

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
The Minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council
held in the Reading Rooms on 6 March 2018 commencing at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs John Kerlake (Chairman), Ian Walsh, Di Webley, Averil Heaton, Patricia Dolman, Marina Auburn, Richard Midgley, Roy Hartwell, John Dunlop and Susan Martin.

Also present: PC Charlotte Mathers
Police Community Support Officer A Potter
T. Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners present: 3

Cllr Kerlake welcomed John Dunlop who was co-opted as a Parish Councillor and who had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prior to the meeting.

95/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from County Councillor R Hosking and District Councillor T Holway.

96/17 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT – Declaration of Interests

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members were invited to declare any personal, disclosable or pecuniary interests including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in items to be considered at the meeting.

None declared.

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(a) Police Report for February 2018

Ermington
No reported crime

Lee Mill Ind. Estate
1st, criminal damage to a vehicle CR/009465/18
1st, theft of diesel from a parked up vehicle CR/009469/18

(b) District and County Councillor Reports

County Councillor R Hosking e-mailed the following report which was read to the meeting by Cllr Kerlake:

The Devon County Council Budget 2018/19

Devon County Council received a few welcome announcements of additional funding in the run-up to the Local Authority Settlement for 2018/19. Despite this additional funding it is still going to be challenging to meet our budget and we will be seeking innovative ways of managing increased demand for Social Care.

Devon County Council core funding from Central Government has been reduced to £115.2 million in 2018/19. This is a reduction of £13.1 million on 2016/17 (taking into account the additional £10 million from the Improved Better Care Fund announced in 2017).

The additional funding announced includes:

The County in partnership with our eight District and two Unitary Authorities has been made a Business Rates Retention Pilot in 2018/19. This is estimated to increase potential funding to the County by £16.6 million, £6.6 million more than anticipated.



(b) District and County Councillor Reports (continued)

Rural Services Delivery Grant has not been reduced as expected but has been increased by a further £1.5 million to a total of £7.5 million.

Anticipated changes to the New Homes Bonus Scheme have not been introduced and Devon County Council (DCC) will benefit by an additional £300K to a total of £3.8 million.

An additional £2.2 million Adult Social Care Support Grant has been allocated to DCC for Adult Social Care;

The County has received £2.1 million to compensate for a change in the inflationary increase on Business Rates as announced in the Autumn Budget.

We are permitted if required to increase our Council Tax Precept (excluding the Social Care Precept capped at 2%) by an additional 1% to 3% before triggering a referendum.

Increased spending - in response to demand we therefore plan to increase spending for the following services:

- g) an additional £6.5 million on Children' Services;
- h) an additional £13 million on Adult Service budgets;
- i) an additional £6.5 million on maintenance and repair of drainage, patching and potholes on our highways.

With the additional funding we have been able to restrict the increase in our Council Tax Precept to 4.99% rather than the maximum 5.99% permitted by Central Government. This is a small but we hope helpful limitation on necessary increases in Council Tax.

I hope the snow did not cause too much disruption or damage in Ermington Parish and that normal service has now been resumed.

District Councillor Cllr Holway e-mailed the following report which was read to the meeting by Cllr Kerslake:

The SHDC share of Council Tax will increase by £5.00 per year or 10p per week for a Band D property.

There will be a full review of Public Toilets with a view to charging 20p on entry, transferring to Parish or Town Councils or closing them if neither of these were possible.

If anyone has any questions I would be happy to receive them by email and will do my best to get answers.

(c) Public Questions

Cllr Webley – there had been issues with public toilets in the Square during the recent weather. A local parishioner had very kindly carried out repairs.

Mr D Onley – the ideal allotment site which is located near the River Park Industrial Estate in Ermington is currently owned by SHDC. Cllr Webley pointed out this land was transferred to SHDC by BDW as part of the planning conditions. Cllr Kerslake pointed out this land was currently being considered for development for parking by SHDC. Mr Onley suggested that the Parish Council could ask SHDC if there was any land within the village that the Parish Council could lease on a short-term basis. Cllr Martin suggested that prior to liaising with SHDC an article could be placed in the Parish Magazine asking parishioners who would be interested in having an allotment to ascertain numbers. Mr Onley agreed to place an article in the magazine and be a point of contact. **ACTION: Mr D Onley**

Mr Onley – due to Cllr Holway not being present, clarification on new playing field picnic benches query raised at the Parish Council February 2018 meeting could not be clarified.

Mr Onley – raised a query on the calculation of the £250,000 loan over 20 years at 4% interest. Cllr Auburn suggested viewing the website of the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) where information on rates could be obtained. In the meantime Cllr Kerslake agreed to send Mr Onley the figures drawn up by the Working Group.

Cllr Kerslake, on behalf of Councillors, wished to thank Mr Dolman for mounting the Knapman family commemorative tablet on the wall in the Reading Rooms which stated that the Rooms had been donated by Mrs Gladys M Knapman.



98/17 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held on 6 February 2018 at 7.30 pm, as previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

99/17 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORT ONLY

90/17 Repairs to the bridge near Fawns Close - no news on the routine maintenance of the Erme Bridge as yet.
ACTION: Cllr Hosking

90/17 Blocked drains on the left-hand side of Town Hill. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking/Nick Colton DCC Highways**

90/17 River Erme erosion A3121 at Ermington – Cllr Hosking's initial enquiries with regard to funding for a survey of the A3121, Erme River and adjacent countryside were not successful and he has written again. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

90/17 Public Open Space below the "Spires" development – various quotes have been received for maintenance of the space which will be circulated. **ACTION: Cllr Webley/Kerslake**

100/17 ERMINGTON VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

An update will take place at the next Parish Council's meeting.

101/17 PLANNING

Planning Reference - 3954/17/FUL

"Proposed Phase 2 development site at SX 619 565", Immediate north of Harford Mews, Cornwood Road, Ivybridge
Recommendation: Objection does not comply with the agreed Ivybridge Neighbourhood plan. Places an unacceptable burden on the highway infrastructure.

Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NUMBER: 0263/18/NMM

LOCATION: Cadleigh View Beech Road Cadleigh Devon PL21 9HN

PROPOSAL: Application for non-material amendment (conversion of existing hip to gable) following grant of planning permission 3173/17/HHO

DECISION: **Conditional Approval**

102/17 FINANCE

PAYMENT(S)

- Caretaker cost – 17 January 2018 – 16 February 2018 (inclusive)	£17.50
- Clerk cost – February 2018	£514.88
- EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – February 2018	£21.00
- South West Water Business – services at Reading Rooms (16 November 2017 – 19 February 2018)	£37.52
- Reimbursement to Clerk – lever arch files	£7.97
- The Community Heartbeat Trust - Annual Support Year 2 cost (min 4 years)	£126.00

RECEIPT(S)

- Hire of Reading Rooms – Mrs M Auburn	£50.00
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GRANT REQUEST(S)

- Ermington Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul – churchyard maintenance	£1,200.00
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It was agreed to grant £1,200.00 to the maintenance of Ermington Parish Church churchyard.

Treasurers Account – Balance £85,518.38 as at 14 February 2018

Business Account - Balance £8,390.04 as at 11 December 2017



103/17 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been circulated to Parish Councillors:-

Email 06.02.18 - Appeal start notification - Higher Preston Barn, Ermington
Email 06.02.18 - Opportunity for young people 16-19 to undertake a fully funded life skills course
Email 07.02.18 - Modbury Caring Newsletter
Email 07.02.18 - South Hams District Council did not overspend its budget by 21% last year
Email 13.02.18 - Temporary Traffic Order - Penquit House to Penquit Manor, Ermington (TTRO1824223)
Email 14.02.18 - Collection of messages for Devon Community Together Members including - funding opportunities, recycling advice and data protection legislation
Email 14.02.18 - Fly tipping posters for SH Parishes – posters placed around the parish
Email 14.02.18 - TAP Fund Decisions 2017/18
Email 19.02.18 - Funding for Community Centres & Village Halls
Email 20.02.18 - 3954/17/FUL "Proposed Phase 2 development site at SX 619 565", Immediate north of Harford Mews, Cornwood Road, Ivybridge
Email 20.02.18 - Register Your Parish Council for #GBSpringClean – Clerk to include an item on the December 2018 agenda
Email 20.02.18 - What Next for the Slapton Line?
Email 20.02.18 - Your invitation to explore a 'smart house'
Email 20.02.18 - New premises licence application - La Pizza Loca, Ivybridge
Email 20.02.18 - Temporary Traffic Notice - Langbrook Cross to A379, Ermington (TTRO1824043)
Email 23.02.18 - Your council is saving £35,000 by going cashless
Email 23.02.18 - Protecting Frontline Services
Email from Mr J Walker in connection with planning application 4408/17/FUL
Email 27.02.18 - Residents Urged to Call Council if they find Abandoned Used Needles
Email 28.02.18 - No waste or recycling collections in South Hams tomorrow
Email 28.02.18 - South Hams Update
Email 01.03.18 - Avoid Beast from the East with help from council for heating systems
Email 01.03.18 - No Waste or Recycling Collections in South Hams Today
Email 02.03.18 - Red Snowfall and wind Alert
Email 04.02.18 - War Memorial Clock Restoration
Email 04.03.18 - What to do with your Waste
Email 05.03.18 - Access to the Councils' online services - road shows – information to be displayed
Email 06.03.18 - Traffic Sensitive Street Review

Post – 19 February 2018 – Mr C L Wreford-Brown, Treasurer Ermington PCC – grant request for £1,200 for churchyard maintenance for year ending 31 December 2017

Post – 5 March 2018 - Campaign to Protect Rural England joining information - £36.00 for 1 year's membership – membership discussed and it was agreed not to join.

104/17 GUEST SPEAKER FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Clerk to contact the suggested speaker.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 3 April 2018** at **7.30 pm**, followed immediately by the monthly Parish Council Meeting in the Reading Rooms, Ermington.

Date: 3 April 2018

(Ermington Parish Council Chairman)

Minutes can be viewed on the Ermington Parish website - <http://www.ermingtonparish.com/parish-council/archives/>