it is still looking good as 85% of residents will have a much faster connection.

The flood work by Devon Highways in and around Ermington has now been completed. The issue around the new entrance to the proposed Housing Development seem to have been sorted out.

A new Primary School crossing point has not been forgotten and is still being looked at.

At this point in the meeting, the Chairman explained that there were residents present who wanted to express concerns regarding a Planning Application which had not yet been received by the Council. The Chairman made it clear that the Parish Council could not comment on, or offer an opinion, without seeing the planning application but could offer advice. The residents then listed the following points:

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## 40/12 OPEN FORUM – continued

They had concerns with the location which is behind the Crooked Spire Public House, with the entrance to the site being along a tiny road off of Chapel Street.

They are concerned with the increase in parking as there will be no parking space on the plot.

The proposal is for a two storey building, ten feet away from a wall. The house will have two or three bedrooms and will be built on a three quarters of an acre site.

The Parish Council was asked, when they discuss the application, that they consider the impact that this will have on any nearby property.

At this point the Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council is only an advisory body and the final decision is made by SHDC.

Another Parishioner present explained that his property would be overlooked. It was also pointed out that another property was up for sale, and the present owners had had to change their sale details because of this proposed new build.

The Chairman then explained to the parishioners what the procedure is, once the Planning Application is registered.

The Chairman of the Village Fund Committee who organised the Jubilee Fun Day, thanked all those who helped and confirmed that it had been a very successful event, with no problems and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. He also confirmed that over £2,000 was raised towards the Field Fund. The Chairman of the Council remarked that this was a fantastic effort.

**A vote of thanks was recorded to Pete Davis, Chairman of the Village Fund Committee, for all his hard work in organising this event and his successful efforts in getting so many people involved.**

The 'guess the number of matchsticks' used to build the model of the church competition raised £160, again this money will go towards the Field Fund. The total number of matchsticks used was 27,500.

The Parish Council was then presented with two cheques. The first from Ermington Sustainable Saturdays for £593.00 and the second one from the Ermington Parish Magazine for £1,000. These contributions were also for the purchase of the field.

## 41/12 APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from: - Dis. Councillor L. Ward and Cllr. J. Bower.

## 42/12 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 completed "Register of Members Interest" forms were received at the June 2012 meeting.

## 43/12 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 were confirmed and signed. Matters arising are as follows:

31/12 Queens Jubilee Celebrations – already covered under Open Forum.

37/12 The Oak Table. Contact had been made to various people but the only interested company was Eldreds, the Auctioneers who had agreed to value and auction the table. Agreed that this was the best option and the Clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements depending on the valuation.. – **Action Clerk.**

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## 43/12 MATTERS ARISING - continued

38/12 Parish Paths Partnership. Cllr. M. Auburn informed the meeting that contact had been made with the owner of Fawns Farm who had agreed that a new gate can be fitted. There are still a few more footpaths that need to be walked. A report will now be sent to Devon County Council identifying areas where work is needed. For the future, a leaflet will be written and printed giving information on all the walks in the Parish.

Japanese Knotweed has been sprayed and a notice has gone up warning people to be careful when walking the path and giving a contact number for further information.

## 44/12 PLANNING

Applicant: Tesco Stores Ltd  
Application No: 21/1075/12/F  
Proposal: Installation of a canopy over the space formerly taken up by 8 parking spaces within the store car park.  
Location: Tesco, Central Avenue, Lee Mill Industrial Estate.

**SUPPORT with comment**

Applicant: Mr M Johnson  
Application No: 21/1160/12/F  
Proposal: Proposed ground and first floor extensions to industrial unit to provide workshops and office/toilet facilities  
Location: Unit 1 Strashleigh View, Lee Mill Industrial Estate, Lee Mill, Ivybridge.

**SUPPORT**

Applicant: Mr I. Ruddlesden  
Application No: 21/1188/12/F  
Proposal: Householder application for loft conversion, demolition of garage, demolition of single storey rear extension and existing chimney stack and re-arrangement of internal layout.  
Location: Spirebrook, Chapel Street, Ermington, PL21 9NE

**SUPPORT**

### **Planning Permission Granted**

Application No: 21/0594/12/F  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs A Mattacott  
Proposal: Improved agricultural access  
Location: Springfield, Hunsdon, Ivybridge.

### **Planning Appeals**

Appeal Ref: APP/K1128/D 12/2174660  
Applicant: Mr J Hilsdon  
Proposed Dev. Appeal against refusal of Householder application for loft conversion and refurbishment of existing bungalow.  
Location: Erme View, School Road, Ermington.

### **Works to Tree Preservation Order Trees – grant of Exemption**

Planning Ref: 21/0929/12./TW  
Site: Strode Cottages, Ermington.  
Works: T809 – Beech – Reduce entire tree to 6m habitat stump. T823 – Oak – Fell  
Reason: Dead, dying and dangerous.

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## 44/12 PLANNING - continued

### Works to Tree Preservation Order Trees

Planning Ref: 21/1114/12/TW  
Site Strode Cottage, Strode, Ermington.  
Works: Various trees, removal of dead wood, reduce height, removal of lower limbs. Fell one oak.

## 45/12 FINANCE:

The Annual Insurance details were discussed and it was agreed that the premium should be paid. However, once the Reading Rooms have been renovated and extended it was suggested that other insurance companies should be contacted to see if the premium could be reduced in the future.

After discussion it was agreed that other Parish Councils should be contacted to ask for their list of charges when dealing with requests under the Freedom of Information Act. This matter will then be discussed further at the next meeting. – **Action Clerk**

The following finance was discussed and agreed to be paid:

-	£28.00	Caretakers wages up to 16th May.
-	£45.00	Hedges and Lawns – May cut
-	£1,620.00	Bigbury Mint – purchase of Jubilee Medals
-	£1,434.95	Zurich Insurance
-	£6.55	Reimbursement to Clerk for Recorded Delivery letter
-	£33.50	SWW. – monthly payment – June (DD)
-	£15.00.	EDF Energy – monthly payment – June (DD)
+	£10.00	Ermington Players
+	£500.00	Ermington Parish Projects donation

GRANTS – None

Balance of accounts: - **Lloyds Treasurer Account** – Balance as at 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012 - £13,565.98.

-	£28.00	Cheque No. 000819
-	£45.00	Cheque No. 000820
-	£1,620.00	Cheque No. 000821
-	£1,434.95	Cheque No. 000822
-	£6.55	Cheque No. 000823
-	£33.50	DD
-	£15,00	DD
+	£10.00	
+	£500.00	

**Lloyds Treasurer Account:** Balance as at 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012 - £13,915.88. This figure does not include Insurance Payment or £3,500 donation from Village Fund Committee.

**Business Instant Access Account:** Balance as at 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012 - £8,365.33.

## 46/12 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. John Kerslake gave a report on the SHDC Cluster Meeting which he attended along with Cllr. Di. Webley. The Leader of the Council is keen to get Parish Councils working together and in this regard a new fund has been established known as the South Hams TAP Fund. Ideas from Parish Councils are invited but each Council must work with at least one other with any project put forward.

Cllr. Ian Walsh informed the Council that he will be meeting with Phillip Dredge, Ivybridge Town Councillor to discuss the possibility of the Ivybridge and District Association of Local Councils working together and the

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## 46/12 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES - continued

first idea was connected with the dementia friendly communities initiative. Other ideas put forward were the upkeep of footpaths that run from parish to parish, a local food forum linking parishes together perhaps in the form of a community co-operative where people of other areas come together to sell their produce. Finally a defibrillator for each Parish but training would be needed and a central location found. There is just under £30,000 available for the Ivybridge area.

The next SHDC Cluster meeting is to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

## 47/12 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Treasurer, Ermington Churchyard Committee, which was read out to the meeting. Agreed that a meeting of the Churchyard Committee should be convened and Cllr. Jon. Morley agreed to attend. The Clerk to make arrangements with the Treasurer. – **Action Clerk**

- SHDC South Hams District Council – Housing Surgery. 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012 –  
**Cllr. K. Toms agreed to attend if there were places left..**
- Newsletter from Devon Paths Partnership 2012. - **filed**
- South Hams 'Voice' – Super Cluster Meeting report. - **filed**
- The Clerk – May 2012 – **passed to Clerk**
- Clerks and Councils Direct, May edition – **passed to Clerk**

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The monthly [Parish Council Meeting](#) will take place on **Tuesday 10th July 2012** in the Parish Rooms, Ermington commencing at **7.30 p.m.**