

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held in the Reading Rooms on 4 July 2017 commencing at 7.30 pm

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

Also present: County Councillor R Hosking
District Councillor T Holway
Police Community Support Officer Andy Potter
T Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners present: 3

23/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Marina Auburn.

24/17

(a) Police Report for June 2017

PCSO Andy Potter provided the following report:-

Ermington
No reported crime

Lee Mill Ind. Est.

1st, shoplifting, offender charged to court CR/042971/17
Overnight 2nd/3rd burglary, enquiries ongoing CR/043403/17
2nd, public order offence, no further Police action CR/043430/17
13th, making off without payment, enquiries ongoing CR/046648/17

(b) District and County Councillor Reports

County Councillor R Hosking:

Discussions on improvements to the A3121 had been encouraging including the problems linked to the junction with the A 379 at Ermington. Draft plans would be provided by September/October.

National Carers Week in early June focused attention on those who care for dependents in our community. The County have a wide range of support that can be provided to carers. Parishioners were encouraged to inform anyone in the Parish struggling to care for a loved one to contact Care Direct at Devon County Council csc.caredirect@devon.gov.uk or 0345 1551 007, or for information visit the Devon Carers website at <http://www.devoncarers.org.uk/devon-carers/>

- Reporting problems with our roads is now relatively easy through the website <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/> This is now the most reliable method of getting problems assessed and quickly repaired where they are a safety defect.

For a map showing roadworks across Devon, the website is <https://devon.roadworks.org/>

The Locality Budget for 2017/18 is a total of £10,000 across 12 Parishes. Cllr Hosking would be pleased to assist qualifying projects that he supports with small contributions from the fund. Please raise any proposals at a Parish Council meeting or call Cllr Hosking to discuss and he will send an application form if the project fits the scheme criteria.



(b) District and County Councillor Reports (continued)

The procurement process for a new contract to provide services at children's centres is on course for 2017. The intention is to offer a single contract for the whole of the County encouraging existing small providers and contractors to enter into consortia to make a combined bid. The objective is to standardise the service on offer throughout the County. SHDC Carers Week is being organised, contact Cllr Hosking for further information. DCC Children's Centre Services single contract tenders being obtained.

Fire & Rescue service have inspected the 70 high rise buildings in Devon and 3 had been identified in Plymouth with the cladding, although the insulation was not flammable, following the Grenfell Tower fire.

District Councillor T Holway:

A consultation was being undertaken on revised parking charges. SHDC car parking machines only take the new pound coins.

Homeowners in South Hams who need to replace a broken or inefficient boiler, or install central heating, may be eligible for assistance through funds from their council. Contact Cllr Holway for further information.

SHDC have circulated information relating to fly tipping.

(c) Public Questions

Mr Toms – asked if the recent newspaper article would mean parishioners paying more money on their council tax bills if the merger with West Devon and SHDC goes ahead. Currently West Devon householders pay an average of £63 a year more in council tax than those in the South Hams. West Devon's population means that a South Hams council will end up representing far more people than their West Devon counterparts. Meetings have been arranged for the joint steering group proposals to discuss a new single council in April 2019. Cllr Holway stated if the amalgamation went ahead it would be phased in over 5-7 years from April 2019.

Mr Austin – speed monitor was placed on the A3121 and he wondered what the results were, as it is like a speed track on the road. PC Potter stated the speed monitor was in situ for a week recording 24 hours a day in May 2017. A few vehicles were recorded exceeding the speed limit but it did not meet the threshold to take any further action.

Mr Austin – due to vegetation, road signs going down Town Hall are not visible. Mr Toms explained that cutting the Town Hill hedge had in the past been undertaken by DCC. Cllr Hosking agreed to look into it. Mr Austin also stated the drain on the left hand side is still blocked. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

Cllr Midgley – flooding takes place on the road near Flete House entrance as a result of recent work on the footpath, could the drain be cleared? Cllr Hosking asked for highway issues to be reported on Devon County Council website - <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>.

Mr Toms made a number of points and raised questions based on the record of the Parish Council meeting held in June 2017. He did not agree that extending the loan period to help finance the Hall was appropriate to spread the cost to future residents and questioned the likelihood of new residents arriving. Cllr Martin provided clarification on the reference to grant funding of circa £500,000 in the minutes. Mr Toms supported the view expressed by Cllr Kerslake regarding the transfer of funds to Ermington Village Fund if the project did not proceed. With regard to consultation Cllr Kerslake explained that a business plan had been produced and Parishioners would be consulted fully before planning permission was sought.

Mr Austin raised the problem of displaced coping stones on the bridge near Kingsacre on the approach from Ugborough. The matter had been reported to Devon County Council some time ago and is on their work list.

25/17 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.

Cllr Walsh declared an interest in planning application 1419/17/FUL (Minutes 28/17).



26/17 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 June 2017 at 7.30 pm, as previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

27/17 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORT ONLY

13/17 Trees need assessing in playing field – some trees have been removed others are being surveyed in September 2017 - **Cllr Holway**

16/17 Re-siting of "bend" sign at junction of A379/A3121 (near Hollowcombe) – is to be action by Nick Colton DCC – **Cllr Hosking**

16/17 River Erme erosion update – survey to be arranged - **Cllr Hosking**

16/17 Cost of refurbishing road sign on the approach to the village from Yealmpton direction - awaiting a cost from Nick Colton DCC - **Cllr Hosking**
Cllr Walsh has looked at the sign and the necessary work could be actioned by the Lengthsman. Cllr Walsh to enquire if this would be possible with Cllr Hosking - **Cllr Walsh**

16/17 Siting of mobile speed sign - still to be actioned – **Cllr Kerslake**

20/17 Road hazard - Town Hill, Ermington - has not had an opportunity to look at ownership. PC Potter had spoken to the owner of the vehicles and was informed they would be moved in time as the owner would be making room further down on his land but is not able to give a timescale - **Cllr Hosking**

28/17 PLANNING

Planning Reference: 1942/17/FUL

Location: The Croft, Penquit, Ermington, PL21 0LU

Recommendation: No comment

Planning Reference: 1418/17/FUL

Location: Cleeve Farm, Ermington, PL21 0LP

Recommendation: No comment

Planning Reference: 1424/17/FUL

Location: Cleeve Farm, Ermington, PL21 0LP

Recommendation: No comment

The following planning applications were discussed but had not been placed on the Agenda. This meant that any decision could not be final. Deferral to the next meeting would mean that the decision would be outside the statutory time limit for response. The rules allowed the Clerk as the Proper Officer to respond under delegated authority in line with discussions at this meeting. The plans would be placed on the Tuesday 5 September 2017 Parish Council Meeting agenda for ratification.

Reference No: 1419/17/FUL - Application for the provision of an Equine Building (resubmission of 1453/16/FUL)

Location; land at Hunsdon Road, Hunsdon, Ivybridge

Recommendation – no comment - to be ratified at next meeting

Reference No: 1426/17/FUL - Erection of an agricultural building

Location: Cleeve Farm, Ermington

Recommendation – no comment - to be ratified at next meeting

Planning Decisions:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 0870/17/CLE

Devon PL21 9HW

DECISION: Cert of Lawfulness (Existing) Certified

LOCATION: Cadleigh Manor Cadleigh Cross To Lower Cadleigh Cadleigh

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1422/17/FUL Ermington

DECISION: Conditional Approval

LOCATION: Land at SX 621 550 Hunsdon Road Ivybridge PL21 9JR

29/17 FINANCE

PAYMENT(S)

- Caretaker cost – 17 May 2017–16 June 2017 (inclusive)	£21.00
- Clerk cost – June 2017	£514.88
- EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – June 2017	£30.00
- Information Commissioner – Data Protection Registration annual renewal	£35.00
- Reimbursement to Clerk £2.40 postage (Grant Thornton), £1.75 (HMRC VAT refund)	£4.15
- Reimbursement to Clerk fuel taking accounts to internal auditor	£60.30
- Hedges & Lawns – cutting grass (2 cuts – 12th and 30th June 2017)	£110.00
- St Peter & St Paul Ermington – DCC Locality Grant	£300.00
- Reimbursement to Clerk for the purchase of a replacement notice board top of Town Hill	£567.60
- Ermington Village Fund – village fireworks	£500.00



29/17 FINANCE (continued)

RECEIPT(S)

- DCC Locality Budget payment FAO Grant Elliott (Parish Church clock face refurbishment) £300.00

GRANT REQUEST(S)

- Ermington Village Fund - village Fireworks £500.00

Treasurer's Account – Balance **£79,487.39** as at 13 June 2017

Business Account - Balance **£8387.91** as at 9 June 2017

30/17 CORRESPONDENCE

Email 07.06.2017 - Dementia Support Workers and Devon Memory Cafe Consortium
Email 08.06.2017 - Temporary Traffic Notice - New England Hill to Westlake, Ermington (TTRO1721364)
Email 09.06.2017 - Declaration of Result – Totnes Constituency
Email 12.06.2017 - Temporary Traffic Notice - Road Heading North from Stoney Cross, Yealmpton, Holbeton, Ermington, Ugborough, Ivybridge, Sparkwell (TTRO1721400)
Email 12.06.2017 - Weekly Email News Digest - Monday, 12 June, 2017
Email 13.06.2017 - Help us to Protect the Slapton Line
Email 16.06.2017 - Devon Communities Together courses
Email 21.06.2017 - Data Protection registration - Reminder to renew ICO:00044566599
Email 20.06.2017 - Training Hub
Email 20.06.2017 - Consultation on Public Spaces Protection Orders for Alcohol
Email 22.06.2017 - Your views on Neighbourhood Policing
Email 22.06.2017 - Spotlight on Rural Health
Email 22.06.2017 - Temporary Traffic Order - Road Heading North from Stoney Cross, Ermington, Sparkwell, Holbeton, Ivybridge, Ugborough, Yealmpton (TTRO1721551)
Email 23.06.2017 - Damage to new trees in Ivybridge
Email 23.06.2017 - Come Dine With Me - Exeter and surrounding area with 1 hour travel distance
Email 27.06.2017 - Campaign Launched to Combat Fly-Tipping
Email 27.06.2017 - Business rates account: 91235378 - confirm the contact address has been amended as requested.
Email 28.06.2017 - How your council spends its money
Email 28.06.2017 - South Hams CVS July Bulletin
Email 29.06.2017 - Notification Of New TTRO In Your Area
Email 01.07.2017 - Anyone for tennis?
Email 03.07.2017 - A consistent approach to events
Email 03.07.2017 - Fly tipping campaign - launch
Email 03.07.2017 - Council Seeks Comments on Pay and Display Changes

31/17 ERMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Cllrs Martin asked for it to be minuted that at the May 2017 meeting it was agreed that if the village hall did not proceed the money raised would go to the Ermington Village Fund. Councillors present did not agree with this statement and confirmed that the record of the May 2017 meeting was accurate.

Cllr Kerslake had circulated various correspondence/information prior to the meeting in connection with "The Spires", Ermington - Public Open Space. It was agreed to arrange a meeting to discuss the correspondence. Solicitors and costs to deal with the conveyance to be obtained.

Cllr Martin asked if the information could be circulated to the Working Group - this was agreed. **ACTION: Cllr Martin**

Cllr Martin asked if discussion could be made around the playing field and the handover of the play equipment with SHDC as there are grants available to replace equipment.

Cllr Holway was thanked for attending the meeting and left at 8.00 pm.
Cllr Hosking was thanked for attending the meeting and left at 8.15 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 5 September 2017** at **7.30 pm** in the Reading Rooms, Ermington.

Signed:
(Ermington Parish Council Chairman)

Date: 5 September 2017

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