

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council
held in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 6 October 2015 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs John Kerslake, Kate Holliday, Di Webley,
Ian Walsh, Marina Auburn

Also present: District Councillor T Holway
T Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners present: 6

Chairman: Cllr J Kerslake

43/15 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Hosking, PCSO A Potter (Police), Cllr Hartwell and Bower.

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(a) Police Report for September 2015

The following report has been received from PCSO A Potter:-

Ermington

No reported crime

Lee Mill Ind. Est.

1st, shoplifting, dealt with by way of fixed penalty fine CR/061289/15

4th, making off without payment, car drove off garage forecourt without paying for fuel Cr/062550/15

5th, attempt theft of a mobile phone CR/064656/15

22nd making off without payment, car drove off garage forecourt without paying for fuel CR/066821/15

(b) Public Questions

None.

(c) District and County Councillor Reports

District Cllr Holway

- affordable house requirement would be reinstated for developments of 2 -10 dwellings.
- discretionary business rate relief had been introduced to encourage companies to stay in the area.
- S106 funds available for parishes within a 10 miles radius of the power station at Language.
- Government arrangements were awaited to resettle immigrants.
- an agreement has been made to stay in Devon Homes partnership but it will be reviewed in 12 months.
- SHDC is working with Government on refugee resettlement. If you wish to help contact Customer Services at SHDC.
- TAP fund bids to be submitted by noon on 18/12/2015. Decisions will be made by 14 January 2016.

County Councillor Hosking

No report received.

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45/15 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.

46/15 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of Ermington Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 1 September 2015 at 7.30 pm, were confirmed and signed.

47/15 MATTERS ARISING

As Cllr Hosking was unable to attend the meeting, the Clerk was asked to contact him for an update on the following actions assigned to him:-

- 37/15 - lowering of the speed limit on the A3121
- 37/15 - erosion of the Erme river bank
- 34/15 – costing on a replacement sign request for a parishioner
- 34/15 - assessment of the splay at the entrance to "The Spires"
- 37/15 – tree causing visibility issues near Endsleigh Garden Centre slip road

34/15 Cllr Walsh and Cllr Auburn stated there was a blind spot at the junction near Endsleigh Gardens. It was agreed that Cllr Walsh will prepare a response to send to Cllr Hosking - **ACTION: Cllr Walsh.**

27/15 "Speed Watch Area", update – Cllr Hartwell still had no update on the 20 mph limit.

27/15 "The Spires", hedge cutting – road narrow sign is still obscured, needs to be addressed. Cllr Holliday reported that the speed bumps are being relocated at the end of October 2015 - **ACTION: Cllr Holway.**

34/15 Japanese Knotweed public footpath from Chapel Street – a local gardening company has been contacted and it is to late in the season to apply weed killer. Weed killer to be applied in April/May next year - **ACTION: Cllr Auburn.**

34/15 – Playing Field Path – Cllr Holway will talk to Ross Kennelly at SHDC to ascertain if funding is available to improve the path - **ACTION: Cllr Holway.**

34/15 - Cllr Auburn confirmed a letter has been sent to Cllr Hosking in connection with operating a one way system in the area at the junction of A379 and A3121.

47/15 MATTERS ARISING (continued)

34/15 - TAP Fund, defibrillator - Cllrs Webley and Holliday had looked into the purchase of, siting, training and maintenance of a defibrillator. Cllr Webley stated it would cost £1800 to site defibrillator and this includes the replacement of pads when the machine is used. Cllr Holliday had looked at independent companies and the average purchase price is £1200 and Philips is recommended. No maintenance cost and the battery life is 5 years, currently a replacement battery would cost £45. BT would sell the phone box if the decision is made to locate the defibrillator there. The pads supplied with defibrillator last 18 months. A person would need to be assigned to check the defibrillator. After the initial outlay there would be minimum cost to run it. Cllr Holliday will assess the training costs. **ACTION: Cllr Holliday**

It was agreed to purchase the defibrillator independently.

48/15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application number: 21/1871/15/VAR
Description: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 21/2606/12/F
Application address: Photovoltaic Installation at Luson Farm, Westlake, Ivybridge

No objection

Application number: 21/2045/15/F
Description: Householder application for proposed single storey extension
Application address: Fernham Barn, Ivybridge Road, Ermington, Ivybridge, PL21 0LG

No objection

49/15 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

e-mails from Milton Abbot Grouped P.C., Bratton Clovelly, Buckland Tout Saint P.C., Dartmoor Forest P.C., in response to the Development Mgt S.H.D.C. = in response to the e-mail from S.H.D.C. on 06/08/2015 re. Consultation on prior notification change of use applications – **considered a good scheme to cut bureaucracy – no action**

e-mail 22/09/2015 from Development Mgt. S.H.D.C. = Appeal Notification - Endsleigh Garden Centre, Endsleigh, Ivybridge, PL21 9JL – **Clerk to contact SHDC to ensure Ermington Parish Council recommendation is considered in the appeal**

e-mail 30/01/2015 from a parishioner = *As a parent of two children at Ermington School, I wish to raise a significant concern over the lack of adequate pedestrian crossing between the junction of Fawns Close and the school entrance. With the majority of the Spires development now occupied, there appears to be a substantial increase in the number of children attending the school combined with an increase in traffic in this area.*

I have on several occasions witnessed incidents, particularly during the morning rush hour and school drop off when near misses have occurred, even with my own children. This is extremely worrying and it is only a matter of time before a road traffic accident occurs. I would like to add that my views are shared by the majority of parents at the school.

Can you please raise this issue at the next Parish Council meeting and elevate to senior Highways officers at Devon County Highways.

At the very least, I would hope that Devon County Highways could install larger speed restriction signage and a non signalised zebra crossing.

If you could me informed of the response from Devon County Highways, it would be appreciated.

- An e-mail has been received from Cllr Hosking confirming he has contacted DCC Highways and a PV2 assessment is to be carried out in the area. The Clerk has informed the parishioner - **ACTION: Cllr Hosking/DCC Highways**

50/15 FINANCE

PAYMENTS

- Salary for Caretaker – 17 August 2015 – 16 September 2015 (inclusive)	£24.00
- Salary for Clerk – September 2015	£476.67
- EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – September 2015	£25.00
- South West Water – monthly Direct Debit – September 2015	£20.00
- Hedges & Lawns – cutting grass on Ermington Church Playing field – 25/09/2015	£47.50
- Purchase of book from NALC	£20.99

INCOME

- Hire of Parish Rooms	£42.00
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Treasurer's Account – Balance £56,345.65 as at 15 September 2015

Business Account - Balance £8,380.57 as at 9 September 2015

GRANT REQUESTS

- Ermington Village Fund for the Parish firework evening - £500 = agreed

- Annual purchase of Poppy Wreath from The Royal British Legion – Clerk to purchase a poppy wreath, £30 maximum spend = agreed

51/15 PARISH ROOMS – Update

A positive meeting with Highways, DCC and SHDC to discuss the proposed new village hall site which would allow the Parish Council to undertake a full consultation the possibility of building a new on the playing field took place. The entrance to the hall was the only concerning factor, there were no design objections but the Planning Officer will need to discuss the proposed plan with the Conservation Officer.

Interim solicitor's fees are required, Cllr Kerlake has drafted a response which was circulated - Agreed to send letter. **ACTION: Clerk**

Two building companies have been approached for quotes to deal with the recommendations from the structural survey report in connection with the Parish Rooms. Cllr Kerlake will circulate quotes to Councillors. **ACTION: Cllr Kerlake**

Two quotes have been received to carry out the work required to the electrics in the Parish Rooms. The quotes are very different - one is £600 and the other £1900. It was agreed Cllr Kerlake will check both quotes to ensure they are both quoting for the same items of work that is necessary to be completed - **Action: Cllr Kerlake**

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 3 November 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Ermington.

Cllr Holway was thanked for attending the meeting and left meeting at 7.44 pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed: 
(Ermington Parish Council Chairman)

Date: 3 November 2015

