

# ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Ermington Parish Council held in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors Tim Auburn, Bower, Hughes, Kerslake, Morley, N.Toms, Walsh, Webley.

Also Present: DC Cllr. Mumford, Dis. Cllrs. Holway, Ward.

Chairman: Cllr. Jon. Morley.

Parishioner(s) Present – 1

## **58/12 (a) POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Andy Potter attended the meeting and gave the following report:

July

Ermington area

No crimes

Lee Mill Ind. Est. area

2<sup>nd</sup> theft of a purse [JI/12/559]  
12<sup>th</sup> common assault [JI/12/600]  
20<sup>th</sup> theft from a car [JI/12/629]  
30<sup>th</sup> criminal damage to a car [JI/12/664]

August

Ermington area

Between 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> a spare wheel was stolen from a van [JI/12/789]

Lee Mill Ind.Est.area

7<sup>th</sup> theft of fuel [JI/12/682]  
12<sup>th</sup> theft of a motor cycle [JI/12/696]  
15<sup>th</sup> burglary [JI/12/709]  
17<sup>th</sup> shoplifting [JI/12/713]  
25<sup>th</sup> theft of fuel [JI/12/762]  
29<sup>th</sup> shoplifting [JI/12/776]

## **(b) OPEN FORUM**

It was reported that a very large thorn bush was growing over the boundary at the far left hand corner of the Recreation Field and required urgent attention. Also the grass inside the children's play area had not been cut for some time. Dist. Cllr. Ward agreed to report these issues to the relevant Department at SHDC.

Dis. Cllr. Ward reported on the recent meeting held in Modbury with Councillors and Clerks from Ermington, Ugborough, Kingston and Holbeton (represented by Cllr. Ward) in attendance to discuss a joint application to the TAP fund for a Dementia Friendly Parishes initiative. The application form was being completed and would be circulated in due course. Ivybridge Town Council had agreed to provide transport to and from the Modbury venue for a monthly meeting of patients and their Carers and various activities were being considered. Agreed that this project was not only for the benefit of Patients but also for the Carers, to provide them with some 'time out' from their responsibilities.

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## (b) OPEN FORUM - continued

County Cllr. William Mumford informed the meeting that there were three issues of importance happening at the present time:

1. Rural Broadband. This was looking promising with BT interested.
2. Planning Permission had been granted for an extra Science Park and a grant has been received through the Growing Places Fund to help boost economic growth in the area. Also, DCC is looking at ways for making Libraries into business hubs. All these initiatives are connected and will help to provide better jobs in terms of skills.
3. New England Quarry. The Environment Agency has issued a permit to the applicant in support. However Cllr. Mumford advised the Parish Council not to take too much notice of this as it would not make any difference to the actual process of emissions and therefore will not have any bearing on the final decision by DCC. The Planning Application from Viridor will be going to Committee around the middle of October.

One other local issue, a lady at Cadleigh has reported flooding problems. Devon Highways are dealing with it. Consultations have taken place with regard to the overall flooding issues due to recent severe weather conditions. There have been meetings with various organisations to ascertain who is responsible for each water course and the actual flooding which occurred.

Dis. Cllr. Holway apologised for arriving late due to unforeseen circumstances but had no reports for the meeting.

## 59/12 APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from: - Cllrs. M. Auburn, K. Toms.

## 60/12 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT – register of Members' Interests

At Council meetings, each Councillor has a duty to declare an interest if it is either a personal or a prejudicial/pecuniary interest. No additional 'Register of Members Interest' forms were received from Councillors at the September 2012 meeting.

Cllr. Nick. Toms declared a personal interest under items 62/12 and 64/12

## 61/12 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012 were confirmed and signed. Matters arising are as follows: -

43/12 – Auction of the antique tables. The total amount received after commission and other expenses was: £1,467.24 which was much more than expected. This money will go towards the purchase of the field.

54/12 – South Hams Tap Fund – Demential Friendly Societies. This matter had already been discussed under the Open Forum.

## 62/12 PLANNING

Application No: 21/1866/12/F  
Applicant: Mr T Pinsent  
Proposal: Retrospective application for the installation of ground-mounted solar pv array to provide renewable electricity for consumption by the farm.  
Location: Higher Ludbrook Farm, Ludbrook, Ivybridge, PL21 0LL

Cllr. N. Toms declared an interest.

**NO COMMENTS TO MAKE**

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS – August meetings.

Application No: 21/1759/12/F  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs J. Toms  
Proposal: Conversion of barn to form family dwelling with change of use.  
Location: Luson, Langbrook, Westlake, Ivybridge, PL21 9JZ.

Cllrs. N. Toms and K. Toms declared a prejudicial/pecuniary interest and left the meeting.

### SUPPORT

Application No: 21/1425/12/F  
Applicant: Barratt Homes, Exeter (a trading name of BDW trading Ltd)  
Proposal: Resubmission of planning application 21/0728/12/W for mixed use development comprising 32 dwellings and 0.1 ha of employment land along with associated access, car parking, landscaping, open space and the provision of footpath link to village centre.  
Location: Land to West of Workshops, Church Road, Ermington, Devon, PL21 9NT.

### NO OBJECTION BUT WITH COMMENTS

Application No: 21/1651/12/F  
Applicant: Mr J Hilsdon  
Proposal: Resubmission of householder application 21/0127/12/F for roof alteration to provide additional accommodation and refurbishment of existing bungalow.  
Location: Erme View, School Road, Ermington, Ivybridge, PL21 9NH.

### SUPPORT

#### Revised Plans:

Application No: 21-49/1225/12  
Applicant: Tesco, Lee Mill  
Proposal: Proposed click and collect signage

#### Planning Permission Granted

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

Application No: 21\_49/1225/12/AD  
Applicant: Tesco Stores Ltd  
Proposal: Advertisement consent for external signage to new canopy located in Tesco Car Park (canopy under separate planning)  
Location: Tesco Stores Ltd., Central Avenue, Lee Mill Ind. Estate, Ivybridge.

Application No: 21/1075/12/F  
Applicant: Tesco Stores Ltd  
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, Lee Mill, Ivybridge.

#### Works to Tree Preservation Order Trees: Grant of Exemption

Planning Ref: 21\_49\_62/1765/12/TW  
Site: Land at New England Quarry  
Proposals: Works to fell eight trees due to flood/storm damage.

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## 63/12 FINANCE

Parish Clerks overtime claim for the months of June, July and August, totally 20 hours, was agreed by Council.

The Clerk/RFO informed the meeting that the total amount raised towards the purchase of the field was now £10,461.39 as a further amount of £100 had just been received.

Payments made during August:

|   |         |  |
|---|---------|--|
| - | £14.00  | Caretakers Wages up to 16 <sup>th</sup> July           |
| - | £200.00 | Provision of 3D images ref. extension to Reading Rooms |
| - | £33.50  | SWW – monthly payment – August (DD)                    |
| - | £15.00  | EDF Energy – monthly payment – August (DD)             |

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

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|---|---------|--|
| - | £14.00  | Caretakers wages – up to 16 <sup>th</sup> August.                    |
| - | £36.84  | Reimbursement to Clerk for stationery (printing paper and envelopes) |
| - | £45.00  | Hedges and Lawns, August Cut   |
| - | £162.00 | Audit Commission charges   |
| - | £33.50  | SWW – monthly payment – Sept. (DD)                                   |
| - | £15.00  | EDF Energy – monthly payment – Sept. (DD)                            |

### INCOME:

|   |           |   |
|---|-----------|---|
| + | £250.00   | Private donation towards purchase of field (EPP)        |
| + | £120.00   | Gardening Club donation towards purchase of field (EPP) |
| + | £66.00    | Hire of Reading Rooms, Wednesday Group                  |
| + | £66.00    | Hire of Reading Rooms, ESS                              |
| + | £43.15    | Misc. donations towards purchase of field (EPP)         |
| + | £250.00   | Pre-School Donation towards purchase of field (EPP)     |
| + | £1,467.24 | Sale of antique tables (EPP)                            |

Balance of accounts: - **Lloyds Treasurer Account: as at 35<sup>th</sup> August 2012 - £10,436.23**

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|---|-----------|----------------------------|
| - | £14.00    | Cheque No. 000830 (August) |
| - | £200.00   | Cheque No. 000831 (August) |
| - | £33.50    | Direct Debit (August)      |
| - | £15.00    | Direct Debit (August)      |
| - | £14.00    | Cheque No. 000832          |
| - | £36.84    | Cheque No. 000833          |
| - | £45.00    | Cheque No. 000834          |
| - | £162.00   | Cheque No. 000835          |
| - | £33.50    | Direct Debit               |
| - | £15.00    | Direct Debit               |
| + | £250.00   | Donation                   |
| + | £120.00   | Donation                   |
| + | £66.00    | Hire of Reading Rooms      |
| + | £66.00    | Hire of Reading Rooms      |
| + | £43.15    | Donation                   |
| + | £250.00   | Donation                   |
| + | £1,467.24 | Sale of Tables             |

**Business Account Balance** – as at 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012 - £12,071.72

**Investment Account:** Balance as at 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012 - £8,365.33. (Does not include transfer of £5,000 from Business Account on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012)

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## 64/12 DEFINITIVE MAP REVIEW

.Cllr. Nick. Toms declared an interest.

The Definitive Map Review was discussed and the Schedule 14 application to add a public footpath from Langbrook to the unmetalled county road between Langbrook Cross and Whipples Cross (SX 6206 5284 – 6253 5302) was considered.

Proposed: Cllr. Ian Walsh and Seconded Cllr. Ro. Hughes that –

As there appeared to be no supporting evidence of any historical usage of the path in living memory the Parish Council should not support this request.

Unanimously Agreed.

## 65/12 NEW CODE OF CONDUCT/STANDING ORDERS/DISPENSATIONS

Cllr. N. Toms proposed, seconded by Cllr. Ian Walsh that, the following additions/amendments should be made to the Code of Conduct and the Standing Orders of Ermington Parish Council:

### Code of Conduct:

Under Declaration of Interests and participation in meetings

8. The words '**or prejudicial**' shall be added after 'disclosable pecuniary interest'.

8.1 (c) The first sentence changed as follows: where you have a disclosable pecuniary interest '**or a prejudicial interest**', withdraw from the room or chamber....

### Standing Orders:

17. Interests

c) The sentence changed as follows:

If a member who has declared a personal interest then considers the interest to be prejudicial or pecuniary he must withdraw from the meeting during consideration and voting on the item to which the interest relates.

Unanimously agreed by the Parish Council that these changes be made with immediate effect.

### Dispensation:

The Clerk has been informed that any dispensation requests in relation to Town and Parish Councils are now to be considered by the relevant Council. Previously these requests were considered by the District Council's Standards Committee.

The dispensation request must be made to the Council or Clerk.

Unanimously agreed by the Parish Council that any dispensation request should be made to the Clerk in writing no later than 10 clear days prior to the date of the meeting to which the dispensation request relates.

## 65/12 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

**National Cycle Path Scheme** – It had been reported to the Parish Council that various signs had appeared in and around the Parish indicating the National Cycle Route. No consultation had taken place with the Parish Council and although in principal the Council approved this initiative, it was agreed that a letter be written to Sustans (the organisation involved) asking for clarification on this project, how it was decided where the cycle route should go, who was consulted and what authority the organisation had. Also that the Parish Council would like to be involved with all future decisions. – **Action Clerk**

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## 65/12 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES - continued

**Environment Agency – issue of permit for the Viridor Application** – letter to be written from the Parish Council opposing this decision. – **Action Clerk**

Cllr. Ro Hughes reported that a large thermometer type notice board will be put up by the War Memorial indicating the level of funding received so far for the purchase of Honeys Field and for the renovations/extension to the Reading Rooms to provide a Village Hall facility. It was agreed by the Council that an amount of £150,000 should be the target for the Village Hall.

## 66/12 CORRESPONDENCE

- DCC Email regarding Locality Funding and Invest in Devon Fund. – **passed to Cllrs. Morley and Hughes.**
- D&CPA Letter reference changes in policing services. – **noted and filed**
- SHDC Consultation – Draft Council Tax Support Scheme – **noted and kept for reference.**
- SHDC Gambling Act 2005 – Consultation – **noted and filed**
- DCC Public Rights of Way report on July meeting. – **noted and filed**
- SHDC Town and Parish Voice – **forwarded to all Councillors.**
- SHDC Super Cluster Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012 – **noted. Passed to Cllr. Kerslake**
- DCC Highways notification of work of bridge at Strashleigh Hams - **noted and filed**
- DALC Annual Report, plus AGM information – **noted**
- IDALC Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012 – **Cllr. Walsh attending**
- DPFA Devon Playing Fields Association AGM, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012. - **noted**
- CCD Community Council for Devon, Working Together – **28<sup>th</sup> September. - noted**
- Everyone's Tomorrow, July 2012. - **circulated**
- SLCC The Clerk, July edition – **passed to Clerk**
- SLCC Notice of Annual General Meeting, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2012. - **noted**
- DPFA The Playing Field, Summer 2012. - **circulated**
- Junkmail – Issue 10. - **circulated**

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly [Parish Council Meeting](#) will take place on **Tuesday 2<sup>ND</sup> October 2012** in the Parish Rooms, Ermington commencing at **7.30 p.m.**