

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held in the Reading Rooms on 7 November 2017 commencing at 7.30 pm

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

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

Parishioners present: 8

56/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr R Midgley and Cllr S Martin.

57/17 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

58/17

(a) Police Report for October 2017

Ermington

6th, report of threatening behaviour, words of advice issued CR/086878/17

Overnight 16th / 17th property stolen from a van CR/090080/17

15th, distribution of indecent photographs [internet offence] enquiries ongoing CR/086327/17

Lee Mill Ind. Est.

1st, shoplifting, enquiries ongoing CR/086328/17

1st, theft of a wallet CR/084977/17

1st, theft of a handbag CR/084980/17

Overnight 4th / 5th burglary non-dwelling [warehouse] CR/085944/17

5th, burglary to works canteen CR/086118/17

5th, theft of handbag CR/086181/17

Overnight 11th / 12th criminal damage to a gate CR/088240/17

Between 11th and 16th handbag stolen from a car CR/089779/17

21st, possession of a controlled drug, enquiries ongoing CR/091302/17

(b) District and County Councillor Reports

County Councillor R Hosking's report:

The Fair Funding review – increase in funding by £7million per annum. No school will receive a reduction, the current proposal is 2.3% increase which equates to a 3% per pupil, which equates to £24,000 in their annual budget.

Grit bins – not being topped-up automatically, please report any issues on the Devon County Council website.

The resurfacing of the area of road at Silver Bridge on the A379 is scheduled for 22 - 26 January 2018.

Cllr Hosking has met the team for the alterations on the A3121.



(b) District and County Councillor Reports (continued)

District Councillor T Holway's report:

One Council proposal is not going ahead.

Community Re-investment Projects Fund application deadline: mid-day Monday 8 January 2018.

Town and Parish (TAP) Funding deadline for applications is 15 December 2017. Money is from Devon County Council. The TAP Fund is jointly funded by Devon County Council (DCC) and South Hams District Council (SHDC). It is not available for the following:-

- Profit-making organisations or individuals
- Retrospective funding or expenses that have been incurred before the funding is offered
- Day-to-day running costs or ongoing staff costs
- Political or religious activities
- VAT that is recoverable
- Loans or interest payments

Gangs can typically take over the homes of local vulnerable adults in a term referred to as 'cuckooing'. If anyone believes their neighbours are being cuckooed or having their addresses taken over, especially if vulnerable, they should report this to the police immediately.

(c) Public Questions

Parishioner wished to thank the Parish Council for their donation to the firework display. Around 440 people watched the display, which made approximately £40-50 profit for the Ermington Village Fund.

Parishioner enquired if it would be possible to have a concave mirror put on the hedge opposite Ring O' Bells.

ACTION: PCSO A Potter

Cllr Auburn asked if the speed data could be obtained for the A3121 road. PCSO A Potter will find out what data he is able to release from Devon County Council. **ACTION: PCSO A Potter**

The bridge near Fawns Close has still not been repaired. Cllr Hosking will assess the work required. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

Public open space – Cllr Kerslake pointed out in the recent Ermington Parish Newsletter there was an article about the public open space located below "The Spires" development. It will cost £1 to purchase the area from Barrett Homes, but the Parish Council will be given £73,000. There will be many responsibilities for the area to be maintained. There is a need to obtain detailed figures so the Parish Council is aware of its liability, the maintenance area and insurance risk assessments. Cllr Kerslake pointed out no income would be generated from the area and the Parish Council will assess the costs and benefits in order to make a decision.

The following items were pointed out by parishioners:

- Grants are available from the Woodland Trust to help with maintenance
- Notifiable weeds would need to be dealt with within the area
- Why should the Council take on the area at a continuing cost if the current owners are responsible?
- The £73,000 could be used for the Village Hall

Revenue from the Village Hall could be used for the maintenance of the public open space. Cllr Hartwell pointed out that this would not be cost effective as the Village Hall has to be self-sufficient.

59/17 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held on Tuesday 3 October 2017 at 7.30 pm, as previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.



60/17 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORT ONLY

47/17 Planning – Chimneys on Crooked Spire Public House - still being investigated by SHDC.

49/17 Blocked drains on the left-hand side of Town Hill – Cllr Hosking has raised with DCC Highways. There is a possibility of hiring a gully sucker locally, he will find out the details. **Cllr Hosking**

49/17 River Erme erosion – no update at present. **Cllr Hosking**

52/17 Public Open Space below the “Spires” development. Cllr Walsh had researched the cost for covering the area which was not excessive. Cllr Walsh will send further information to prospective insurance companies to ensure they are fully aware of the situation. **ACTION: Cllr Walsh**

61/17 ERMINGTON VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

(a) Forward Plan/Working Group Terms of Reference -

Cllr Auburn asked if this item could be postponed until the December 2017 Parish Council meeting, as the Ermington Village Hall Project Committee was meeting on Thursday 9 November 2017. This was agreed. **ACTION: Clerk**

(b) Appointment of an architect as an agent for submission of a full planning application on behalf of the Parish Council -

A letter had been received and circulated to Councillors from Mr Grant Elliott. It was agreed by Councillors present to appoint him as the agent for submitting the full planning application which Mr Elliott had kindly agreed to undertake without receiving a fee.

(c) Other issues arising -

Cllr Kerslake explained that he was in contact with an officer in SHDC who was being helpful in connection with sources of funding and was hoping to hear further from the officer in the near future.

Cllr Kerslake tabled a draft Resolution dealing with financial arrangements for the village hall project. Cllr Kerslake explained that his objective was to set out in clear terms where the Parish Council stood on this important issue in order to demonstrate positive financial governance to Ermington parishioners. Points were raised in connection with the need for decisions to be informed by expert advice and the need to take account of the timing of the availability of funds from the sale of the Reading Rooms. Some drafting amendments were suggested and Cllr Kerslake agreed to prepare a revised draft. **ACTION: Cllr Kerslake**

62/17 PLANNING

Planning Applications

Reference No: 2671/17/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application for change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian and to erect equestrian building to provide stable space for horses and associated equine storage

Location: Higher Preston Barn, Ermington, PL21 9FQ

Recommendation: No comments

Reference No: 3173/17/HHO

Proposal: Householder application for single storey extension:

Location: Cadleigh View, Beech Road, Cadleigh, PL21 9HN

Recommendation: No comments

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 December 2017 Parish Council Meeting agenda for ratification.

Reference No: 3444/17/FUL

Proposal: Application for fibre cement roof over existing collecting yard

Location: Higher Ludbrook Farm Whitmore Lane To Ridge Road Ludbrook, PL21 0LL

Recommendation: No comments

Planning Application Ref: 3439/17/FUL

Applicant Name: Mr T Pinsent

Description: Application for fibre cement roof over existing slurry store (Application 1)

Address: Higher Ludbrook Farm Whitmore Lane To Ridge Road Ludbrook, PL21 0LL

Recommendation: No comments



62/17 PLANNING (continued)

Planning Applications

Planning Application Ref: 3437/17/FUL

Applicant Name: Mr T Pinsent

Description: Application for fibre cement roof over existing slurry store (Application 2)

Address: Higher Ludbrook Farm Whitmore Lane To Ridge Road Ludbrook, PL21 0LL

Recommendation: No comments

Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2778/17/VAR

LOCATION: Higher Preston Barn Ermington PL21 9FQ

APPLICANT NAME: Mr & Mrs Cassidy

PROPOSAL: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) following grant of planning consent 21/1923/15/F (Conversion of stone barn to dwelling) to allow for enlarged first floor opening to North West elevation

DECISION: Refusal

Withdrawn:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3113/17/FUL

LOCATION: Tesco Central Avenue Lee Mill PL21 9PE

APPLICANT NAME: Mr Dave Edwards

PROPOSAL: Installation of new Timpson Dry Cleaning unit to hard standing area in front of store, installation of associated advertisements

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3114/17/ADV 173114

LOCATION: Tesco Central Avenue Lee Mill PL21 9PE

PROPOSAL: Advertisement consent for 3 x aluminium fascia signs internally illuminated. (1, 2 and 3), 2 x aluminium panels with full gloss laminated digital graphic (4 and 5), 2 x aluminium panels with full gloss laminated digital graphic (7 and 8).

63/17 FINANCE

PAYMENT(S)

- Caretaker cost – 17 September 2017 – 16 October 2017 (inclusive)	£17.50
- Clerk cost – October 2017	£514.88
- EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – October 2017	£19.00
- Royal British Legion – poppy wreath (reimbursement to Clerk)	£20.00
- Ivybridge and District Association of Local Councils – annual membership	£6.00
- Hedges & Lawns - grass cutting Honey's field 1 cut on 27 October 2017	£55.00

RECEIPT(S)

None

GRANT REQUEST(S)

None

Treasurers Account – Balance £88,136.42 as at 13 October 2017

Business Account - Balance £8,388.99 as at 11 September 2017

64/17 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been circulated to Parish Councillors:-

Email 04.10.17 – WORK STARTS ON FIRST SHERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Email 05.10.17 - Devon Highways - Parish & Town Council Conferences 2017

Email 09.10.17 - Quiet Lane Status – support in principle – Action: Clerk to feed back to Brixton Parish Clerk

Email 10.10.17- Today's World Mental Health Day

Email 10.10.17 - Setting a Balanced Budget

Email 10.10.17 - One Council Consultation Closed – Thank You

Email 11.10.17 - Devon Highways - Snow Wardens and Winter Service

Email 11.10.17 - One Council Results are out and Ready for Scrutiny

Email 11.10.17 - Devon Communities Together - courses of interest to DALC Members

Email 13.10.17 - You're invited to Devon Highways Parish & Town Council Conference 2017 (7 Nov 2017 - 16 Nov 2017)

Email 16.10.17 - Junior Life Skills Event another Success

Email 17.10.17 - Modbury Caring Newsletter



64/17 CORRESPONDENCE

Email 17.10.17 - Significance of Place: Understanding the Heritage of Devon`s Villages - Free Event - Invite and Announcement

Email 20.10.17 - Halloween special – ConnectMe

Email 20.10.17 - TAP Fund 2017/18 - deadline for applications for the 2017/18 Town And Parish (TAP) Fund has been set at 12 noon on Friday, 15 December 2017 – Action: Cllr Webley

Email 24.10.17 - Get Your Project Funded by the Community Re-Investment Projects Fund

Email 20.10.17 - 3490/17/TCA Tree Works Application – information passed to Parish Tree Warden – Ro Hughes

65/17 Grit Bins

It was agreed the following grit bins in the parish will be checked during winter 2017 as follows:-

Preston Hill and Bunkers Hill	- Cllr Midgley
Endsleigh, Marjery Cross and Westlake	- Cllr Martin
Penquit	- Cllr Auburn

Cllrs Hosking and Holway were thanked for attending the meeting and left at 8.11 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.46 pm.

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

Signed: 
(Ermington Parish Council Chairman)

Date: 5 December 2017

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