

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held in the Reading Rooms on Tuesday 2 February 2016 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs John Kerslake; Di Webley, Ian Walsh, Marina Auburn, Roy Hartwell,
Richard Midgley, Kate Holliday, Susan Martin, John Bower

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

Parishioners present: 5

Chairman: Cllr J Kerslake

79/15 APOLOGIES

None.

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(a) Police Report for January 2016

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

Ermington area
No reported crime

Lee Mill Industrial Estate

16th shop lifting, dealt with by way of fixed penalty CR/003424/16
18th shop lifting, dealt with by way of restorative justice CR/003847/16
22nd shop lifting, dealt with by way of restorative justice CR004677/16
22nd theft of fuel from garage forecourt [drive off] CR/005221/16
Between 22nd and 25th theft of fuel, fuel syphoned from parked up vehicles CR/005199/16
Between 23rd and 25th lorry stolen from secure compound, enquiries ongoing CR/005182/16

PC Potter confirmed the Road Casualty Reducing officer who liaises with DCC on traffic issues has attended a SCARF meeting, DCC are aware they still have to place additional upright signs on Church Road then the "Speed Watch" group could be set up.

(b) Public Questions

Parishioner – speed of vehicles along the A3121 is excessive, concerned there will be a fatality. Cllr Kerslake informed the parishioner that Cllr Hosking had explained in detail at the November 2015 parish council meeting why the speed limit could not be reduced. Cllr Kerslake suggested that speed be monitored when the "Speed Watch" campaign commences.

Parishioner – there is a need for the Council to address the source of flooding in the village as debris is being built up on roads. Cllr Hosking stated there was no budget and action could only be taken if there is a safety concern. Parishioner pointed out that local farmers were prepared to help but the Council needed to cover them with insurance. Cllr Hosking replied the Council are unable to provide insurance cover unless they are enrolled in the road warden scheme. Cllr Hosking agreed to liaise with the parishioner when he meets with DCC Highways and look at the areas of concern in the village.

(c) **Public Questions (continued)**

Cllr Auburn – due to farming practices, flooding seems to occur as more fields are being ploughed. Cllr Hosking replied that change in farming practices does increase the risk of run off from the fields in certain areas and it would be best to keep land in grass, work is being done in the sensitive catchment areas, but he has no knowledge of what can be done via the Council.

(c) **District and County Councillor Reports**

County Cllr Hosking reported on the:-

£35 million reduction in the budget, there will be a 3.99% rise in precept which means on average £46 increase on Band D property

Saving £9 million by changing accountancy protocol

Boundary review – final proposal received and there are significant changes to the Yealmpton division will now be known as South Brent and Yealmpton division. The boundary review would reduce the number of County Councillors from 62 to 60.

District Cllr Holway reported on the:

The devolution proposals relating to the “Heart of the South West”

A possible Trading Company set up by SHDC and West Devon DC.

As a ward member Cllr Holway has requested “The Crooked Spire” plans are taken to Committee as the Parish Council has objection.

If anyone had difficulty accessing or has issues with the S.H.D.C. website please inform Cllr Holway.

81/15 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.

82/15 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of Ermington Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5 January 2016 at 7.30 pm, were confirmed and signed.

83/15 MATTERS ARISING

71/15 Ivybridge catchment area for schools – Ivybridge Academy Trust is being given Secretary of State approval to sponsor the first primary school at Sherford. The Trust is now looking in detail at a designated area for Sherford, which will also be discussed with the schools within the Ivybridge Local Learning Community and will form part of the Admissions consultation at the end of the year. Cllr Hosking confirmed he will be kept informed of developments.

71/15 20 mph speed limit within the village - PC Potter confirmed the Road Casualty Reducing officer who liaises with DCC on traffic issues has attended a SCARF meeting. DCC are aware they still have to place additional upright signs on Church Road then the “Speed Watch” group can be set.



83/15 MATTERS ARISING (continued)

71/15 Cllr Holway confirmed the Chestnut trees in the playing field have been assessed and work has to be carried out by S.H.D.C.

71/15 Damage to fencing on the green lane from Langbrook to Whipples. Cllr Hosking will be discussing the problem with local footpath officer. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking.**

74/15 - TAP Fund, defibrillator = Cllr Webley & Holliday reported that the cost of a defibrillator will be £1600 and the TAP funding for this had been approved. The plan was to house it in the BT telephone box near the Crooked Spire pub. The box would be purchased from BT for a nominal sum and BT are prepared to pay for power to the box for a period of up to 5 years. An additional defibrillator located at the school was also being considered using a scheme managed through the BHF who would require a £400 donation Cllr Holliday is in touch with a doctor who has offered to do the necessary training. **ACTION: Cllrs Webley and Holliday**

74/15 - erosion of the Erme river bank = Cllr Hartwell has received a response from a Company who has recommended sheet piling is pinned into the river bank in two areas. To carry out the work the costs would be approximately £400,000. A letter will be drafted and sent to S.H.D.C. with the recommendations from the Company. **ACTION: Cllr Hartwell**

74/15 - visibility issues near Endsleigh Garden Centre slip road = Cllr Hosking will be meeting with DCC Highways to discuss the issue. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking.**

74/15 - Ermington Primary School crossing Bunkers Hill – Lollipop person = Cllr Holway confirmed the £500 funding available from his locality budget for local projects could help with purchasing items required for a Lollipop person but not remuneration. Cllr Hosking is looking into whether or not his locality budget could be used to assist with costs. **ACTION Cllr Hosking**

74/15 – drain maintenance between Rectory Cottage and Ring of Bells = DCC confirmed the gullies in question between Rectory Cottages and Ring of Bells are cleaned on an annual basis and were last cleaned on 13 November 2015 (they are also cleared on a reactive basis if there are any issues throughout the year which results in flooding). There had been a query about clearing the stream bed downstream from the culvert near the Rectory Cottages but D.C.C Highways are waiting to show the flood risk team the issue and ask them to contact the landowner. The culvert is flowing, but if it does require clearing the work will be arranged and carried out by an external contractor with monies used from the small Neighbourhood problem gully budget.

74/15 - "residents only" parking sign to be placed in the lay by "Toll House" = D.C.C Highways cannot provide/approve residents only signs for the layby as it is part of the public highway and should be available to all (any waiting restrictions would require a Traffic Regulation Order and would be likely to receive objections as well as not fitting in with DCC residents permit parking scheme policy).

74/15 - "The Spires" is the height of hedge above the stipulated height in the agreed planning application. Cllr Hartwell will pass planning documents to Cllr Holway. **ACTION: Cllr Hartwell & Cllr Holway**

74/15 - signage to be improved to advise large HGV's they cannot pass through the village = Cllr Hosking to clarify the situation with D.C.C Highways. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

74/15 – approach road from Yealmpton at the junction A379 and A3121, sign to close to the junction could it be repositioned further back nearer the "SLOW" sign = Cllr Hosking is clarifying the situation with DCC. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

84/15 DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY FLOOD RESILIENCE GRANTS

Cllr Martin – a flood resilience grant of £2000 to provide immediate flood relief is available, the money to be used for personal protective equipment, flood signs etc, in addition it can be used for small works but it needs to be a direct community benefit. Cllr Webley to discuss ideas with Lengthsman. **ACTION: Cllr Webley.**

85/15 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

e-mail 04/01/2016 S.H.D.C. = Flooding 30/12/2015
e-mail 05/01/2016 Devon Communities = Guidance from Sports England
e-mail 08/01/2016 S.H.D.C. = Issue 7 Our Plan: South Hams E-Newsletter - Town and Parish Councils
e-mail 08/01/2016 S.H.D.C. = Ivybridge Cluster Area - TAP Fund Applications
e-mail 11/01/2016 PCSO A Potter = speed watch
e-mail 11/01/2016 S.H.D.C. = Development Management Committee notification - Proposed Development site at sx 6203 5630, Woodland Road, Ivybridge
e-mail 13/01/2016 S.H.D.C. = Weekly List of Planning Applications Registered 19th - 25th December 2015
e-mail 12/01/2016 DCC Highways = New DCC Community Flood Resilience Grant
e-mail 14/01/2016 S.H.D.C. = Application number: 2802/15/FUL
e-mail 14/01/2016 S.H.D.C. = Public Consultation of draft South Devon AONB Estuaries Mgt Plan 2016 – 2020
e-mail 19/01/2016 S.H.D.C. = Planning application type codes
e-mail 19/01/2016 D.C.C. = Sand Bag Policy
e-mail 20/01/2016 D.C.C. = Community news roundup - January 2016
e-mail 20/01/2016 Devon Communities Together = Advice and Information Surgeries
e-mail 22/01/2016 County Solicitor = investing in Devon grants-Ermington community garden & Reading Room
e-mail 26/01/2016 Devon Communities Together = Save on fuel, raise funds for your roof, find out more - drop-in day
e-mail 26/01/2016 Local Government Boundary Commission = Electoral review of Devon: Final recommendations
e-mail 27/01/2016 South Hams and West Devon Councils = Vulnerability Event
e-mail 28/01/2016 S.H.D.C. = Planning Web site update to South Hams Town and Parish Councils
e-mail 28/01/2016 Cllr Richard Hosking = A379 Brixton to Yealmpton
Letter 26/01/2016 = Mr and Mrs Bryant, Ermington

86/15 FINANCE

PAYMENTS

- Salary for Caretaker – 17 December 2015 – 16 January 2016 (inclusive)	£28.00
- Salary for Clerk – January 2016	£472.67
- EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – January 2016	£25.00
- OTM Services Ltd - 5 x A1 foamex boards with digital print of Village Hall plans	£165.00
- Mr James Bleiker – lengthsman duties	£89.50
- Cllr Auburn reimbursement - printing questionnaires for the village hall.	£90.48

INCOME

- Hire of Reading Rooms – City Cycle Couriers	£13.00
- Hire of Reading Rooms - Ermington Tots	£15.00
- Hire of Reading Rooms – Ermington Players	£22.00

Treasurer's Account – Balance £58,604.58 as at 13 January 2016

Business Account - Balance £8,381.61 as at 9 December 2015

Quotes for electrical work on Reading Rooms – it was agreed Cllr Kerslake will obtain a cost for installing emergency lighting. **ACTION: Cllr Kerslake**

Precept 2016/2017 – Cllr Kerslake had circulated information the budget requirements for 2016/2017 prior to the meeting. Discussion ensued and it was agreed to increase the precept by £3,000. On a Band D property this equated to an extra 14p per week. The reasoning for the increase was, there is increasing pressure on parish councils to take on additional activities from county and district councils as Government funding is cut and council tax increases are restricted. In addition front end costs have been included for the village hall project, longer term the assumption is major funding will be dealt with outside of the Precept i.e. fundraising, grants etc.



87/15 VILLAGE HALL

Ermington Village Hall Working Group – a consultation meeting took place in the Reading Rooms on 20 January 2016 at 7.30 pm, approximately 80 parishioners were present. Questionnaires have been distributed via the February/March 2016, Ermington Parish Magazine. Questionnaires are also available on the Ermington Parish web site and on line surveys are being sent to groups within the village and users of the Reading Rooms.

Cllr Kerlake informed Councillors that Jill Bleiker would be handing the maintenance of the Ermington Parish web site to George Jones. Councillors wished to express their vote of thanks for all the work Jill has done updating and maintaining the Parish Web site.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 1 March 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Rooms, Ermington.

Cllr Holway was thanked for attending the meeting and left at 8.10 pm.

Cllr Hosking arrived at 8.00 pm – left at 8.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.38 pm.

Signed: .....
(Ermington Parish Council Chairman)

Date: 1 March 2016