

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Ermington Parish Council Meeting held in the Reading Rooms on 7 January 2020 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Denis Onley (Chair), Josie Allis, Jeremy Walding, John Dunlop and Ian Creese
County Councillor Richard Hosking (*from 8.00 pm to 8.10 pm*)
District Councillor Tom Holway (*from 7.30 pm to 8.00 pm*)
Teresa Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners present: 8

Cllr Denis Onley welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Cllr Ian Creese, who confirmed he had completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prior to the meeting.

115/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Police Community Support Officer Andy Potter and Cllr Claire Cross.

116/19 POLICE MATTERS

PSCO A Potter emailed the following Crime Report which was read out by Cllr Denis Onley:

Ermington

2nd, possession of indecent images of children CR/108291/19

6th, theft of heating diesel from storage tank CR/110068/18

Overnight 20th / 21st attempted dwelling burglary, attempt made to enter house in rural location CR/114341/19

Lee Mill Ind. Est.

6th, possession of controlled drug [small amount of cannabis] CR/109790/19

7th, attempted burglary of business premises CR/110165/19

11th, shoplifting CR/112023/19

16th, shoplifting CR/112559/19

20th, criminal damage to motor vehicle, three tyres damaged CR/114931/19

22nd, theft of computer equipment CR/1095549/19

24th, shoplifting x 4 CR/115206/115215/115221/115239/19

- Motorbike noise in the early hours of the day – if the registration of the vehicle could be obtained by those that are disturbed, enquiries can then be made with the registered keeper as to whether they are legal or not.

The night shift cannot guarantee to be available in the Ermington area around the problem times.

Cllr Onley wished it to be noted the night/early morning weekday motorcyclist has stopped riding through the village, but there is still an issue with motorbike noise at weekends. Especially during fine weather on Saturday and Sunday mornings and Sunday afternoons.

The motorcycles are often in groups and so when they have modified the exhaust pipes to make maximum noise, they make a lot of noise, which you can hear all along the valley.

No one wants to stop responsible motorcyclists enjoying a ride, but there are clearly some that think they can have their fun without caring about the impact on local residents, so a weekend patrol along the A3121 between Wrangaton & Modbury Cross, or A379 between Ermington & Yealmpton would be much appreciated.

117/19 REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOSKING, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS:

101/19 Flooding from highways water run-off at "The First and Last Bistro" car park. Awaiting the outcome of work being carried out by South West Water (SWW) to ascertain if it will resolve the problem. Cllr Hosking will liaise with SWW for an update on the situation. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

101/19 Blocked drains on the left-hand side of Town Hill and Chapel Street. Grate to be removed to assess the situation. **Ongoing**

101/19 River Erme erosion A3121 - aerial survey is due, when completed an assessment of movement of riverbank will be confirmed. **Ongoing**

101/19 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**

101/19 Flooding Westlake – being assessed by Cllr Hosking & DCC Highways. Cllr Creese pointed out he had recently contacted DCC Highways but has not received a satisfactory answer. A site meeting to be arranged to assess the problem. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

103/19 Drainage work on the road from Ermington to Sheephams is not effective when it rains. Cllr Hosking to discuss with Nick Colton DCC Highways. **Ongoing**

118/19 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TOM HOLWAY, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS

Locality Fund - £100 to Village Fund and £400 to "Ermington Store & More" project.

There will not be a referendum for Parish Councillors to increase their precept.

You can now watch South Hams District Council and the South Hams Development Management Committee make their decisions live on social media. Also, SHDC has now started streaming all meetings which take place in the Council Chamber at Follaton House to their website, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

Greener Ugborough Parish (G-UP) is a new sustainability group to collate ideas and encourage and support action towards making the wider community of Ugborough, Bittaford and the smaller hamlets in the Parish more sustainable. A talk is taking place on Saturday 18 January 2020, for more information visit the following web site <https://www.ugborough.com/sustainability-group>

102/19 Reinstatement of path around the playing field owned by SHDC by the river. **Ongoing**

102/19 Industrial Units – light pollution, may be practical to install alternative lighting. PSI has not been done and the lights are remaining switched on. **Ongoing**

119/19 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 explained to make a Community Shop room larger, there is a need for a disabled access ramp. Cllr Holway suggested the £400 grant from the Locality Fund is used towards the ramp.

Cllr Walding enquired when planning application 3354/19/FUL - proposed installation of a Peaking Gas Generation Plant with associated development to include vehicular access and security fencing, Ermington Road", Ivybridge, will be discussed at South Hams District Council. Cllr Holway stated that the planning application will be discussed at the Development Management Committee on 15th January 2020, and the meeting is due to start at 11 am. Cllr Onley reminded Cllr Holway that Ermington Parish Council had objected to the application.

A parishioner put forward the reason for their full planning application - Reference: 3912/19/FUL, The Workshop, Cowsberry Farm, Burraton Cross to Luson, Burraton, PL21 9JZ.

Cllr Allis raised the issue of the outside light at Ermington House. The light is very bright and a safety issue to those driving towards the building from the Ugborough direction. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

A parishioner raised concern about the cost for a community shop coffee machine and was referred to by a Councillor to "Ermington Shop & More" public meetings, where the equipment details would be decided.

120/19 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 Onley and his wife – Devon Air Ambulance agenda item 8 and Cllrs Allis and Dunlop - Ermington Store & More building agenda item 11 (d).

121/19 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of Ermington Parish Council meeting held on 3 December 2019 (as previously circulated) were agreed and signed by the Chair.

122/19 NIGHT SITE FOR DEVON AIR AMBULANCE (DAA) – ERMINGTON PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Allis has received a £761.02 quote from Western Power for the electricity supply to the playing field. The DAA contact person is aware of the quote. Cllr Allis pointed out, there will be an ongoing service charge to the Parish Council.

The installation of a pole and lights is required. It was agreed that £2,800 would be contributed to the project. Cllr Allis to advise the parish council of the ongoing standing charge costs.

Cllr Allis will consult with South Hams District Council (the owners of the playing field) where it is proposed the night site will be located. **ACTION: Cllr Allis**

123/19 PLANNING - COUNCILLORS TO VIEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS ON SHDC WEBSITE PRIOR TO MEETING

Reference: 3693/19/FUL Proposal: Proposed erection of a shed and two greenhouses
Site Address: East Burraton, Burraton, PL21 9LA
Recommendation: Support

Reference: 3912/19/FUL Proposal: Conversion of an agricultural building to a residential dwelling (previously approved under Class Q 4142/18/PDM) to include alterations to the design and extension to curtilage
Site Address: The Workshop, Cowsberry Farm, Burraton Cross to Luson, Burraton, PL21 9JZ
Recommendation: Support

Reference: 3943/19/FUL Proposal: Installation of a single new Air Source Heat Pump to rear of building (retrospective)
Site Address: Owens Coffee, The Roastery at Endsleigh, Endsleigh, Ivybridge, PL21 9JL
Recommendation: Support

Reference: 3838/19/FUL
Proposal: Construction of calf rearing building (Application 1 of 2)
Site Address: Higher Ludbrook Farm, Ludbrook, PL21 0LL
Recommendation: Object – over-development, the building is too large and the highways are not sufficient for the traffic it will generate.

*Reference: 3840/19/FUL
Proposal: Construction of calf rearing building (Application 2 of 2)
Site Address: Higher Ludbrook Farm, Ludbrook, PL21 0LL
Recommendation: Object – over-development, the building is too large and the highways are not sufficient for the traffic it will generate.

Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1329/19/FUL

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

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

DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3441/19/HHO

LOCATION: 6 Church Street Ermington PL21 9NJ

PROPOSAL: Householder application to replace en-suite skylight windows with traditional flush sash window on front elevation (revision to planning approval 1963/19/HHO)

DECISION: Conditional Approval

123/19 PLANNING - COUNCILLORS TO VIEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS ON SHDC WEBSITE PRIOR TO MEETING (continued)

Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3740/18/ARC

LOCATION: Ring O Bells Totnes Road Ermington PL21 9NS

PROPOSAL: Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions 4 and 6 of planning consent 21/0759/02/LB

DECISION: Discharge of condition Approved

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3855/18/ARC

LOCATION: Ring O Bells Totnes Road Ermington PL21 9NS

PROPOSAL: Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4 and 6 of planning consent 21/0760/02/F

DECISION: Discharge of condition Approved

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3959/19/AGR

LOCATION: Parsonage Farm Town Hill Ermington PL21 9LR

PROPOSAL: Application for prior notification for proposed road for agricultural use

DECISION: Prior Approval Not required

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1119/18/FUL

LOCATION: Crooked Spire Inn The Square Ermington Devon PL21 9LP

PROPOSAL: Demolition and reinstatement of chimney to include stainless steel flue

DECISION: Conditional Approval

124/19 FINANCE

The following Parish Council's expenditure agreed:

Description	Gross	Nett	VAT
Clerk's Salary – December 2019	£540.94	-	-
EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – December 2019	£24.00	£22.80	£1.20

RECEIPT(S) – Hire of Reading Rooms = £30.00, EDF Credit £18.27

GRANT REQUEST(S) – Grant request from “Ermington Store & More” for the purchase of coffee machine. See minute 125/19.

BUDGET 2020/2021 – A draft budget (see attached) had been forward to Councillors prior to the parish council meeting. It is predicted a general expenditure circa £19,000.

PRECEPT 2020/2021 – Three options were put forward:

- 1) Continue with the same Precept as currently charged.
- 2) Reduce the current Precept by 10%, to reflect the lack of progress with the previous Village Hall plan over the last 2 years therefore returning the last 2 years increases in Precept to parishioners.
- 3) Reduce the Precept by 25% to balance income with normal expenditure, and take any one-off grants, for example, those currently under consideration to, Devon Air Ambulance and “Ermington Store & More” project and more projects from the Parish Council £80K reserves.

Agreed to reduce the current Precept of £27,000 by 10% to £24,300. **ACTION: Clerk**

124/19 FINANCE (continued)

<u>Ermington Parish Council - Bank Reconciliations</u>			
Prepared by: Teresa Drew - Parish Clerk/RFO			
Business Account: Balance per bank statement as at 09/12/19		£35,904.83	
Treasurers Account: Balance per bank statement as at 13/12/19		£60,285.74	
			£96,190.57
Less: any un-presented cheques (negative numbers)	001331	-£10.00	
		-£10.00	
			-£10.00
Add: any un-banked cash/cheques	N/A	£0.00	
			£0.00
		Total:	£96,180.57

125/19 REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- a) Churchyard Committee – no meetings have recently taken place. **Cllr Dunlop**
- b) Footpath from Higher Keaton to Fernham to be reinstated. Survey of footpaths to be carried out - **Cllr Walding**
- c) Ermington Park - tree planting & play equipment - **Cllr Cross**
- d) Ermington Store & More - **Cllr's Allis & Dunlop**

Cllr Onley – a £5,000 grant request has been received or an alternative request to purchase a coffee/tea making machine. Currently the project is not a registered charity and is currently managed by the Directors rather than as a democratic community business.

Grant requests have been made by the committee and work has commenced in the building. The plan is open the Ermington Store & More in February 2020, but it may not be fully completed. A limited Company has been set up. An application is with the Plunket Foundation. There will be shares available, one member one vote, maximum and minimum target not decided until advice has been received from the Plunket Foundation.

There is a committee who will ascertain what stock will be required in the shop.

The Directors are Andrew Savery, Alistair Hurst, Matt Woolcock, Nicky Scutt and Jill Bleiker.

Standing orders were suspended.

Parishioner asked if the furniture within the Reading Rooms will be moved to the Ermington Store & More building. Cllr Onley stated that no request had been received and so there is no plan to move items. The Parish Council meetings will move to a room within the Ermington Store & More building, which will ensure access is available to all parishioners etc.

Standing orders were reinstated

Cllr Dunlop proposed bookings for Parish Council meetings over the next 10 years to the sum of £3,600, could be paid upfront and used to buy the coffee/tea making machine. Cllr Onley suggested Councillors consider the proposal, as then it would mean the Parish Council would be supporting the project by moving the Parish Council meetings to the hub within the Ermington Store & More building for ten years and have a voting right which would be nominated to a Parish Councillor.

It was agreed £3,600 would be released when the Directors had set up a Community Benefit Society and Governing Documents including the Membership Strategy documents. Also, one Corporate Share provided to the Parish Council and that the £3,600 would cover the hire of the hub in "Ermington Store & More" building for the next ten years for Parish Council meetings.

125/19 REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY (continued)

e) Village events: Ermington Village Walk 28/12/2019 was very successful with 22 people in attendance. The Wassail which took place on 05/01/2020 was also very successful and the Parish Councillors wished to extend their thanks to the parishioners who hosted the event.

126/19 DCC HIGHWAYS A3121 WORKS

Devon County Council are in discussion with residents regarding the Parish Council's suggestion to extend the footway further eastwards towards Ermington House. DCC have provisionally booked road space for these schemes, between February – April 2020.

Site 12 Modbury cross land negotiations taking place – final scheme plan now ready for Stage 2 safety audit and will be sent off in the next few days.

Site 6 Ware Cross we intend to carry out the works during the time that the road is closed for the culvert works (24 February – 13 March 2020) using the same contractor.

Site 4 Kitterford Cross – safety audits – these were stage 1 audits based on a two dimensional preliminary designs, the purpose of which is to flush out any “show stoppers” for a scheme before the detailed design commences. The audits highlighted the problems associated with each option namely the summit prior to the junction and speed transfer from one through route to another.

There will be disruption when the work commences as patching will also be taking place. An area of inlay patching is also planned west of the Town Hill junction.

Plans are available on the Devon County Council web site

127/19 CORRESPONDENCE

Emails circulated to Councillors via the Clerk

Cllr Hosking - Devon Climate Change Emergency Declaration Response

SHDC - South Hams BT Payphone Kiosk Removal Consultation - comments by 19th JANUARY 2020

Cllr Hosking - Speed Watch

Cllr Hosking - A3121 Safer Road Fund

SHDC - Alleged bank removal to create driveway at Orchard Bungalow, Hunsdon, Ivybridge - Enforcement Case: 021259 - CASE CLOSED

Devon Communities Together - Applications now open for the Prince of Wales Award 2020 and also information on a new funding scheme supporting village halls and community projects from Burg-Wächter

DCC - EXTENSION] Temporary Traffic Notice - A379 Edmeston Farm to Fancy Cross, Devon (TTRO1933069)

Parishioners - Tallet Meadow

SHDC - A Plan for Climate Change Action

SHDC - Honorary Alderman John Tucker

DCC - Highways Update

SHDC - Draft Local Government Finance Settlement for 2020-21

Post

Citizens Advice thank you letter for Grant

128/19 TO CONFIRM DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on [Tuesday 4 February 2020](#) at [7.30 pm](#) in the Reading Rooms, Ermington.

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Denis Onley

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(*Ermington Parish Council Chair*)

Date: 4 February 2020

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

Ermington Parish Council

Codes from Spreadsheet	EXPENDITURE	Budget 2019/20	Spend year to date against budget (including VAT)	Underspend /Overspend against budget	Budget 2020/21	Spend year to date against budget (including VAT)	Underspend /Overspend against budget
	1. Property Running Costs						
RR1	Electricity	275	216.00	59	275		275
RR6	Water	125	123.50	2	125		125
RR4	Insurance	815	802.79	12	815		815
RR2	Caretaking/Assistance with Hiring of Rooms	250	186.96	63	250		250
RR3	Fire Inspect/PAT Test	130	364.92	-235	130		130
RR5	Maint/Repairs	500	0.00	500	500		500
	Sub-Total	2095	1694.17	401	2095	0.00	2095
	2. Admin Running Costs						
AD1	Clerk Salary	6495	4821.18	1674	6884		6884
AD3	Payroll Services	140	120.00	20	140		140
AD4	Subscriptions	400	355.11	44.89	400		400
AD5	Misc expenses/Training/Travel/Data Protection	300	407.88	-108	300		300
AD6	Stationery, office supplies, postage etc. (AD6)	150	110.77	39	150		150
AD7	External Audits	450	409.35	41	450		450
AD8	Parish Web Site	130	721.85	-592	130		130
PE	Parish Election	4500	0.00	4500	4500		4500
	Sub-Total	12565	6946.14	5619	12954	0.00	12954
	3. Land Running Costs						
CM1	Grass cutting/ditch cleaning /purchasing of play equipment, benches for play park	550	1796.00	-1246	550		550
LM	Lengthsman	400	0.00	400	800		800
	Sub-Total	950	1796.00	-846.00	1350	0.00	1350
	Total Running Costs	15610	10436.31	5174	16399	0.00	16399
	4. Community Grants/Donations						
CHRCYD	4.1 Churchyard	1200	0.00	1200	1200		1200
P3	4.2 P3	300	0.00	300	300		300
CM	4.3 Misc & Donations	1000	1188.83	-188.83	1200		1200
DEFIB	4.4 Defibrillator running costs	130	126.00	4	130		130
	Total Comm/Grants/Donations	2630	1314.83	1315.17	2830	0.00	2830
	5. S137 Grants/Donations						
S137	Donations	50	20.00	30	50		50
	Total S137	50	20.00	30	50	0.00	50
EPP - costs	Ermington Parish Projects - costs	500	2870.00	-2370	0		0
	Total Grants/Donations/EPP Costs	2680	4204.83	-1025	2880		2880
	Total Expenditure	£18,290.00	£14,641.14	£4,148.86	£19,279.00	£0.00	£19,279.00
	INCOME	Precept = £26,616 plus £384 grant =			Precept = £XXXX plus £192 grant = £XXXXX		
P	Precept	27000	27000.00	0	0		0
RR	Hire of Reading Rooms	650	541.00	109	650		650
P3	P3	300	0.00	300	300		300
	Bank Interest - Business Account	10	9.55	0	10		10
VAT Refund	VAT Refund	400	333.93	66	400		400
AD & CM	Locality Grants, SHDC, DCC received	500	500.00	0	500		500
EPP - income	G A Solicitors - reimbursement of tender minus costs	1099	1099.20	0	0		0
	Total Income	£29,959.20	£29,483.68	£475.52	£1,860.00	£0.00	£1,860.00
	9. Expenditure		£14,641.14				
	10. S106 Community Shop Grant		£20,000.00				
	11. Total Expenditure		£34,641.14				
	12. Income minus expenditure		£14,842.54				
	12. General Reserves		£80,000.00				