

A public meeting took place on 27 March 2014. First grant application has been made to South Hams District Council on 5 April 2014.

**049/14      REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND EVENTS ATTENDED**

None had been received.

**050/14      WELCOME PACK FOR NEW RESIDENTS**

Gina Hartwell assisted by Joan Kerslake had kindly volunteered to take on this project and prepare a draft document and costings to present to a future meeting of the Council.

**051/14      CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE 4 MARCH 2014**

Tree Preservation Order: Grant of Conditional Consent, site – Bandvulc Tyres, Gillard Way, Lee Mill Industrial Estate, Lee Mill, Ivybridge. This was noted

E-mail – 14 March 2014. Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic and Parking – Monday 14 April 2014 anticipated finish Friday 18 April 2014, School Road Ermington to enable repair to leaking communication pipe.

This had been placed on the Notice Board.

South Hams Metal Detecting Club (SHMDC) – looking for land owners to hold digs on a Sunday every other weekend to help raise funds for local projects and to discover history. Any items deemed to be treasure would be split 50/50 as per the National Council of Metal Detecting.

**Action – Clerk to send SHMDC contact details of the Editor of the Ermington Parish Magazine.**

E-mail – 26 March 2014. Proposed improvements to the sewerage network and sewage treatment works at Ermington planned to start in June for completion by September 2014 undertaken in phases to minimise disturbance.

It was noted that South West Water were liaising with the Cricket Club and SHDC

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The monthly Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 3 June 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Ermington.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed: .....  
(*Ermington Parish Council – Chair of the meeting*)

Date: 3 June 2014

**046/14**      **FINANCE**

**(a)**      **Approval of Payments**

The following **expenditure** was discussed and agreed to be paid:–

-	Salary for Caretaker = 17 February – 16 March 2014 (inclusive)	£35.00
-	Salary for Clerk – March 2014	£320.00
-	HM Revenue & Customs – Tax Clerk’s salary - February & March 2014	£160.00
-	SWW – monthly Direct Debit – March 2014	£35.54
-	EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit	£20.00
-	Purchase of IT equipment & software	£661.93
-	DALC - New Clerks Short Course – 10 March 2014	£30.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1262.47</b>

**INCOME**

Devon County Council – Locality budget, IT Provision for the Council	£500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£500.00</b>

(EPP – Ermington Parish Projects)

Treasurer’s Account – Balance £44,436.30 as at 14 March 2014  
Business Account - Balance £8,374.29 as at 10 March 2014

**(b)**      **Grants**

No requests had been received.

**047/14**      **PARISH ROOMS**

Cllr Kerslake reported that Steve Hitch was in contact with SHDC Planning and waiting for a response. It was hoped that a formal planning application could be lodged as soon as possible after that response. The meeting of the Reading Rooms “Working group” was provisionally booked for 15 April when it was hoped that a representative from the Community Council for Devon would attend to provide advice on the project with particular emphasis on Lottery Funding processes. A smaller “Task Force/Working Group” could then be set up to advise the Parish Council.

**048/14**      **UPDATE ON COMMUNITY PUB INITIATIVE**

**044/14      MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

005/14 TAP fund – Cllr Walsh reported that there was a high demand for TAP funding and meetings were well attended for that reason. Funding had to be distributed fairly which meant that parishes who had received funding in the past would find it more difficult to get approval for future projects. Cllr Kerslake asked that all councillors give some thought to projects which might be funded from the TAP budget for 2014/15

034/14 War Memorial - Cllr Elliott reported that a letter had been sent to the stonemasons who were now awaiting a date when work will commence. Clerk to ascertain when the stonemasons will commence work on the War Memorial.                      **Action – Clerk**

Cllr D Webley has contacted the Church and they are happy to conduct a re-dedication service on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2014. Other groups within the village will be contacted.

035/14 Emergency Planning – Cllr R Hartwell reported there was no further progress since the last meeting. Meeting will be set up with Cllr M Auburn.                      **Action – R Hartwell**

038/14 Ermington Churchyard Committee - There was nothing to report under this heading.

021/14 Old Ermington Book – Cllr Walsh informed those present that a meeting had been held and a lot of information was available. Pete Davis had been a tremendous help and a pro-forma was being devised to ask questions of those in the village who might have useful information to offer.

008/14 Council Vacancy – Cllr Kerslake explained that the vacancy would be advertised in the Parish Magazine due to be issued shortly. The plan was to consider applications at the May AGM with a view to co-opting a candidate shortly after.

018/14 Parish Spring-Clean Project – Cllr Elliott reminded those present that the Parish Clean takes place on 27 April 2014.

**045/14      PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

21/0571/14/DIS	South Hams District Council	Site visit to be arranged with Planning Officer Lucy Hall	Action – Parish Clerk
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Hedgerow Retention Notice – Site: Land at Burraton, near Ermington, Ivybridge. The work involving the removal of hedgerows specified in notice may not be carried out and that the said hedgerow must be retained, and that removal consisting of or including any such work is hereby prohibited.

The Notice had been sent for information purposes and was noted

Community consultation – wind turbine proposal Parish of Ugborough – response sent.

**(c) District and County Councillor Reports**

District Councillor Lindsay Ward

Cllr Ward reported on various matters as follows:-

*. At the meeting on 6 March 2014, the Executive approved for consultation a revised Local Planning Validation Checklist. The deadline for town and parish councils to respond to this consultation exercise is Friday, 9 May 2014;-*

*. The Council has passed a motion which wishes to support local members of parliament and others in their campaign to ensure a more resilient rail link to the South West including the long term maintenance of the route through South Devon;*

*. At its special meeting on 20 March 2014, the Council also agreed to adopt (and administer) four new flood support schemes to help local residents and businesses who were affected by flooding between 1/12/13 and 31/3/14 (extra details are on the website)*

*. A recommendation is being presented to the next Council meeting which seeks approval, for an initial twelve month trial period, for the Development Management Public Participation Scheme to be amended to enable the opportunity for town and parish councillors to speak on planning applications within their town or parish, provided that they abide by the same rules as those which apply for objectors and supporters;*

*. In relation to the Council's Strategic Leisure Review, the Executive has endorsed an approach whereby officers undertake a soft market test (or similar exercise).*

District Councillor Tom Holway

*. Parish Councils now have 3 minutes to make presentation to the Planning and Development Committee.*

*. SHDC Chief Executive will not be replaced under the new staffing structure.*

District Cllrs L Ward and T Holloway left the meeting at 7.45pm.

**041/14 APOLOGIES**

Received apologies from PCSO A Potter (Police), Cllrs Ro Hughes, Marina Auburn, John Bower.

**042/14 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT – Register of Members' Interests**

At Council meetings, each Councillor has a duty to declare an interest if it is of either a personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interest. No declarations were made and no additional "Register of Members' Interest" forms had been received from Councillors since the March 2014 meeting.

**043/14 TO CONFIRM MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held on 4 February and March 2014 were signed.

# ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held in the Parish Rooms on Wednesday 2 April 2014 commencing at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs Di Webley, Tim Auburn, Grant Elliott, Roy Hartwell, John Kerslake, Ian Walsh.

**Also present:** District Councillor L Ward, T Holloway  
Mrs T Drew (Parish Clerk)

**Parishioners present:** 2

**Apologies:** PCSO A Potter (Police), Cllrs Ro Hughes, Marina Auburn, John Bower

**Chair:** Cllr John Kerslake

**040/14**

### **(a) Police Report**

Apologies received from PCSO A Potter, but the following police report for March 2014 had been received:

#### Ermington

26<sup>th</sup> theft, quantity firewood was stolen from isolated location on the outskirts of Ermington

#### Lee Mill Ind. Est.

Between 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> criminal damage, wooden fencing damaged, enquiries ongoing  
26<sup>th</sup>, theft of money by employee

### **(b) Public Questions**

A parishioner wished to thank Cllr L Ward for looking into Vospers having set up a showroom at the Tesco car park, Lee Mill.

A parishioner wished to have minuted that Cllr Elliott had been displaying posters regarding wind turbines for more than 60 consecutive days, which the parishioner believed was illegal, and invited Cllr Elliott to respond. Cllr Elliott declined to comment. The parishioner went on to explain that he had sent a document to Cllr R Hughes, detailing the planning restrictions regarding signs. Cllr Kerslake explained that he had not seen the document and was not prepared to commit the Council to any action without the full facts of the case and a sight of the document. Cllr Kerslake informed the parishioner that his comments had been noted.