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REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND EVENTS ATTENDED (continued)

A number of Councillors attended the public exhibition of the Proposed New Recycling Centre for Ivybridge on Tuesday 1 July 2014 at The Watermark, Ivybridge. Councillors were supportive of the proposed Centre, as there would be capacity for a wider range of materials, a dedicated sales area to encourage the re-use of materials, furniture and other household items, and the risk of flooding taken into account and measures put into place. The only concern was the proposed access road to the site. Cllr Crocker agreed to draft a letter highlighting this concern.

Cllr Webley reminded those present the rededication service of the War Memorial would take place at 1100 hours on 3 August 2014.

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DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL LIBRARY REVIEW

Cllr Elliott had circulated to Councillors prior the meeting a report. It was agreed for Cllr Elliott to submit this report. Cllr Hughes thanked Cllr Elliott.

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ROAD DRESSING

Cllr M Auburn had recently seen tarmac being applied to a road without it being cleaned of debris beforehand and felt this was a waste of money. A parishioner also confirmed they had seen tarmac being applied over earth etc. on the road. Cllr Auburn asked if she could write a letter to Highways pointing out her concerns on behalf of the Council – this was agreed.
ACTION: Cllr M Auburn

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CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE 6 MAY 2014

e-mail from S.H.D.C. 10/06/2014 – Let's Talk Renewables! – Invitation to a training workshop on Friday 11th July 2014 – copied to Councillors – Cllr Elliott to attend. Due to other commitments Cllrs Crocker and Kerslake are unable to attend – Clerk to notify S.H.D.C.

e-mail from S.H.D.C. – 'Highway Safety Awareness Training', Chapter 8 Sector 12D qualification – the training workshop will cover a basic understanding of the safety obligations of those Town and Parish Council volunteers wishing to undertake any activity in the vicinity of the public highway – Cllr Hartwell to attend workshop on 3 December 2014.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The monthly Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 2 September 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Ermington.

Meeting closed at 9.52 pm.

Signed: 
(Ermington Parish Council Chair)

Date: 2 September 2014

076/14 FINANCE (continued)

(a) Approval of Payments (continued)

Insurance Renewal - At the Finance Sub-Committee meeting held on Monday 23 June 2014, consideration was given to the renewal quotation received from Zurich and it was agreed to pay Zurich Municipal £849.56 for the annual insurance.

INCOME

- Ermington Companion Planters – hiring of Parish Rooms	£30.00
- Ermington Wednesday Group – hiring of Parish Rooms	£99.00
- Ermington Sustainable Saturdays – hiring of Parish Rooms	£109.00

(EPP – Denotes Ermington Parish Projects)

(b) Grants

There were no grant requests for consideration.

Treasurer's Account – Balance £50,434.67 as at 15 June 2014

Business Account - Balance £8,375.33 as at 9 June 2014

(c) Annual Accounts

The Clerk wished to thank Mrs Lindsay Knightley for auditing the accounts.

The Council accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed the accounts could be approved by the Chair Cllr Ro Hughes and RFO (Clerk) Teresa Drew.

The Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights for the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2014 to be displayed on the notice boards. Any person interested has the opportunity to inspect the Annual Return between 23 July 2014 and 19 August 2014 from the Chair or the Clerk. With effect from the 21 August 2014, the accounts will then be available from Grant Thornton, Bristol.

77/14 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND EVENTS ATTENDED

Cllr Hartwell attended the Emergency Planning event at Follaton House, Totnes on Tuesday 1 July 2014. There were presentations from the EA, Police, Fire, Ambulance, Coastguard and District Council to discuss what the emergency services would do if attending a serious incident in a parish, and what resources the parish has to support them. The critical points within a plan are the contact telephone numbers and where parishioners and emergency services assemble. Cllr Hartwell felt the event was very useful and various points will be considered during the drafting of the Ermington Parish Emergency Plan.

Cllr Webley had recently had discussions with SHDC regarding the cleaning of the public toilets in the village during the four month winter period. There could be a payment of £60.93 for this period if the toilets were cleaned by volunteers in the village, but further discussions are taking place.

072/14 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.

Cllr Hughes, Elliot and Hartwell declared an interest in the Ermington Crooked Spire Action Group and had completed the "Register of Members' Interest" forms since the 3 June 2014 meeting.

073/14 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Ermington Parish Council held on Tuesday 3 June 2014 were confirmed and signed.

074/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

035/14 Emergency Planning – Cllrs M Auburn and R Hartwell to identify key contacts within the parish.

021/14 Old Ermington Book – research is continuing but it is a large task. Meeting to be arranged with those working on the book. Cllr Walsh asked whether finance would be available if required e.g. £7.00 for a month's subscription to a website(s). Would the Council be prepared to fund. Cllr Hughes stated it was previously agreed funding would be available, but asked if Cllr Walsh could formally apply prior to the funding being required.

075/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applicant – DG & M Northey & Son
Application number - 21/1420/14/F (resubmission of 21/1001/14F)
Proposal – replacement agricultural farm building for cattle and dry storage
Location – land at SC6453, west of Trout Farm, Ermington

- Cllr Hughes confirmed she had received a telephone call from a parishioner prior to this meeting. They had raised concerns about the relocation of the building in the resubmission of this planning application and the building was now in closer proximity to their house. Councillor agreed that they were not in position to make a decision and asked if a site meeting could be arranged with the planning officer. **ACTION: Clerk**

076/14 FINANCE

(a) Approval of Payments

The following expenditure was discussed and agreed to be paid:-

- Salary for Caretaker – 17 May -16 June 2014 (inclusive)	£24.50
- Salary for Clerk – June 2014	£720.00
- Hodges & Lawns – grass cutting on playing field next to Ermington Church-12/06/14	£47.50
- SWW – monthly Direct Debit – June 2014	£35.54
- EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit	£20.00
- Mrs L Knightley – examine Ermington Parish Accounts for the year to 31 March 2014	£54.00
- Community Council of Devon renewal membership	£50.00
- DAI C – Chairmanship Course 20 May 2014 attended by Cllr Ro Hughes	£30.00
- Information Commissioner – Data Protection Registration renewal	£35.00

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

District Councillor Lindsay Ward

Well done and thank you to Ermington to what was another brilliant fair.

The Council has agreed to create a wholly-owned Local Authority Trading Company with West Devon Borough Council.

Future workshops will be held over the coming months to help shape 'Our Plan' as follows:

- 11 July – Renewable energy
- 19 September – Growth and development options
- 17 October – Health and Wellbeing

These workshops will be at Follaton House, starting at 10.00 am and finishing at 1.00 pm. To book places please contact the Strategic Planning team: strategic.planning@southhams.gov.uk.

The TAP Fund principles for 2014/15 remain broadly the same as they were in 2013/14, with town and parish councils expected to collaborate on joint bids. The deadline for submissions of applications is Wednesday 31 December 2014, and a decision on the applications will be made at the first Cluster meetings in 2015.

DCC is consulting on changes to future library provision across Devon. In the 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.

District Cllr Holway reported:

Additional cuts of the Playing Field would be carried out.

The wind turbine at Coyton, Yealmpton PL21 9LD is approved. Stressed reports were not seen until Monday, there is an internal problem which has to be reviewed as this is procedurally wrong, but stressed S.H.D.C. officers are "happy" with approving the planning application.

Cllr Elliott pointed out that a number of people had objected to the wind turbine.

Cllr M Auburn pointed out the policy for decisions should be based on what local people have to say.

Cllr Holway reported that he had supported the decision and confirmed what people, the applicant and officers at S.H.D.C. had said, are taken into account.

071/14 APOLOGIES

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

(b) **Public Questions (continued)**

A parishioner wished to thank the District and County Councillors for the excellent work on the development of the footpath, linking "The Spiros" development to the playing field.

The parishioner who had raised concerns about the co-option of Councillors onto the Parish Council at the meeting in June 2014 wished to point out it was not personal, and if any councillors felt it was, he gave an unreserved apology. Cllr Hughes thanked the parishioner for their apology.

A parishioner asked if the November 2013 minutes were now available on the website. Cllr Hughes confirmed they were now available on the Ermington Parish website. Cllr Hughes also pointed out that due to the change in personnel, managing and the revamping of the website, information would be available in time.

A parishioner raised concerns regarding speeding through the village and the necessity to assess signage to ensure drivers were clear on the speed restrictions from all approaches to the village. **ACTION: Cllr Hughes would assess what could be done.**

Gina Hartwell and Joan Kerlake asked if they could give a brief update on the "Welcome Pack" for new residents – this was agreed. The first draft had been produced and copies were then passed to the Councillors for comment(s). The aim was to produce an A5-sized pack and for pages to be replaced when situations/telephone numbers changed. Cllr Hughes thanked Gina and Joan for the draft document and asked if Councillors could provide them with feedback. Cllr Hughes asked if there were any ideas from those present. Cllr Crocker asked if annual events could be included and perhaps a Facebook account could be set up. It was agreed these points would be considered. **ACTION: Councillors to feedback any ideas to Gina and Joan.**

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

County Cllr Hosking

Confirmed he has passed on his thanks to those involved in trimming the verge near Endsleigh Garden Centre.

Speed humps on the approach to Ermington were built at the maximum height, but the centre speed hump will be relocated and reduced in height.

The closures of residential homes is being carried out and residents would be relocated.

The review of Day Care Centres has taken place and ten applications from the private sector have been received to manage the centres. Cllr Hughes asked if transport to the Day Centres had been taken into consideration. Cllr Hosking was not sure but would make enquiries.

Road maintenance programme is continuing and Cllr Hosking wished to stress that any concerns regarding roads, e.g. potholes, could be reported via the website.

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 8 July 2014 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Ro Hughes, Di Webley, Marina Auburn, John Kerlsake, Tim Auburn, Roy Hartwell, Ian Walsh, Grant Elliott, Lesley Crocker

Also present: County Councillor R Hoskings
District Councillors L Ward, T Holway
T Drow (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners present: 8

Apologies: Cllr John Bower
PCSO A Potter (Police)

Chair: Cllr Ro Hughes

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(a) Police Report

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

Ermington

4th theft of diesel from building site cr/078792/14

Lee Mill Ind. Est.

4th shoplifting offender charged to court cr/078567/14
18th shoplifting enquiries ongoing cr/082521/14

Cllr Hughes reported that PCSO A Potter had brought to the attention of the Traffic Department the parishioners' concern regarding the number of large lorries passing through the village, raised during the June 2014 Parish Council meeting.

(b) Public Questions

Cllr Hughes welcomed Peter (a parishioner and a member of the PL:21, a community-led organisation run by local volunteers). PL:21 is a Transition Initiative which aims to encourage more 'Positive Living in the 21st Century' for Ivybridge and the surrounding area (within the PL21 postcode). The Energy Sub-Group is in the process of forming and is inviting people to come together and engage on more renewable sources of energy for the PL:21 area as well as see how we can conserve as much energy as possible as we go forward. Peter asked if the Council would support the organisation to try and work with the companies in the Lee Mill Industrial Estate to consider solar panels. Cllr Hughes thanked Peter for coming to the meeting. It was then agreed by the Councillors to assist where possible.

Peter Davis wished to thank all those concerned for making the recent Ermington Fair a great success. The Fair had raised over £2,000 for the village fund. Cllr Hughes also wished to give a vote of thanks on behalf of the Councillors to all those concerned.