

# ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## The Minutes of Ermington Parish Council Meeting held in the Reading Rooms on 4 February 2020 at 7.30 pm

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

County Councillor Richard Hosking (*from 7.45 pm to 8.30 pm*)  
District Councillor Tom Holway (*from 7.30 pm to 7.50 pm*)  
Teresa Drew (Parish Clerk)

**Parishioners present:** 4

### 129/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Police Community Support Officer Andy Potter.

### 130/19 POLICE MATTERS

Police Councillor Advocate Scheme – Clerk to be the representative. **ACTION: Clerk**

Letter from the Devon & Cornwall Police received (see attached).

### 131/19 REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOSKING, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS

Draft budget approved and will be presented to full council 20 February 2020. Adult health, Highways and children services funding will be increased.

DCC Highways has assessed flooding near Ermington House.

If HGV's are seen noted on the highway from Ivybridge to Ermington that is considered to be above the axle weight limit. Please report the number plate and name of haulier to the police.

*117/19 Blocked drains on the left-hand side of Town Hill and Chapel Street. Grate to be removed to assess the situation. **Ongoing***

*117/19 River Erme erosion A3121 - aerial survey is due, when completed an assessment of movement of riverbank will be confirmed. **Ongoing***

*117/19 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***

*117/19 Flooding Westlake – being assessed by Cllr Hosking & DCC Highways. A site meeting to take place on 6 February 2020 to assess the problem. **Cllr Hosking/Cllr Creese***

*117/19 Also, the 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***

### 132/19 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TOM HOLWAY, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS

Consultation is taking place on the Aldi store planning application in Ivybridge, parishioners encouraged to assess the plans and feedback any concerns to SHDC.

SHDC has put aside money for Climate Change and Biodiversity.

*118/19 Reinstatement of path around the playing field owned by SHDC by the river. **Ongoing***

*118/19 Industrial Units – light pollution, may be practical to install alternative lighting. PSI has not been done and the lights are remaining switched on. **Ongoing***

## **133/19 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)**

None.

## **134/19 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 Cllr Creese declared an interest in agenda item 13 - Devon Air Ambulance.

## **135/19 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of Ermington Parish Council meeting held on 7 January 2020 (as previously circulated) were agreed and signed by the Chair.

## **136/19 FLOODING/DRAINS AT "THE FIRST AND LAST BISTRO"**

Cllr Cross explained the flooding issues is having an impact on the owners of the business. The lower part of the drain is being addressed by South West Water.

*Standing order suspended*

Owner of the property explained how South West Water are dealing with the flooding problem. They also pointed out the pipe at the top of the hill was replaced a few years ago from a smaller pipe to a larger drainage pipe. South West Water will commence work on 10 February 2020.

They have also requested information on recent planning application that have been approved in the vicinity of their property as this has caused additional run off.

Cllr Hosking will speak to Nick Colton DCC Highways in connection with replacing the pipe in the highway near the property.

*Standing orders reinstated*

Cllr Cross stressed a need to deal with this issue.

## **137/19 PLANNING - COUNCILLORS TO VIEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS ON SHDC WEBSITE PRIOR TO MEETING**

Reference: 4190/19/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing barn following Class Q approval and construction of new dwelling (Resubmission of 3011/19/FUL)

Site Address: The Shippen, Cowsberry Farm, Burraton, PL21 9JZ

Recommendation: Support

### **Planning Decisions**

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3725/18/FUL LOCATION: Ermington House Formerly Kingsacre Nursing Home Ermington PL21 0LQ

PROPOSAL: Removal of existing upper ground floor conservatory and timber framed office and staff room and replacement with new extension and balcony

DECISION: Refusal

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3693/19/FUL LOCATION: East Burraton Burraton PL21 9LA

PROPOSAL: Proposed erection of a shed and two green houses

DECISION: Refusal

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3943/19/FUL LOCATION: Owens Coffee, The Roastery at Endsleigh, Ivybridge Devon PL21 9JL

PROPOSAL: Installation of a single new Air Source Heat Pump to rear of building (Retrospective)

DECISION: Conditional Approval

### **Withdrawn Planning Application**

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3446/19/FUL 193446

LOCATION: Thornham Bridge Ivybridge Road Ermington Devon PL21 0LG

PROPOSAL: Conversion of shippen/workshop garage into a separate dwelling.

DECISION: Withdrawn

## 138/19 ROAD WARDEN SCHEME – CLLR CREESE

Cllr Onley asked Cllr Hosking if road signs could be accessed from the depot at Ivybridge. Cllr Hosking suggested assessing what signs are required to purchase and have a storage facility within the parish. Chapter 8 training is required for anyone who will be erecting signs on the highway.

Cllr Creese would be the point of contact for flooding and potholes, but they can be reported via the Devon County Council website – [https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/map/map\\_src/poth/](https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/map/map_src/poth/)

When a suitable date and time Chapter 8 training course is available, Cllr Creese will attend. **ACTION: Cllr Creese/Clerk**

## 139/19 FINANCE

The following Parish Council's expenditure agreed:

Description	Gross	Nett	VAT
Clerk's Salary – January 2020	£540.94	-	-
EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – January 2020	£24.00	£22.80	£1.20
Reimbursement to Clerk for ink cartridges	£58.40	-	-
Mr P Davis – assisting the Clerk locking/unlocking the Reading Rooms	£31.00		

**RECEIPT(S)** – £1.52 interest 09/01/2020 (Business Account)      **GRANT REQUEST(S)** – None

DevoniaWeb Design to back up Ermington Parish Website quarterly £20.00 (£80.00 annually) – **Agreed**

<b>Business Account: Balance per bank statement as at 09/12/2019</b>	<b>£35,904.83</b>
<b>Treasurers Account: Balance per bank statement as at 13/01/2020</b>	<b>£59,759.07</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£95,663.90</b>

## 140/19 REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

a) Churchyard Committee - **Cllr Dunlop**

b) Reinstatement of footpath from Higher Keaton to Fernham. The owner of the property adjacent to the footpath pointed out the path will cross their land and the path was not identified on their deeds, when they purchased the property. Cllr Walding is discussing the footpath with Ros Davies, Public Rights of Way – Parish Paths Liaison Officer, Devon County Council. **ACTION: Cllr Walding**

Footpath's survey – Cllr Walding has and will be walking the footpaths within the parish. **ACTION: Cllr Walding**

Cllr Walding is assessing the South West Coastal access information.

c) Ermington Park tree planting – application for free whips in the park has been approved. Whips to be planted in November. Rob Sekula, Specialist – Assets, South Hams Council has agreed to fund the planting and have asked the "Friends of Ermington Park" care for them. "Friends of Ermington Park" will discuss the proposal at a meeting to be held tomorrow.

d) Ermington Park - Play park equipment – a meeting to be arranged with Rob Sekula, Specialist – Assets, South Hams Council. **ACTION: Cllrs Onley/Cross**

e) Climate Crisis – Cllr Cross reported that various workshops are and have been arranged by G-Up, Ugborough. Native tree and shrub planting will be taking place on 6 February, 9.00 am – 5.00 pm at Tallet Meadow, near Budlake Barn, Ermington. Volunteers needed to help plant 400 – 60/90 cms whips to form a hedge/shelter belt.

## 141/19 DEVON AIR AMBULANCE NIGHT SITE – CLLR ALLIS

Cllr Allis reported Ermington cricket club have agreed for the electrical point to be on the inside of their building and Rob Sekula (SHDC) will be consulted on the plan for the Devon Air Ambulance night site on the playing field.

Cllr Holway will support the project.

## 142/19 CORRESPONDENCE

### Emails circulated to Councillors via the Clerk:-

SHDC - Democracy Viewed Live at South Hams  
SHDC - Affordable and Sustainable Homes Coming Soon  
SHDC - Parish Paths Partnership Finance forms – *emailed to Cllr Walding*  
Courier Fraud 10/01/2020 08:41:07 [304005]  
Neighbourhood Alert - Courier Fraud 10/01/2020 08:41:07 [304005]  
Citizens Advice South Hams - support for people struggling with fuel bills in your Parish – *notice boards*  
PCSO Andy Potter - Motorbike noise Ermington  
South Devon AONB - Launch of the public consultation on the draft South West Marine Plans  
SHDC - South Hams Dementia Friendly Forum  
Parishioner - Drainage at First & Last – request for Parish Council documents  
Devon Communities Together - A 'week of weeks' that DCT is supporting  
DCC Highways - Devon County Council (Traffic Management) Permit Scheme Order 2020 reference IMR/B16273-5781  
SHDC - Landlord Issued £18,000 Civil Penalty  
South West Coastal Access - Coastal Access - Improvements to public access along the Devon coast between Cremyll and Kingswear - Report to Secretary of State  
Cllr Hosking - Call blockers  
Cllr Holway - Devon and Cornwall PCC Alert - Helping you to keep your community safe  
PS 12805 Rob Wilson – LETTER to councils (*see attached*)  
Western Power - Proposed road closure, Burraton Cross to Luson, Burraton, Ivybridge  
AONB -Challenges and Choices - RBMP review - 11th February workshop invite  
ESS - Donation to Ermington Store and More  
Cllr Holway – information from a parishioner in connection with white lining near Hunsdon

Cllr Allis reported on the progress of the Ermington Store and More:

- Internal work is nearly completed
- Monday 17 February a come and buy share evening.
- Opening day will be 22 February
- Two part-time managers have been employed
- Volunteers required

Discussion ensued on whether the parish council should have one corporate share. Two Councillors voted in favour of buying a corporate share and three Councillors voted no. Chairman's casting vote was in favour.

Parish Spring Clean Up – Cllr Creese is prepared to do a litter pick in the area where he lives. Agenda item for March – **ACTION Clerk**

Reading Rooms to be placed on March's agenda. **ACTION: Clerk**

## 143/19 TO CONFIRM DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on [Tuesday 3 March 2020](#) at [7.30 pm](#) in the Reading Rooms. A representative from Devon Air Ambulance will be present for 6.30 pm to discuss the night site on Ermington playing field.

Meeting closed at 9.32 pm.

*Denis Onley*

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(*Ermington Parish Council Chair*)

Date: 3 March 2020

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



## Devon & Cornwall Police

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15/01/2020

Dear Council Representatives,

Firstly, can I apologise for the length of time it has taken for me to write to you and provide an update on the ongoing relationship you will have with us moving forwards.

I understand that your council has had representation by the Police, either in person or in the form of written report, for many years. At one time this is likely to have been from an Inspector or Sergeant, then to a PC and now more likely a PCSO.

We will no longer be routinely attending any Council meetings or completing written reports. This change is not isolated to the Ivybridge and West South Hams sector and has been in place in other sectors across the Devon and Cornwall Police area for some time.

This does not mean that we do not want to hear from you, to speak with or work with you. We completely recognise that you are one of the key conduits between the community and the Police, but this working relationship needs to evolve and grow for the benefit of the whole community. If there is an issue that the community raises to you, tell us, call us, email us and we will assist in any way that we are able. We will continue to maintain contact with you particularly if there are specific community related policing issues that you need to be aware of.

We are constantly seeking to improve and adapt the way in which we connect and engage with our communities. Information relating to crimes and incidents, previously given in the form of reports, is readily available from [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) and also through the Councillor Advocate scheme. The councillor advocate scheme is operating within the Devon and Cornwall Police area and provides an opportunity for parish, town and district Council representatives to volunteer, becoming the 'single point of contact' between their councils, the Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner. For further information and to see how the scheme works visit <https://www.devonandcornwall-pcc.gov.uk>, email: [councilloradvocateopcc@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:councilloradvocateopcc@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk) or call 01392225555.

I recognise that this is a significant change to the relationship you have had with the Police in the past. I and the wider South Hams Neighbourhood Policing Team are looking forward to continuing our close contact in more dynamic and innovative ways.

Yours Sincerely

PS 2805 Robert Wilson