

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council
held in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 2 June 2015 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs John Kerslake, Kate Holliday, Roy Hartwell, Di Webley, John Bower
Ian Walsh and Roger Austin

Also present: County Councillor R Hosking
District Councillor T Holway
PCSO A Potter (Police)
T Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners present: 6

Chairman: Cllr J Kerslake

13/15 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Auburn.

14/15

(a) Police Report

Ermington Parish Council Police Report May 2015

Ermington

No reported crime

Lee Mill Ind. Est.

5 x shopliftings, three enquiries ongoing, one dealt with by way of fixed penalty, one dealt with by arrest and charged to court [CR/029583/034462/034835/037695/037847/15]

Between 29th April and 5th May, theft from motor vehicle, sat nav stolen from lorry
CR/032038/15

15th, assault, enquiries ongoing CR/034874/15

29th, assault, enquiries ongoing Cr/037299/15

(b) Public Questions

Cllr Walsh contacted the local Motorbike Society organisation who were keen to help in connection with the recent incident involving a common assault by two motorcyclists on a green lane to a parishioner out walking. Cllr Walsh reported the offenders were identified via social media.

PCSO A Potter stated that if it was dealt with by restorative justice action which would have been agreed with the individual concerned in the assault, the details of the offenders concerned would be on the police system.



Public Questions (continued)

A parishioner raised a number of concerns in connection with the BDW "The Spires" development. The concerns were:

- a. *The hedge on the Church Road border was not being maintained to the specification agreed as part of the planning process. It was noted that ownership of the hedge had been transferred to adjacent properties.*
- b. *That the splay design for the development entrance did not meet Department of Transport/DCC specifications.*
- c. *The road surfacing on Church Road was poor at points where there has been adjustment to the boundary lines, and*
- d. *The plan to move the "road hump" adjacent to the development had made no progress.*

Cllr Holliday explained she had been told that work on the road surface would be undertaken when the appropriate authority had been received from Devon County Council. There was general concern that the developers would shortly be leaving the site never to return.

It was agreed that a letter would be sent to South Hams District Council for advice on what action was possible to address the points raised. **ACTION: Ermington Parish Council.**

(c) District and County Councillor Reports

County Cllr Hosking

Cllr Hosking had nothing to report, but wished to thank you those who responded to the transport survey as this had resulted in fewer cuts than anticipated.

Cllr Bower asked if the road signs could be cleaned within the parish. Cllr Webley suggested using the Lengthsman but is still waiting for signs. Cllr Hosking will liaise with Nick Colton to ascertain when signs would be available. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

Cllr Holway suggested contacting Sarah Woodman (Ugborough Parish Clerk) to enquire where she had obtained signs. **ACTION: Clerk**

Cllr Austin asked if the speed limit on the road at the bottom of Ermington village (A3121) could be reduced to 30 mph from 40 mph as speed related accidents happen on a regular basis. Cllr Hosking replied there are guidelines which take into account the number of properties accessing road etc. and stressed D.C.C. Highways are only empowered to do is what is within the regulations. Cllr Hosking agreed to discuss the request with Nick Colton (DCC Highways) and advise. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

District Cllr Holway

Cllr Holway reported he was on S.H.D.C. Planning Committee and was appointed vice chair of the Licensing

Committee. Also, there was locality funding of £700 available for the Parish and applications were invited through the Parish Council for grants over £100.

District and County Councillor Reports (continued)

District Cllr Holway

A parishioner said that he was still waiting for approval from SHDC to use the recreation ground on 27 June for the annual village fair. The application had been made in early May. The parishioner also asked for the grass to be cut if the permission was accepted. Cllr Holway kindly agreed to take these matters up with SHDC. **ACTION: Cllr Holway**

Cllr Holway reported that the Development Management Committee meeting in July will be considering a planning application submitted by Endsleigh Garden Centre. On 22 June 2015 there will be a site meeting to assess the situation. A parishioner noted 150 covers in their unplanned coffee area and play area which was not covered in plans and hoped this would be taken into consideration.

15/15 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT – Declaration of Interests

In accordance with the Code of Conduct members were invited to declare any personal, disclosable pecuniary or prejudicial interests including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in items to be considered at a council meeting. No such declarations were made.

16/15 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of Ermington Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12 May 2015 were confirmed and signed.

17/15 MATTERS ARISING

7/15 = The Cole Lane public right of way sign at the crossroads near Westlake is not clearly visible – it was agreed a parishioner would deal with the a replacement sign and advise on cost. **ACTION: Parishioner**

7/15 = Cllr Hosking will again report to D.C.C. Highways the need for the trees causing visibility issues near the Endsleigh Garden Centre slip road to be addressed. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

7/15 = "Erme River Bank Erosion - Cllr Hartwell explained that he had written to SWW following their earlier response to the Council's concerns. The letter would be copied to South Hams District Council, Devon County Council, the Environment Agency and the Highways Agency. **ACTION: Clerk**

7/15 = "Speed Watch Area" – Cllr Hartwell - waiting for DCC to confirm 20 mph speed limit in village and is liaising with PCSO 30540 A Potter to ascertain if speed could be monitored. **ACTION: Cllr Hartwell**

18/15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications received.

19/15 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Application No.: 21/0129/15/MIN

Proposal: Non-material amendment to planning consent 21/1425/12/F (lower garage of plot 31)

Location: Land to West of Workshops, Church Road, Ermington, Devon, PL21 9NT

Recommendation: Conditional Approval

The Clerk has spoken to Mr Buckley (Community Responder Officer Devon) in connection with South West Ambulance Service Foundation Trust Community First Responders. Ermington does not meet the criteria at this time, to have a Community First Responder Group there has to be two 999 calls a week within a 3 mile radius of the village.

The e-mail from a parishioner regarding Seamoor Children's Centre was discussed, agreed for the Clerk to write to Ivybridge Town Council to support its work. **ACTION: Clerk**

20/15 **FINANCE**

PAYMENTS

- Salary for Caretaker – 17 April 2015 – 16 May 2015 (inclusive)	£24.00
- Payment to Caretaker for purchasing a belt for vacuum cleaner	£4.35
- Salary for Clerk – May 2015	£400.00
- EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – May 2015	£25.00
- Hedges & Lawns – grass cutting on playing field next to Ermington Church = 12 May 2015	£47.50

INCOME

- Hire of Parish Rooms – ESS and Ermington Companion Planters	£81.00
- 1 st Precept – S.H.D.C.	£9541.00

Treasurer's Account – Balance £62,689.05 as at 15 May 2015

Business Account - Balance £8,379.19 as at 11 May 2015

GRANT REQUESTS

There were no grant requests for consideration.

21/15 **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND EVENTS ATTENDED**

None

22/15 **PARISH ROOMS**

The Chairman explained that a visit had been undertaken by a structural engineer to inspect the first floor of the Reading Rooms. A written report had just been received and the content of the report was conveyed to those present. The Chairman confirmed that he would circulate the report. The structural engineer had invoiced the council for £360 to cover the cost of the visit and the production of his report and recommendations. Inspection of the ground floor had not been possible due to lack of access. It was agreed that the engineer would be asked to undertake a follow up visit to look at the matter again with access to the ground floor. Councillors were informed that the cost would be £75 per hour for the re-visit.

ACTION: Mr S Hitch/Cllr Kerslake

It was agreed that the electrical survey should be carried out. Three quotes had been received and the Clerk was asked to liaise with Chapman Electrical to arrange for a condition report of the electrics in the Parish Rooms to be carried out. **ACTION: Clerk**

The Topographical survey has commenced which will cost £695 and will be completed by the July 2015 meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 7 July 2015 in the Parish Rooms, Ermington.

Cllrs Hosking and Holway were thanked for attending the meeting and left at 8.40 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed:
(Ermington Parish Council Chairman)

Date: 7 July 2015

