

**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 11.00 pm.

Signed: .....  
(*Ermington Parish Council Chair*)

Date: 3 June 2014

**059/14**      **PARISH ROOMS DEVELOPMENT**

- (a) Support current plans – it was **resolved** to support the current plans by Mr S Hitch
- (b) Produce a list of volunteers to join a working group– it was **resolved** for Councillors to produce a list of volunteers
- (c) Set up working group – it was **resolved** to set up a working group of Councilors and Parishioners

**060/14**      **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND EVENTS ATTENDED**

None received.

**061/14**      **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE 2 APRIL 2014**

e-mail from G Pridmore 16 April 2014 – enquiring about doing a book launch and giving a talk in Ermington, about Robin Bowes, Ermington’s own “Red Baron”. Mr Bowes used to live in “The Old Inn House” in Ermington, where he worked on his cars and the old tri-plane – **to be discussed at the June 2014 Parish Council meeting**

e-mail 21 April 2014 from S.H.D.C - South Hams Council grant permission for non-material minor amendment (additional parking) to planning approval 21/1425/12/F. Location – land to west of workshops, Church Road, Ermington - **noted**

Letter 25 April 2014 – Devon County Council Proposed diversion of Footpath No.5 Ermington at West Worthele Farm – **it was agreed that Cllr M Auburn to investigate and respond**

e-mail 29 April 2014 from Luscombe & Maye Estate Agents - Agreed date for the planting of the Anniversary oak tree 8 May 2014, 1130 hours – **noted**

e-mail 29 April 2014 from SWH - South West Highways will be carrying out drainage works between Tuesday 6 May and Friday 16 May 2014. Road closures will take place for this period - Langbrook Cross to Luson, Westlake. Diversions will be in place for the duration of the works and residents and business will be notified of works commencing where appropriate - **noted**

**IN COMMITTEE**

**REVIEW OF SALARIES – CLERK AND CARETAKER**

It was **resolved** that no increase in salaries were required for the Clerk and Caretaker.

**008/14**      **CASUAL VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Consideration was given to written applications from three candidates for the one casual vacancies. It was **RESOLVED** that Mrs L Crocker be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Tree Preservation Order – land at Cadleigh View, Beech Road, Cadleigh, Ivybridge. The reasons for serving the order are (a) the trees are prominent in the landscape and therefore are important to the character and quality of the landscape amenities enjoyed by the public and (b) the Council considers it expedient in the interests of maintaining this amenity that the trees should be protected by the means of a Tree Preservation Order – **it was resolved to support confirmation as served.**

Planning Application from SHDC 7 March 2014

Applicant – South Hams District Council

Application number - 21/0571/14/DIS

Proposal – Approval of details reserved by conditions 28 (layouts, access arrangements, landscape etc relating to employment land) and 29 (garaging, car parking and servicing details ref: employment land) for planning consent 21/1425/12/F for mixed use development comprising 32 dwellings and 0.1 ha of employment land along with associated access, car parking, landscaping, open space and the provision of footpath link to village centre.

Location – land to west of workshops, Church Road, Ermington, PL21 9NT

Date of receipt of valid application - 26/02/2014 - **it was resolved to object. A detailed response was then submitted - copy can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.**

## **058/14      FINANCE**

### **(a)      Approval of Payments**

-	Salary for Caretaker = 17 March – 16 April 2014 (inclusive)	£21.00
-	Salary for Clerk – April 2014	£240.00
-	HM Revenue & Customs – Tax Clerk’s salary - April 2014	£160.00
-	SWW – monthly Direct Debit – April 2014	£35.55
-	EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit	£20.00
-	DALC/NALC Affiliation fee & DALC service charge	£188.55
-	Hedges & Lawns – cutting grass on Ermington Church playing field	£47.50
-	Westcountry Stonemasons – works completed on Ermington War Memorial	£1650.00

*Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir & special guests Plymouth Mayflower Chorus event – 26/04/2014*

*To raise funds for Ermington Parish Council Village Hall Fund*

-	Cllr Webley – payment for purchase of refreshments	£96.51
-	Brandon Hire - portaloo	£78.00
-	Plymouth Mayflower Chorus	£80.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>£2617.11</b>
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### **INCOME**

-	TAP application for Lengthsman	£750.00
-	Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir event 26/04/2014	
	<i>To raise funds for Ermington Parish Council Village Hall Fund</i>	£573.80
-	SHDC First instalment Precept	£7,859.94
-	Devon County Council – PROW PATHS	£300.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>£9483.74</b>
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(EPP – Denotes Ermington Parish Projects)

## **GRANT REQUESTS**

None received.

**055/14      TO CONFIRM MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held on 2 April 2014 to be signed at the June 2014 Parish Council meeting.

**056/14      MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

034/14 War Memorial - Cllr Elliott reported the work on the War Memorial has been completed. Councillors expressed their appreciation for the hard work by Janet (parishioner), in maintaining the area around the War Memorial, and requested that this be recorded. Cllr. R Hughes will be receiving poppy seeds which will be scattered around the area. It was **resolved** that Cllr Hughes will arrange the scattering of the poppy seeds.

035/14 Emergency Planning – it was **resolved** that a meeting to be arranged with Cllrs M Auburn and R Hartwell.

021/14 Old Ermington Book – research is continuing but it is a large task. Meeting to be arranged with those working on the book.

018/14 Parish Spring-Clean Project – excellent response, approximately 60 bags of rubbish were collected. The intention is to hold another Parish Spring-Clean project. Councillors wished to have noted their thanks and appreciation to Susan Martin and Cllr M Auburn who were instrumental in organising this project.

050/14 Welcome Pack for new residents - an initial meeting between Mrs G Hartwell and Mrs J Kerlake will take place on Friday 9 May 2014 to discuss the project.

048/14 Update on community pub initiative – grant has been received and the money raised from various events will now be put on hold due to the recent announcement. A meeting to be arranged with Mr Cahill and Committee.

**057/14      PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning Application from SHDC 11 April 2014:-

Applicant - Boringdon Golf Club

Application number - 49/0853/14/

Proposal - erection of single wind turbine (estimated output of 500kw) with a 50m hub height. 77m tip height with associated infrastructure and formation of access track.

Location – proposed wind turbine at SX5332 5789, Boringdon Park, Plympton, Plymouth.

Date of receipt of valid application – 31/03/2014 – it was **resolved** to object for the following reasons:-

- **Impact on landscape visual impact - Dartmoor National Park and surrounding parishes**

- **Adverse impact on Heritage Sites**

- **Impact on amenity on important Nature Trail i.e. West Devon Way**

Planning Application from SHDC 25 April 2014:-

Applicant – DG & M Northey & Son

Application number - 21/1001/14/F

Proposal – replacement agricultural farm building for cattle and dry storage

Location – land at SC6453, west of Trout Farm, Ermington

Date of receipt of valid application – 15/04/2014 - it was **resolved** to support with condition to deal with **surface water and slurry.**

**Election of officers, Election of Committee Members, Election of Representatives for outside interest and review of hire costs for the Parish Rooms**

		<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
(a)	<b>Election of Chair</b>	R Hughes	I Walsh	R Hartwell
(b)	<b>Election of Vice-Chair</b>	J Kerlake	M Auburn	
(c)	<b>Election of committees:</b>			
	Planning ( <i>all Councillors</i> )	All		
	Parish Rooms maintenance ( <i>all Councillors</i> )	All		
	Finance ( <i>3 Councillors &amp; RFO</i> )	R Hughes J Bower J Kerlake T Drew Parish Clerk (RFO)	M Auburn	I Walsh
(d)	<b>Election to outside associations:</b>			
	Churchyard Committee	R Hughes D Webley R Hartwell	J Kerlake	G Elliott
	Ivybridge & District Association of Local Councils	I Walsh D Webley	R Hughes	J Kerlake
	SHDC Cluster Meeting	I Walsh D Webley	J Kerlake	R Hughes
	Police Liaison ( <i>left vacant from May 2012</i> )			
	Youth Matters ( <i>left vacant from May 2012</i> )			
(e)	<b>Parish Tree Warden</b>	R Hughes	J Kerlake	D Webley
(f)	<b>Footpaths</b>	M Auburn	R Hughes	
(g)	<b>Web-master</b>	To be confirmed		

(i) Review of hire cost for the Parish Rooms – it was **resolved** that hire costs should remain as per 2012/2013 – i.e. £5 per hour for the first 2 hours, £11 per 4-hour session for parishioners and local organisations, and £13 per 4-hour session for all others. It was agreed that it would be looked at by the Finance Sub-Committee.

**053/14      APOLOGIES**

Received apologies from PCSO A Potter (Police), Cllr. John Bower.

**054/14      MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT – Register of Members' Interests**

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

Cllr Holway pointed out the bottom of the industrial estate does not belong to S.H.D.C. A Parishioner also wished to raise the issue of permit parking at the industrial estate, explaining that no consultation had taken place before its introduction and problems arose when customers wished to park. Cllr Hughes responded that she would send an e-mail to Cllr Ward regarding the parking issues. Cllr Holway would look in to this matter.

**ACTION – Cllr Holway**

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

District Councillor Lindsay Ward

News for businesses - The government has announced that several areas in Devon have been recommended for Assisted Area Status (AAS). Assisted Area Status allows for higher levels of EU funding and more government assistance to support businesses in disadvantaged economies.

News from the Executive - At its meeting on 24 April 2014, the Executive endorsed the corporate onus being placed upon income generation opportunities and at the same meeting the Executive also approved the principle of “Our Plan”. The first formal consultation on “Our Plan” began (Friday 9th May) and runs until Friday 20th June. This consultation is about the topics and challenges “Our Plan” should cover. There will be more consultations.

Devon County Council - DCC is consulting on changes to future library provision across Devon. In South Hams, the key proposals involve larger libraries being developed as ‘Devon Centres’ and smaller libraries being managed through a ‘Community Led Model’. Summary information and the consultation (which runs until 17 July 2014) can be accessed via the DCC website:

- DCC has also launched a Children’s Centre review, which is open from 22 April for 45 days
- DCC is proposing to change how Children’s Centre services are delivered so that more money is spent on services for families and less is spent on buildings and running costs.

More information is available on the DCC website.

Erme Remind

Two events with Norman McNamara - one in Kingston and one in Modbury. Both were very successful – Norman was an inspiration! The events are also providing opportunities for useful networking.

District Councillor Tom Holway

Cllr Holway had a meeting scheduled for Monday (12 May 2014) to discuss issues at S.H.D.C. In addition, he would be visiting the industrial estate on Wednesday (14 May 2014) if parishioners wish to join him for a discussion regarding the industrial units planned.

District Cllrs L Ward and T Holloway left the meeting at 8.45pm.

A Parishioner asked if the poor state of the playing field footpath could be addressed. Cllr Ward agreed to look into the problem.

Pete Davis informed the meeting that the Ermington Village Fund fair will take place on Saturday 21 June 2014 in the playing fields and the firework evening has been agreed to take place on 7 November 2014.

A Parishioner informed the meeting that a fund raising event for the Ermington Pre-school will take place on Saturday 10 May 2014 at Hollowcombe Farm.

A Parishioner – a resident of The Spires wished to bring various points of the recent planning application from SHDC to the attention of the Parish Councillors:-

- i. When purchasing the property, B1 employment not B2 was mentioned in the brochures, and this still remains in the current literature.
- ii. B1 refers to office and not light industry - when did the classification change and was there any consultation, as this needs to be raised with David Wilson Homes.
- iii. Was the Parish Council aware of the change from B1 to B1 and B2?
- iv. Concerns about the removal of trees.
- v. B2 classification of light industry - has anyone considered the impact to local residents and the surrounding area?
- vi. The current buildings require upgrading - are they all being utilised? If not, are additional buildings required?

Cllr Hughes responded that SHDC were made aware that Ermington Parish Council do not believe additional units are required. During the planning consultation B1 was listed but the discussion was about offices. Cllr Hughes was concerned about the removal of trees as they screened the units and asked the District Councillors to look into their need for removal.

Parishioner requested the District Councillors ascertain what had been granted, when changes had been made and what consultation had taken place.

Cllr Walsh stated that during discussions with SHDC and Barratts, the need to utilise the current units was emphasised.

Cllr Ward – said that as a result of a recent communication, stated she was having a meeting with a member of “The Spires” legal division and S.H.D.C planning department.

A Parishioner pointed out that trees over 30 years old cannot be touched in the area, and Cllrs Ward and Holway had been e-mailed regarding their concerns.

Cllr Ward had spoken to the Site Manager that morning and no arrangements had been made for the trees to be removed.

In addition, Cllr Hughes pointed out that portions of the Devon Hedge had now been incorporated into the deeds of the new homes, which was not mentioned during the planning application.

Parishioner pointed out that 28 car parking spaces had been created and he felt that this was “over the top”.

# ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 6 May 2014 commencing at 7.30pm

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

**Also present:** District Councillors L Ward, T Holloway  
T Drew (Parish Clerk)  
Mr E Cahill (Item 051/14b)  
Mr R Hosking (Item 051/14b)

**Parishioners present:** 11

**Apologies:** PCSO A Potter (Police), Cllr John Bower

**Chair:** Cllr Ro Hughes

### 051/14

#### (a) Police Report

Apologies received from PCSO A Potter, but the following police report for April 2014 was received:-

Ermington

24<sup>th</sup> - assault, offender cautioned [JI/14/353]

Lee Mill Ind. Est.

Overnight 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> - fuel stolen from a parked lorry [JI/14/358]

Overnight 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> - fuel stolen from a parked lorry [JI/14/373]

#### (b) Public Questions

Cllr R Hughes welcomed Mr R Hosking, who introduced himself as the Conservative Candidate for Devon County Council Yealmpton Division.

Cllr R Hughes welcomed Mr E Cahill, who wished to introduce himself, as he had stated an interest in purchasing The Crooked Spire. Mr Cahill stated his intention was not to turn it into flats and it would remain as a pub. He owned several pubs and he was aware the village needed The Crooked Spire, and had read the documents that were available from the Ermington Crooked Spire Pub Action Group (ESPAG).

Mr Cahill said that he would welcome a meeting with the Ermington Crooked Spire Pub Action Group and review the data that had already been collated. Mr Cahill said he had met with Mr Wilson from The Crooked Spire to make him aware of the situation. A Parishioner asked what sort of pub it would be. Mr Cahill responded that he envisaged it to be somewhere where people could eat and drink, for general use as a venue and be developed along the lines of a village pub, as he sees the pub has a future. Mr Cahill emphasised he would not be the landlord. Mr Cahill explained that he and his wife were partners in the company, which was not a limited company. In response to a question about timescale Mr Cahill said that matters could be finalised soon. Cllr Hughes thanked Mr Cahill for coming to the meeting and introducing himself.