

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Ermington Parish Council Meeting held in the Reading Rooms on 5 November 2019 at 7.30 pm

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

County Councillor Richard Hosking (*from 7.30 pm to 8.25 pm*)
District Councillor Tom Holway (*from 7.45 pm to 8.25 pm*)
Teresa Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners present: 31

Cllr Onley on behalf of the Parish Council wished to pass on their condolences to Derek Wooderson's family. Derek had contributed so much to the parish.

82/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Police Community Support Officer Andy Potter and Cllr Susan Martin.

83/19 POLICE MATTERS

PCSO A Potter emailed the following Crime Report for October 2019 which was read out by Cllr Denis Onley:

[from 1st to 26th October]

Ermington

3rd report of an assault [juvenile on juvenile] CR/090203/19

Lee Mil Ind. Est.

4th Possession of a controlled drug CR/089796/19

4th drink/driver CR/089797/19

4th theft of a mobile phone CR090480/19

8th shoplifting CR/091099/19

14th criminal damage to packing boxes CR/093294/19

15th public order, threatening words CR/093782/19

25th shoplifting CR/096465/19

- Motorbike noise – to be included on December's agenda for an update from PCSO Potter, particularly regarding noise at weekends. **ACTION: Clerk**

84/19 REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOSKING, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS:

Devon County Council will replenish grit bins if notified via -

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/safe-travel/winter-travel/grit-bins/>

A public consultation has been launched by Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) ahead of undertaking a fresh procurement to find contractors to provide superfast broadband.

Devon County Council is now in purdah (pre-election period, the time between the announcement of an election and formation of the new elected government) - meaning they are restricted in what they can and cannot say or do.

Cllr Hosking will send the information to the Clerk in connection with Speed Watch. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

51/19 Flooding from highways water run-off at "The First and Last Bistro" car park. The owner of the property and DCC legal advice is different. Awaiting the outcome of the work being carried out by South West Water to see if it will resolve the problem.

84/19 REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOSKING, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS: (Continued)

51/19 Ideas to restrict the width of the road near “The First and Last Bistro” to see if it would slow down traffic. **Cllr Hosking and Nick Colton DCC Highways have discussed the issue, but the road is signed off as a 20mph zone, will seek alternative ideas**

51/19 Blocked drains on the left-hand side of Town Hill and Chapel Street. Grate to be removed to assess the situation. **Ongoing**

51/19 River Erme erosion A3121 - aerial survey is due this year. When completed an assessment of movement of riverbank will be confirmed. **Ongoing**

51/19 Playing field application to be a Village Green. Cllr Hosking has made an enquiry to the Devon County Council Solicitor and she has not made a decision. **Ongoing**

85/19 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TOM HOLWAY, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS:

Shared speed sign with Yealmpton and Ugborough is available. Information on fixing brackets to be sent to the Clerk. **ACTION: Cllr Holway**

SHDC Climate Emergency Working Group had set up a website for the public to submit ideas. It was agreed Cllr Cross is the Climate Change contact for the parish council.

SHDC Waste collection feedback would be welcomed.

52/19 Reinstatement of path around the playing field owned by SHDC by the river. **Still being pursued.**

52/19 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.**

52/19 The flue on “The Crooked Spire” - masonry chimney to be placed around the flue after Heritage Officer has agreed the design. SHDC awaiting drawings from the property owner.

86/19 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)

Parishioner – Ivybridge side of Tod Moor near Barn Field House there is a 3ft by 2ft 8 inches deep hole in the highway.

Parishioner – height of hedge on the Ivybridge road bordering “The Spires” is above the South Hams District Council’s 2.5 metres height planning stipulation. **ACTION: Cllr Holway**

Parishioner – could the highway which passes Endsleigh Garden’s entrance to Westlake be gritted during icy weather? Cllr Hosking would not be able to change the routes of the grit lorry. Cllr Denis asked for Devon County Council gritting routes to be sent to the Parish Council. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

Parishioner – parking issues at school drop off. Clerk to ask PSCO A Potter to audit the area. **ACTION: Clerk**

87/19 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.

Cllr Allis and Dunlop declared they were members of the Ermington Community Shop community (agenda item 8).

88/19 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of Ermington Parish Council meeting held on 1 October 2019 (as previously circulated) were agreed and signed by the Chair.

89/19 ERMINGTON COMMUNITY SHOP

Standing orders were suspended.

Ermington Community Shop Management Committee had circulated documents prior to the meeting.

The Chairperson of the Community Shop Management Committee read a statement of the group's intentions & request for financial support from the Parish Council.

The Chairperson is Andrew Savery, Treasurer - Matt Woolcock, Secretary - Jill Bleiker, who were all present at the meeting.

A bank account has been set up.

Cllr Onley had noted that there was no allowance for Business Rates in the supplied expenditure forecast & asked if the group intended applying for exemption. The Chairperson confirmed that they would do so.

Cllr Onley stated a good guidance document is "How to set up a Community Shop", by the Plunkett Foundation, and there are other Co-operative business models which advise that the group should seek incorporation, otherwise the officers may be personally liable for the group finances.

The Treasurer confirmed that although they had established under a simple Constitution they would adopt an incorporated structure prior to trading.

Cllr Onley asked the audience if they would volunteer to support the shop, 17 indicated they would, and how many would change their purchasing habits to spend at least £20 in the shop each week, 24 people indicated they would do so.

Parish Councillors have viewed the very positive comments on the Residents of Ermington Facebook page.

Parishioner – do not think the Parish Council should pay £20,000 with no security. Cllr Onley replied that the responsibility for the Group finances would be with the Ermington Community Shop Group Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary, who would be personally liable until an incorporated body is put in place.

Parishioner wished to point out that in 2010 the process of having a shop was started and questionnaires were circulated, which resulted in Ermington Sustainable Saturday.

Standing orders were reinstated.

Cllrs Cross and Walding were very supportive of the idea, as there is a need in the village and the project can be actioned immediately.

It was proposed and agreed that S106 money of £20,000 is paid to the project. **ACTION: Clerk**

90/19 REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

a) Churchyard Committee – there have been no meetings since the last Parish Council meeting. **Cllr Dunlop**

b) Footpaths survey – article has been placed in the Ermington Parish Magazine.

Footpath from Higher Keaton to Fernham – contact has been made with Ros Davies the Public Rights of Way – Parish Paths Liaison Officer, Highways and Traffic Management at Devon County Council. **Cllr Walding**

c) Night site for Devon Air Ambulance – is still being pursued - **Cllr Allis**

d) Crooked Spire ACV - **Cllr Martin**

e) Ermington Park - tree planting & play equipment – support has been received from SHDC, they would like a few larger trees planted. The Primary School is being involved with the project. SHDC has £42,000 earmarked for play park equipment - **Cllr Cross**

91/19 WEBSITE UPDATE

The Ermington website has been redesigned and will go live on 1 December 2019.

Information is required on local contacts and/or groups'/organisations' website links. If groups/organisations who have information on current website, please check if the information is still appropriate and if there are any changes, or it is no longer required, please contact the Clerk.

Similarly, if there are any groups/organisations who would like information added, please contact the Clerk.

Website address - <http://www.ermingtonparish.com>

92/19 SHARING HONEY'S FIELD TENDER DOCUMENTS

Agreed to share information which had been requested from a parishioner.

The new owner of the field introduced themselves and said they were keen to work with the Parish Council.

93/19 FLOODING WESTLAKE

Cllr Hosking and Nick Colton DCC Highways are looking into flooding, it was confirmed the drains have been cleaned out. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

Standing orders were suspended.

Parishioner pointed out a buddle hole where the water runs into the long brook is blocked and this is causing the problem.

Cllr Hosking pointed out that Nick Colton DCC Highways had studied the area and the flooding is down to the volume of water from Tod Moor.

Standing orders were reinstated.

94/19 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: 1830/19/HHO

Proposal: Householder application for creation of a new residential vehicular access (resubmission of 0122/19/FUL)

Site Address: Penquit Cottage, Penquit, Devon, PL21 0LU

Recommendation: Support

Reference: 1329/19/FUL

Proposal: READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans received) Construction of Commercial /Office Building (Class B1) with associated car parking, access and landscaping

Site Address: Commercial / Office Unit, Endsleigh Park (South Woodland Farm), Ivybridge, PL21 9JL

Recommendation: Support

Reference: 3354/19/FUL

Proposal: Proposed installation of a Peaking Gas Generation Plant with associated development to include vehicular access and security fencing

Site Address: Land at Ermington Road, Ivybridge, PL21 9ES

Recommendation: Object – gas generation plant

Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2370/19/CLE

PROPOSAL: Lawful development certificate for existing use of farmland as residential garden associated to Penquit Cottage

DECISION: Cert of Lawfulness (Existing) Certified

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2628/19/PDM

PROPOSAL: Notification for prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development (Class Q (a+b))

DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2644/19/FUL

PROPOSAL: Proposed straw bedded covered feed building for housing cattle

DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2725/19/PDM

PROPOSAL: Notification for prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development (Class Q (a+b))

DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 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.

DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2772/19/PAU

PROPOSAL: Notification for Prior Approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to flexible use - Workshop (B1) & Storage Space (B8)

DECISION: Prior Approval Not required

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2776/19/PAU

PROPOSAL: Notification for Prior Approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to flexible use - Workshop (B1) & Storage Space (B8)

DECISION: Prior Approval Not required

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1920/19/HHO

PROPOSAL: Householder application for proposed extension with remodelling and removal of previous extension

DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1921/19/LBC

PROPOSAL: Listed building consent for proposed extension with remodelling and removal of previous extension

DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2797/19/NMM

PROPOSAL: Non material amendment to householder consent 1963/19/HHO for replacement of proposed skylight to front elevation with first floor window

DECISION: Refusal

Tree Works

Application No: 2799/19/TCA

Proposed works: T1: Weeping Willow - Fell

Location: Burbilan, Chapel Street, Ermington, PL21 9ND

Decision: No objections raised

95/19 FINANCE

Approved the following Parish Council's expenditure as follows:

PAYMENT(S)

Description	Gross	Nett	VAT
Clerk's Salary – October 2019	£540.94	-	-
EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – October 2019	£24.00	£22.80	£1.20
T J ELECTRICAL – Reading Rooms Portable appliance testing	£60.00	£50.00	£10.00
Mr P Davies – assisting the Clerk locking/unlocking/cleaning steps/removing ivy - Reading Rooms	£35.00	-	-

RECEIPT(S)

- G A Solicitors - £1099.20 return of deposit in connection with the tender for Honey's Field minus costs of £910.80
- Hire of Reading Rooms - £112.00

GRANT REQUEST(S)

- Bell Frame repairs - St Peter & St Paul, Ermington

Standing orders were suspended.

The Ermington Church Bell Captain explained the need for the repairs to the bell frame at Ermington Parish Church and the various fund raising events that were being organised. They also asked if the Parish Council could give a grant.

Standing orders were reinstated.

The Clerk had sought clarification on providing funding to Church maintenance from DALC. DALC stated it is a rather grey area and there is conflicting legislation. Whilst there is no consensus on this issue, a council that considers making a payment in these circumstances needs to consider whether it is prudent to take a course of action that it cannot be certain is legally valid.

The powers in the 1894 Act prohibit councils' involvement in property relating to the affairs of the church e.g. the maintenance or improvement of buildings.

Cllr Onley and a parishioner suggested approaching Calor Gas and local retail businesses community giving schemes who are supporting the repairs to other Churches.

- Ivybridge Ring & Ride

A grant of £50.00 was agreed.

95/19 FINANCE (continued)

Ermington Parish Council - Bank Reconciliation as at =		5 November 2019	
County area:	South Hams		
Prepared by (Name and Role):	Teresa Drew - Parish Clerk/RFO		
Balance per bank statement as at 09/05/19:	Treasurers Account	£22,588.58	
Balance per bank statement as at 14/10/19:	Business Account	£82,507.87	
			£105,096.45
Less: any un-presented cheques (negative numbers)			
	001297	-£66.00	
	001316	-£55.00	
		-£121.00	
			-£121.00
Add: any un-banked cash/cheques	N/A	-	
			-
			Total: £104,975.45

96/19 CORRESPONDENCE

Email from a parishioner – Ermington House Residential Home issues – Cllr Denis raised the parishioner’s issues with Cllr Holway. Cllr Holway confirmed he is discussing the issues with SHDC Enforcement Department. **ACTION: Cllr Holway**

Email from parishioners - the hedge between Valley Lodge and play park requires cutting by SHDC. Cllr Holway was aware of the issue and SHDC Ivybridge team will be dealing with it week commencing 18 November 2019. **ACTION: Cllr Holway**

Email from SHDC – closing of Ermington public toilets for the period of 1 November 2019 to 29 February 2020, unless the parish arrange for the cleaning to take place during this period and a contribution of £67.32 is made to the running of the toilets. Two parishioners have volunteered to clean/monitor the toilets.

Speedwatch – options/ideas to be sourced. **ACTION: Councillors**

Emails circulated to Councillors via the Clerk:-

- Parishioner - Bell Frame, St Peter & St Paul, Ermington – *agenda item, grant request*
- SHDC - Great day for Tennis in South Hams
- Parishioner re. Kings Acre – *agenda item*
- DCC Highways - Parish & Town Council Conferences 2019 - Exhibitor Information
- Ermington Community Shop – information on project – *agenda item*
- Cllr Holway - Devon Dark Skies evening event - 31st October
- SHDC - National Customer Service Week
- Cllr Martin & Parishioner - Flooding Westlake
- SHDC - Junior Life Skills Success
- SHDC - £380k for Play Park Revamp Plan
- Devon Communities - (ACRE Network) British Science Week grants
- Cllr Holway - Preventing Exploitation Toolkit Anti-Slavery Comms
- Devon Air Ambulance - Support for the Devon Air Ambulance – *emailed to Editor of Parish Magazine*
- Parishioner - Boundaries Honeys Field - upkeep hedges - and other matters – *agenda item*
- DCC - Temporary Traffic Notice - Road from Sunny Park to Marjery Cross, Ermington (TTRO2032386)

Emails circulated to Councilors via the Clerk: - (continued)

SHDC - Agreed - A Plan for Slapton
SHDC - The Horror – 1/4 of Grey Bin Waste is Food
DCC - Recycle Devon Thank You Awards 2020 – poster on notice boards
DCC - Devon Climate Emergency: Devon Carbon Plan process is launched – residents called on to give their ideas
Wales & West Utilities - Ivybridge gas pipe upgrade
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner - ASB, Rough Sleeping & Begging
Parishioner - Violet Pinwill Talk - 20th January 2020
SHDC - Discussions at Executive this week
SHDC - Council lays out ambitions for new commercial centre
DCC - Devon Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Update - October 2019 Strategy Newsletter
SHDC - Reviewing Permits
SHDC - Merry Christmas from South Hams
Kingston Parish Council Representative for 4RDA - Four Rivers Dementia Alliance (4RDA)
ESS - Twilight Christmas Fair
SHDC - Climate Change
DCC - Devon Climate Emergency
ESS - Twilight Christmas Fair
SHDC - A Helping Hand for Cold Homes

Post

Modbury Caring – thank you letter for grant
Ivybridge Ring & Ride - letter from Ring & Ride, grant request – *agenda item*

97/19 CONFIRM DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on [Tuesday 3 December 2019](#) at [7.30 pm](#) in the Reading Rooms, Ermington.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

98/19 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC TO CONSIDER APPLICATION(S) FOR THE VACANT PARISH COUNCILLORS POSITIONS AND DECIDE WHETHER TO APPOINT .

Cllr Onley and Allis have met an applicant.

Applicant to be invited to December's meeting, to be introduced to Councillors. **ACTION: Clerk**

Denis Onley

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(*Ermington Parish Council Chair*)

Date: 3 December 2019

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