

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held in the Reading Rooms on 6 February 2018 commencing at 7.30 pm

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

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

Parishioners present: 12

86/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from County Councillor R Hosking.

87/17 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.

Cllr Martin declared an interest in 92/17 minute and will leave the meeting when the planning application is discussed.

88/17

(a) Police Report for January 2018

Ermington

No reported crime.

Lee Mill Ind. Est.

1st report of criminal damage to a car, bodywork dented, enquiries ongoing CR/000306/18.
Between 26th and 29th burglary non-dwelling, theft of tools from an industrial unit CR/0086418/18.

(b) District and County Councillor Reports

County Councillor R Hosking e-mailed the following report:

Please accept my apologies. I also expect to miss the March meeting due to a hip replacement operation and will hopefully be back with you again in April. Please feel free to communicate by e-mail or telephone in the meantime and I will do my best to resolve any issues.

Devon County Council have the third highest rate of recycling at 55.7%, a good record which I encourage you all to endeavour to improve on.

I received a report of a "noisy" manhole cover on A3121 East of Totnes Road, Ermington. This is apparently a BT cover and they have been asked to inspect and remedy.

District Councillor Cllr Holway:

SHDC are having to making some tough decisions to save money as money received from Central Government has been reduced. This may result in cuts to some of the non-statutory services.

A conference promoting dementia-friendly communities was held on Friday 2 February 2018 at The Watermark, Ivybridge. Please contact Cllr Holway for further advice/help.



88/17 (continued)

(c) Public Questions

Mr P Daniels had been contacted by the Knapman family who are disappointed that a commemorative tablet stating the Reading Rooms had been donated by the family, is no longer on the wall. Cllr Webley pointed out the plaque is now on the windowsill. He asked if the plaque could be replaced on a wall of the Reading Rooms. This was agreed. **ACTION: Cllr Webley**

Mr Onley asked Cllr Holway if the unauthorised flue placed on the Crooked Spire was being investigated by SHDC and if not, could it be investigated. Cllr Holway confirmed it is on SHDC enforcement list to be investigated.

Mr Onley thought there was a need for allotments in the village and suggested possible sites could be land adjacent to the industrial units, the public open space below "The Spires" development, land owned by Mr Ellis and Sir Simon Day. Mr Onley would explore the options as a community project.

Mr Onley enquired if picnic benches could be placed in the play park, ideally before spring? Cllr Webley said that the Ermington Village Fund had to ask SHDC's permission to put a bench in the play park and that it had to be wood to be in keeping with the area. The Village Fund had paid £780 for the bench. Mr Onley will liaise with Cllr Holway.

Mr Onley wished to point out the best time to plant apple trees in the play park is now.

Mr Sumner – the enforcement order on Church Road is still outstanding, the hedge has still not been trimmed and this is no longer being recorded as an action point in the minutes. Cllr Holway stated the hedge has been trimmed in places and the ownership of the hedge has been transferred to the owners of the property. Cllr Holway will look into the situation.

89/17 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held on Wednesday 10 January 2018 at 7.30 pm, as previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

90/17 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORT ONLY

81/17 A3121 speed data - Nick Colton (DCC Neighbourhood Highway Officer) to be contacted. **ACTION: Cllr Auburn** – speed data has been generated by the police, Nick Colton will now try to obtain it.

81/17 Repairs to the bridge near Fawns Close - suspected damage to Ermebridge has been reported to County Hall, an inspection to be carried out. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

81/17 Blocked drains on the left-hand side of Town Hill – **ACTION: Nick Colton DCC Highways**

81/17 River Erme erosion – Mr R Harvey has indicated his willingness to discuss possible solutions, threatening the stability of the A3121 at Ermington. His efforts now return to the task of securing a survey of the river that will hopefully provide an indication of the seriousness and imminence of the threat. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

81/17 Public Open Space below the "Spires" development – insurance. **ACTION: Cllr Walsh** – no issue if the land was purchased, insurance could be granted. Cost of maintenance being assessed to inform a decision on whether or not the Parish Council should take over the space.

91/17 ERMINGTON VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

Mr Grant Elliott, a local architect and a member of Ermington Village Hall Working Group (EVHWG), is liaising with SHDC regarding what is required for a planning application. The information which has been received to date needs clarification, Cllr Holway agreed to assist. **ACTION: Cllr Holway**.

At the next meeting of EVHWG working group will be looking at grant applications.

Cllr Martin stated the working group have met and reviewed the petition presented to the Council at the January 2018 meeting. The group thanked those involved for their work on the petition and the issues raised and suggested that they would be pleased to interact with Mr Onley and Ms Haddon to make suggestions to address some of the issues raised.



92/17 PLANNING

Cllr Martin left the meeting at 8.08 pm.

Planning Application Ref: 4083/17/FUL

Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs J Penfold, High View Yard, Westlake, Ivybridge, PL21 9JT

Location: Change of use of land for stationing of caravans for residential occupation with associated hard standing, fencing, septic tank, utility building and stable building

Recommendation: no objection subject to the installation of a sewage treatment plant to deal adequately with foul drainage. Also a permeable surface to be installed rather than hard-standing.

Planning Application Ref: 4408/17/FUL

Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs Mortimore

Description: Erection of American barn to house stables with equestrian yard and pump house building

Address: Land at SX640544 South-East of Brook Farm, Ivybridge

Recommendation: no objection subject to it not being used for commercial purposes or livery.

Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3057/17/FUL

LOCATION: Havenfield Farm A3121 East Of Totnes Road, Ermington, Devon, PL21 0LQ

PROPOSAL: Application for replacement agricultural storage barn and erection of 2 polytunnels (resubmission of 2397/16/FUL)

DECISION: **Conditional Approval**

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2671/17/FUL Ermington

LOCATION: Higher Preston Barn, Ermington, PL21 9FQ

PROPOSAL: Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian, erection of equestrian building to provide stable space and erection of replacement access gate (part retrospective).

DECISION: **Conditional Approval**

93/17 FINANCE

PAYMENT(S)

- Caretaker cost – 17 December 2017 – 16 January 2018 (inclusive)	£13.12
- Clerk cost – January 2018	£514.88
- EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – January 2018	£19.00

RECEIPT(S)

- Wednesday Group – hire of Reading Rooms	£110.00
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GRANT REQUEST(S)

None

Cllr Walsh reported that £1000 has been granted from the TAP Fund for Ermington Parish Council to replace a window in the Reading Rooms.

Treasurers Account – Balance £87,004.78 as at 15 January 2018
Business Account - Balance £8,390.04 as at 11 December 2017



94/17 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been circulated to Parish Councillors:-

Email 11.01.18 - Prince of Wales Award, Devon County Show
Email 15.01.18 - Village Halls Week Promotional Offer - Village Hall Insurance
Email 17.01.18 - Temporary Traffic Notice - Road from Crownhill Cross to Strode Cross, South Brent, Modbury, Ermington (TTRO1824007)
Email 17.01.18 - from a parishioner in connection with planning application – Westlake
Email 18.01.18 - Notification of road closure - LANGBROOK CROSS TO A379, ERMINGTON 01/05-04/05/18
Email 20.01.18 - Brain tumours - using your local influence to help us find a cure
Email 22.01.18 - Council Committed to Protection of Community Assets
Email 22.01.18 - Temporary Traffic Notice - Whitmore Lane to Ridge Road, Ermington (TTRO1824094)
Email 23.01.18 - Forthcoming roadworks - A38 Lee Mill EB
Email 24.01.18 - from a parishioner in connection with planning application – Westlake
Email 25.01.18 - Council Tightens its Belt
Email 26.01.18 - Rushport Advisory - Yealmbury Hill - Unforeseen Benefits - CAS-394303-F9P2Y5
Email 26.01.18 - Yealm Supplies LTD - Unforeseen Benefits - PL8 2EA - CAS-485129-V4T9H5
Email 31.01.18 - FAULTY MAN HOLE COVER - YOUR REF: W181076999 A3121 East of Totnes Road, Ermington
Email 01.02.18 - Notification of road closure - Penquit House to Penquit Manor, Penquit, Ivybridge 09/05-13/05/18
Email 05.02.18 - Keep looking when cooking this February!

Post 2 February 2018 – South Devon ANOB Management Plan Review – survey. **ACTION: Cllr Auburn**

Cllr Holway was thanked for attending the meeting and left at 8.20 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm.

A committee meeting then took place to discuss the councillor vacancy.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 6 March 2018** at **7.30 pm** in the Reading Rooms, Ermington.

Signed: 
(Ermington Parish Council Chairman)

Date: 6 March 2018

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