

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Ermington Parish Council Meeting held in the Reading Rooms on 6th August 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Denis Onley (Chair), Josie Allis, John Dunlop, Clare Cross, Susan Martin, Jeremy Walding

Also present: Locum Clerk C Retallick

Parishioners present: 3

- 1. Welcome & introductions** – The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the purpose of the meeting.
- 2. Apologies for absence** – None received
- 3. Declarations of members' interests in respect of any item on this agenda** – None declared
- 4. Approval of Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting minutes of 22 July 2019 (as previously circulated)** – Cllr Martin asked if in future the draft minutes could be circulated in Word, any changes could then be tracked. They were then signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
- 5. Planning** – Reference: 2068/19/FUL
Proposed alteration to existing field access, East Burraton, Burraton, Ermington- No comment

Reference: 2370/19/CLE
Lawful development certificate for existing use of farmland as residential garden associated to Penquit Cottage – No comment
- 6. Social Media** – On the Residents of Ermington, Facebook page several personal and abusive comments were posted by Parishioners. The administrators have removed them & reiterated the group policy of respectful comments only being posted. Cllr Allis confirmed that there is a process whereby events like this are dealt with by the administrators. Administrators can save copies of deleted posts, and restrict posts from abusive people, or forward them to Facebook for action regarding their account, or refer to the Police.
ACTION – Cllr Allis to liaise with the other administrators to follow their protocol, Councillors will monitor the page and if necessary discuss at a future meeting.

7. Exclusion of Press and Public

The Council is invited to RESOLVE that in accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission Meetings) ACT 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the agenda item 7, owing to the confidential nature of the business to transacted and the public interest would not be served in disclosing that information – namely that it would potentially prejudice the commercial position of the council in making its offer. **The Councillors agreed**

The Chair, asked the public to leave the meeting. A member of the public wanted the councillors to be aware that she was involved with raising £570 which was paid into the council's bank for the purpose of building a new village hall and purchasing Honey field. She offered to fund a full postal parish consultation to gauge parishioners' opinions with regard to Honeys field and a new village hall.

(the public left the hall).