

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Ermington Parish Council Meeting held in the Reading Rooms on 3 September 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Denis Onley (Chair), Josie Allis, Claire Cross and Jeremy Walding

Also present: County Councillor Richard Hosking (*from 7.40 pm to 8.40 pm*)
District Councillor Tom Holway (*from 7.30 pm to 8.40 pm*)
T Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners present: 15

49/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Police Community Support Officer Andy Potter from Cllrs John Dunlop and Susan Martin.

50/19 POLICE MATTERS

PCSO A Potter emailed the following Crime Report for July/August 2019:

[from 26th June to 27th July]

Ermington

No reported crime.

Lee Mill Ind. Est.

5th July common assault CR/059820/19

9th July theft of a wallet CR/060604/19

19th July theft of diesel from vehicles CR/065930/19

[From 27th July to 31st August]

Ermington

23rd Aug. report of a dog not under proper control CR/078299

Lee Mill Ind. Est.

27th Jul. theft of property from a car CR/070025/19

11th Aug. drink/driver CR/072478/19

20th Aug. shoplifting CR/075446/19

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31st Aug. theft of a handbag CR/079284/19

Motorbike noise – PCSO A Potter has asked that the night shift working out of Ivybridge to try and be in the Ermington area around 5am in order to obtain the registration number of this noisy motorbike. But as personnel cover a vast area, they may well be involved in other duties at the time.

PCSO A Potter asked parishioner if they could try and obtain the registration number, date and time of the excessive noise it would be helpful.

Cllr Onley asked for PCSO Potter to be informed that parishioners had also raised that motorbike noise at weekends was also invasive.

51/19 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOSKING, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS:

A3121 Safer Road Scheme proposals to be considered by the DCC at the next Cabinets meeting.

SHDC Investment plans are, Ivybridge supermarket, Kingsbridge hotel, Dartmouth health and wellbeing centre, Investment in solar farm.

A parishioner had reported to Cllr Hosking a safety issue at Margery Cross. The signage is not being actioned but the renewal of road markings will take place.

A poster for Crime Stoppers was provided for a notice board

35/19 Flooding from highways water run-off at "The First and Last Bistro" car park. South West Water kindly agreed to inspect the drains. They used a drain camera and discovered that there are some issues with the drains through "The First & Last" car park, including apparent blockage near the boundary, partial obstruction with grease and misalignment. The situation on the southern side of the boundary was more complex. Unable to locate the drain where the water discharges.

Mr Savery (owner of "The First and Last") reported that South West Water and Glanvilles had revisited the site. The drain to which "The First and Last" drain is connected was located and it is a South West Water drain. SWW are to check the ownership of the drains beneath "The First & Last". Glanvilles have been asked by Mr Savery to prepare a drain volume/capacity test and he will contact Councillor Hosking when this is available.

Mr Savery advised he would be removing the downpipe from the roof of "The First & Last" that discharges into the gully in the road.

Cllr Hosking commented that DCC Highways had advised, there had not been a flooding issue at this location historically. Mr Savery raised the possibility of additional flow from recently developed properties on the north side of the road.

35/19 Trial scheme to restrict the width of the road near "The First and Last Bistro" to see if it would slow down traffic. Ideas being progressed. There is no budget available, but if the Parish Council are prepared to pay for the work which will cost in the region of £10,000, the work could be taken forward.

35/19 Flooding in Westlake - insufficient drainage to deal with the amount of surface water. A parishioner suggested removing a small section of a wall to release the water would help. Cllr Onley will write to the parishioner in connection with the wall and Cllr Hosking will also make enquiries. ACTION: Cllr Hosking/Onley

35/19 Blocked drains on the left-hand side of Town Hill and Chapel Street. Grate to be removed to assess the situation. Ongoing

35/19 River Erme erosion A3121 - aerial survey is due this year, when completed an assessment of movement of riverbank will be confirmed. Ongoing

35/19 Playing field application to be a Village Green. Cllr Hosking reported that no decision has been received.

52/19 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TOM HOLWAY, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS:

SHDC have had their first Climate Change Working Environment meeting.

Crime Stoppers – if you have information about a crime, the contact telephone number is 0800 55511.

SHDC has sent an email in connection with work on the entrance to the Ermington Industrial Estate on 21 & 22 September stating the road on the industrial estate will be closed.

36/19 Reinstatement of path around the playing field owned by SHDC by the river. Still being pursued.

36/19 Industrial Units – light pollution, may be practical to install alternative lighting. PSI has not been done and the lights are remaining switched on. Still being pursued.

36/19 The flue on "The Crooked Spire" - masonry chimney to be placed around the flue after Heritage Officer has agreed the design. Still being pursued.

53/19 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO THE PARISH COUNCIL, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE (A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 15 MINUTES)

A parishioner stated that a few years ago a petition of 90 signatures was presented to reduce the speed, on the A3121 between Erme Bridge and Plantation House. The speed evaluation should take place at key times. There are vehicles who are speeding in excess of 40 mph.

Cllr Hosking pointed out the speed limit of 40 mph on the A3121 is a result of a traffic order, there is no justification/criteria to reduce the speed limit further. If the speed limit is reassessed there is a slight risk it could be changed as it is an "A" road and the speed limit could be increased to 60 mph. There are proposals in the safer roads scheme to remove the island at the bottom of Town Hill.

Cllr Onley asked Cllr Hosking to provide the DCC criteria which determines the speed limits. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

It was agreed to place this issue on the October agenda. **ACTION: Clerk**

A parishioner reported that some boundary hedges in the village were in a very poor state. Particularly in the following areas:

Church Street hedge from war memorial to the Reading Rooms

Church Street to Highland

Freehamlet to Mill Hill

Bunkers Hill - at least two foot of brambles

Bunkers Hill to Fawns Bridge

Erme Park hedges on the A3121

Cllr Onley pointed out it is the land owner's responsibility to maintain hedges, but the Parish Council could remind residents through publications & social media to keep boundary hedges to highways trimmed. Cllr Holway will assess what action could be taken with SHDC. **ACTION: Cllr Holway.**

A parishioner asked Cllr Holway if he could enlighten the Parish Council on object/no comment and support on planning applications.

Cllr Holway stated if the planning officer refuses the planning application and the Parish Council support, it could go to the District Councillor for review. The District Councillor may go against the advice of the Planning Officer and take the planning application to the Planning Committee.

A parishioner wished to raise again the blocked culvert under the A3121 at the bottom of Town Hill. Cllr Hosking pointed out that Japanese Knotweed is an issue on private land in the area, therefore it was difficult to carry out any work.

A parishioner enquired again if children from local village schools would go to Sherford not to Ivybridge Community College, as there had been no confirmation from Devon County Council. He would like an answer to this question – "can you confirm or deny meetings have taken place some time ago, to discuss children from the Ivybridge catchment will be sent to Sherford". Cllr Hosking stated there are no plans at present to move children from Ivybridge to Sherford but this could change. Cllr Onley asked the Clerk to put this question Cllr Hosking in writing for a written response.

ACTION: Clerk

54/19 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA

Members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the meeting. None declared.

55/19 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of Ermington Parish Council meeting held on 2 July and Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting minutes of 6 August 2019 (as previously circulated) were agreed and signed by the Chair.

56/19 PUBLIC OPEN SPACE (POS) FEEDBACK FROM MEETING HELD 13/8/19 - CLLR ONLEY

Present at the meeting was a representative from SHDC (Rob Sekula, Specialist – Assets & Place Making at SHDC), Cllr Holway, Andy Cattermole of Barratt David Wilson Homes (BDW), Cllrs Onley and Dunlop and a few parishioners. Cllr Onley stressed the maintenance schedule of the land has not been adhered to. There is no intention by BDW to pass the land on to a third party. The Parish Council has requested a five year audit of the maintenance schedule is undertaken by BDW and shared with the Parish Council and Spires residents as a basis to consider if it needs amendment. All information has been shared with residents of the Spires.

Currently there seems to be no-one taking responsibility of the river bank alongside Ermington Park, which needs to be addressed.

A parishioner pointed out that trees have fallen in the area which needs to be addressed.

If there are plans of the area or information that could be of help to the Parish Council in connection with the POS. Please could it be shared with the Parish Council.

57/19 REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- a) Churchyard Committee – Cllr Dunlop reported there had not been a recent meeting.
- b) Footpaths survey - Cllr Walding has written an article which will be in the next edition of the Parish Magazine.
- c) Night landing site for Devon Air Ambulance - Cllr Allis to invite a representative to attend a Parish Council meeting.
- d) Crooked Spire ACV - Cllr Martin was not present, to be included on October's agenda. **ACTION: Clerk**

58/19 READING ROOMS BUILDING SURVEY - CLLR ONLEY

The survey of the Reading Rooms by SPEED Chartered Surveyors was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The contents of the report were discussed and it was agreed to investigate what grants are available to carry out the necessary work. **ACTION: Cllr Cross**

Cllr Walding stated, it is essential that the Reading Rooms are brought up to a usable standard as it is a community asset.

59/19 PARISH COUNCILLOR - VACANCIES

Advertising of vacancies of the Parish Council had recently been carried out. The Parish Council noted one application had been received. It was agreed the Chair and Vice Chair to arrange to discuss the role of being a Parish Councillor with the applicant. **ACTION: Cllrs Onley & Allis**

60/19 WEBSITE UPDATE – CLLR DUNLOP

Cllr Dunlop had investigated the costings for the work to amend pages on the Ermington Parish website. In his opinion, due to the level of support required the costings supplied to the Parish Council from a local company are more than reasonable for the work required.

It was agreed for the Clerk to liaise with Devonian Web Designs to carry out the work. **ACTION: Clerk**

61/19 PLANNING - COUNCILLORS TO VIEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS ON SHDC WEBSITE PRIOR TO MEETING. *To comply with consultation time limits, planning applications received after agenda publication may be considered at the meeting and any recommendations ratified at the subsequent meeting.*

Reference: 2442/19/HHO Proposal: Householder application for widening of existing vehicle access off highway, to private re-aligned drive to dwelling. Installation of new boundary fence
Site Address: Ermeview, Town Hill, Ermington, PL21 9LR
Recommendation: support - permeable asphalt will reduce rainfall run off to the highway but adequate draining to be included in the scheme.

Reference: 2644/19/FUL Proposal: Proposed straw bedded covered feed building for housing cattle
Site Address Coyton Barton Yealampton PL21 9LD
Recommendation: support

61/19 PLANNING - COUNCILLORS TO VIEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS ON SHDC WEBSITE PRIOR TO MEETING (continued)

The following planning application was 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 1 October 2019 Parish Council Meeting agenda for ratification.

Reference: 3398/18/FUL Proposal: Construction of side and rear extension to existing warehouse
 Site Address: The Display Works, East Way, Lee Mill, PL21 9GE
 Recommendation: no comment

Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1722/19/LBC LOCATION: Clickland Farm Ermington Devon PL21 9JY
 DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1963/19/HHO LOCATION: 6 Church Street Ermington Devon PL21 9NJ
 DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2482/19/AGR LOCATION: Land adjacent to The Oaks Cadleigh Ivybridge PL21 9HW
 DECISION: Ag Determination details not required

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2068/19/FUL LOCATION: East Burraton, Burraton, PL21 9LA
 DECISION: Conditional Approval

62/19 FINANCE

It was agreed to pay the following:-

PAYMENT(S)

Description	Gross	Nett	VAT
Mr P Davies – assisting with unlocking/locking/setting up the Reading Rooms – from 17 June to 16 August 2019 (inclusive)	£32.15	-	-
Clerk’s Salary – July & August 2019	£1081.88	-	-
EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – July 2019	£24.00	£22.80	£1.20
Reimbursement to Clerk – ½ cost of 5 reams of paper with Holbeton Parish Council, purchased from Amazon	£9.99	£8.33	£1.66
Devon Association of Local Councils – Cllr Allis and Onley Chairmanship course 08/07/19	£72.00	£60.00	£30.00
Reimbursement to Clerk – payment to HostGator for hosting parish web site	£121.85	-	-
South West Water Business = Reading Rooms 4 May – 6 August	£31.72	-	-
Hedges & Lawns – 1 cut in July 2019 (cutting grass on field adjacent to Reading Rooms)	£55.00	-	-
Mrs C Retallick – Locum Clerks expenses in connection with July and August 2019 extraordinary meetings	£182.83	-	-
LTMP – Market Valuation of land lying to the North East of The Square, known as Honey’s Field	£360.00	£300.00	£60.00

62/19 FINANCE (continued)

RECEIPT(S) – £36.00 Hire of Reading Rooms

GRANT REQUEST(S) –

- Village Fund request to assist with the cost of the annual fireworks display to be held on 1 November 2019 – agreed £500, Councillors requested that there is no plastic debris from fireworks.
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- Modbury Caring – agreed £100

Clerk to arrange Reading Rooms portable appliance testing and fire extinguishers servicing. **ACTION: Clerk**

Cllr Cross verified bank reconciliations and signed the original bank statements as evidence.

Business Account - Balance £22,588.58 as at 9 May 2019

Treasurers Account – Balance £88,174.34 as at 13 August 2019

63/19 CORRESPONDENCE

Council Tax Support Grant 2020/21

Review of Polling Districts/Polling Places - South Hams District Council

Standards & Governance training 3rd Oct 2pm

Second Homes Covenant – Clerk was requested to contact the Modbury Parish Clerk stating the Parish Council wishes to be kept informed as it is something they would be interested in.

A3121 road layout proposal

Letter from Parishioner which was also copied to Cllr Hosking – requesting the Public Footpath to be reinstated from Higher Keaton to Fernham. The Clerk had also received verbal requests from parishioners for the reinstated along with old maps showing the footpath. Cllr Walding will liaise with DCC. **ACTION: Cllr Walding**

Resignation email from Caretaker (Mr P Davies), he is willing to continue to lock/unlock/ assist with setting the rooms for hiring if required. Councillors expressed their appreciation of all the help and hard work over many years, looking after the Reading Rooms.

64/19 REVIEW OF CODE OF CONDUCT AND FINANCIAL STANDING ORDERS

The Code of Conduct and Financial Standing Orders were reviewed, and agreed.

65/19 CONFIRM DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on [Tuesday 1 October 2019](#) at [7.30 pm](#) in the Reading Rooms, Ermington.

Meeting closed and public left at 9.27 pm.

Members of the public left the Reading Rooms.

66/19 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Council is invited to RESOLVE that in accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission Meetings) ACT 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the agenda item 18, owing to the confidential nature of the business to transacted and the public interest would not be served in disclosing that information – namely that it would potentially prejudice the commercial position of the council in making its offer.

Josie Allis

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(Ermington Parish Council Chair)

Date: 1 October 2019

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