

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Ermington Parish Council held in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 6th March 2012 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. T. Auburn, Bower, Hughes, Kerslake, K. Toms, N. Toms, Walsh, Webley.
Also Present: DCC Councillor William Mumford, Dis. Cllrs. Holway and Ward.

Chairman: Councillor R. Hughes.

Parishioner(s) present: 4

21/12 a) Police Report

PCSO Andy Potter read out the following report:

Ermington

1 x burglary - During the afternoon of 27th Feb a digger was stolen from a secure compound on the outskirts of Ermington, enquires ongoing. [JI/12/149 refers]

Lee Mill Ind. Est.

1 x burglary - Between 9th and 10th of Feb quantity of metal stolen from within secure compound, enquiries ongoing. [JI/11/98 refers]

1 x shoplifting - Occurred 15th Feb offender located arrested and charged to court.

b) Open Forum

A parishioner informed the meeting that Ermington had won the first round in the Inter-Parish Quiz and they were now hosting the next round on 29th March 2012 in the Reading Rooms. He asked for support.

A parishioner asked how he could make further comments regarding the proposed housing development in Ermington. It was explained that once the Planning Application has been received, he will be able to make comments direct to South Hams District Council, Planning Department quoting the planning reference number.

DCC Councillor William Mumford confirmed that the budgets had been agreed at County level.

He requested, once again, that the broadband survey be promoted as much as possible as it was very important. Work could commence on improving the connections by the end of the year.

New England Quarry – Viridor was still deciding on their next step. The County's appeal on illegal tipping at the Strashleigh Hams site had been successful.

Dis. Councillor Lindsay Ward confirmed that the Link Officer for the SHDC Parish Cluster meetings was Graham Swiss.

Villages in Action – South Hams have stopped the funding for this project but our Dis. Cllrs. are hoping that funding will become available from their Locality Budget to cover at least some of the shortfall.

Dis. Councillor Tom Holway reported that a new website for South Hams District Council will be coming soon. He was not sure how it will be developed in the future.

A report was received that the Community Service initiative involving work at the Ermington Primary School was going very well indeed.

22/12 APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs. M. Auburn and Morley.

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23/12 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 March 2012 meeting.

Cllrs. K. Toms and N. Toms declared an interest in item under 26/12.

24/12 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2012 were confirmed and signed with two minor amendments – Cllr. Bower was not present at the meeting. Cllr. Webley was present.

Matters arising are as follows:

12/12 – Queens Jubilee Meeting – Cllrs. Bower, Hughes and Webley were in attendance. The Council agreed to purchase a supply of Commemorative Medallions which will be presented to all children at the Primary school. An application will be made to the Dis. Cllrs. Locality Fund for a contribution towards the cost. – **Action Clerk**

15/12 – The Housing Development – there had been a successful meeting with a representative from Barratts though the Council had still not seen the proposed design of the houses and, although the entrance had been moved, the Council would still prefer access to the Estate to be by the Workshop entrance which it is thought was the most appropriate position bearing in mind the width of the road in this area. However, the Parish Council did understand that this was a Highways decision. The Environment Agency report had been forwarded to all Councillors. It is understood that the Planning Application will be received in the near future.

16/12 – Purchase of Field – A letter had been received from Bryan May, the Agent for Mr. R. Honey, detailing in brief the conditions for the purchase. A Solicitor acting for the Council had been appointed – Mr Matthew Clarke from Whiteford Crocker, Ivybridge Office.

The Parish Council was pleased to learn that the Village Fund Committee had agreed a donation of £1,200 towards the purchase price and would also be holding fundraising events during the summer.

16/12 – The agreed amendments to the Standing Orders had been previously circulated to all Councillors and it was unanimously confirmed that they be accepted.

19/12 – Annual Parish Meeting – there will be a short Parish Meeting following the APM on Tuesday 3rd April 2012. However, it may be necessary to hold a Planning Meeting the week before, i.e. Tuesday 27th March. The Clerk will inform Councillors should this be the case.

20/12 - Facebook. Councillor Kathy Toms agreed to look at the possibility of the Parish Council using Facebook as a means of communication. – **Action Cllr. K. Toms.**

25/12 READING ROOM UPDATE

A report was given on the site meeting with Nils White, Planning Department at SHDC. He was generally in support of the new plans for the Reading Rooms but will be speaking with a Conservation Officer to confirm that they would have no reservations regarding the extension. He also suggested that some 3D images be produced to help with the decision making process. Mr. Steve Hitch, our architect, has made contact with a colleague who has agreed to do this work for £200, which would include 3D images from the church porch, the field, and the corner of Church Road and Bunkers Hill, as suggested by Nils White. The Parish Councillors unanimously agreed that this should go ahead.

26/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applicant: Mr P. Meddings
Application No: 21/0385/12/F
Proposal: Installation of solar panels to the roof of existing industrial building
Location: Meddings Thermalec Ltd., Kingsley Close, Lee Mill Industrial Estate, PL21 9LL

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26/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS cont.

Applicant: E-Tricity Trading Ltd.
Application No: 21/0418/12/F
Proposal: Construction of 50kw photovoltaic installation and associated works
Location: Higher Ludbrook Farm, Ludbrook, Ivybridge PL21 0LL

Cllrs. K and N Toms declared an interest.

SITE MEETING REQUESTED

Applicant: Dr. A Hart-Davis
Application No: 21/0426/12/F
Proposal: Householder application to install two velux windows (skylights) on north-east elevation.
Location: Thornham Bridge, Ivybridge Road, Ermington, Devon PL21 0LG

NO OBJECTION

Applicant: Mr W. Gurney
Application No: 21/0425/12/F
Proposal: Part retrospective householder application for raised terrace supported by gabion baskets and associated landscape works.
Location: Strode House, Strode, Ivybridge, PL21 0LY

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Revised Plans

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

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Planning Permission Granted

Application No: 21/2991/11/F
Applicant: Mr Mrs R Chinnock
Proposal: Householder application for alterations and extension to existing bungalow
Location: Merle Dene, Hunsdon, Ivybridge PL21 9JR

Application No: 21/3113/11/F
Applicant: Mr Mrs Sexton
Proposal: Installation of 28kw PV Solar panel system on to roof of the existing building units 1 – 7
Location: Units 1-7 Beech Road Business Park, Cadleigh, Ivybridge, PL21 9HN

Application No: 21_62/2040/11/F
Applicant: Mr J Walter-Symons
Proposal: Construction of agricultural building for lambing and general purpose agricultural use, including 18 photovoltaic panels on roof and with adjoining excavated silage bale storage and pallet bin storage areas.
Location: Land SX 6066 5292, east of Wilburton Cross, Yealmpton, Plymouth.

At this point in the meeting it was pointed out that a breach of planning regulations may have occurred in connection with the Reading Room Cottage. Clerk instructed to make enquires. – **Action Clerk.**

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27/12 FINANCE:

A claim for overtime payments for the Clerk, i.e. a total of 17 hours for the months of January and February at a total cost of £148.75 was agreed by the Council and approval signed by the Vice Chairman.

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

- Caretaker wages up to 16 th February 2012	£18.00
- Reimbursement to Caretaker for toilet cleaners, paper towels etc.	£5.88
- Reimbursement to Clerk for one box of printing paper	£21.54
- Erme Interim Management Ltd. (tables, chairs, lock, min. 57/11)	£337.80
- Supply and fitting of handrail at Memorial Steps, inc. VAT	£188.29
- EDF Energy – monthly payment – March. (DD)	£15.00

Retrospective Payment:

- Db Computer Repairs (installation of programme to enable access To clerk@ermingtonparish.org.uk email on Parish Clerks computer	£45.00
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NOTE: There are no Direct Debit payments for S.W.W. and Non-Domestic Rate Demand for the month of March.

GRANTS = None

Balance of accounts: - **Lloyds Treasurer Account:** balance of account up to 13th February 2012 - £10,376.95

-	Cheque No. 000797 - Cancelled.
- £45.00	Cheque No. 000798
- £23.88	Cheque No. 000799 (Caretakers wages and expenses)
- £21.54	Cheque No. 000800
- £337.80	Cheque No. 000801
- £188.29	Cheque No. 000802
- £15.00	Direct Debit
+ £50.00	Ermington Village Fund contribution towards Fawns Close Notice Board

Lloyds Treasurers Account balance as at 13th March 2012 - £9,833.32.

Investment Account balance as at 9th March 2012 - £8,364.25. This amount includes interest for Jan, Feb. and March totalling - £1.05p.

28/12 ERMINGTON RECREATION GROUND

A letter has been received from Ross Kennerley, Natural Environment and Recreation Manager, South Hams District Council suggesting that the Parish Council may be interested in either taking on the ownership or leasing the Recreation Field particularly with the possibility of the transfer of an open space to the Parish from the Barretts development which is adjacent to the Recreation Ground.

It was agreed that this matter required some thought and in this respect the Clerk was instructed to invite Ross Kennerley to a meeting with the Parish Councillors in the near future in order that more information could be obtained. – **Action Clerk**

29/12 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

There is a new initiative whereby local communities can join together to buy oil for heating in bulk and thereby save money. Cllr. T. Auburn agreed to put an article into the Parish Magazine to see if there was any local interest in this idea. – **Action Cllr. T. Auburn.**

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30/12 CORRESPONDENCE

The P3 Parish Paths Partnership Agreement has been signed. Cllr. M. Auburn will be meeting shortly with Ros Davies and Paul McFadden to move further on with this project.

Road Closure Notice – Westlake Cross to Lanbrook Cross - noted and filed

Environment Agency Report – Barratts Development - dealt with under 24/12 - noted and filed

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The monthly **Parish Council Meeting** will take place on **TUESDAY 3RD April 2012 commencing at approx. 9.30 p.m.** in the Reading Rooms. This meeting will follow the Annual Parish Meeting.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on the **3rd April 2012 in the Reading Rooms, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**