

139/14 **FINANCE**

Payments -

- Salary for Caretaker – 17 December 2014 – 16 January 2015 (inclusive)	£14.00
- Salary for Clerk – January 2015	£400.00
- SWW – monthly Direct Debit – January 2015	£35.54
- EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – January 2015	£25.00
- Viking purchase of print cartridges and 2015 diary	£91.16

Income - D.C.C Parish Paths Scheme £200.00

Grant Requests - None received

Treasurer's Account – Balance £54,179.18 as at 13 January 2015

Business Account - Balance £8,377.42 as at 9 December 2014

County Councils Parish Paths Partnership (P3) scheme

Cllr Auburn reported additional monies had been received from - D.C.C. Parish Paths Scheme and wished to use this to have the banks cut on paths by a contractor recommended by D.C.C. Councillors agreed that Cllr Auburn could arrange for the work to be carried out. **ACTION: Cllr Auburn**

140/14 **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND EVENTS ATTENDED**

No reports received.

The Clerk wished to inform Councillors that a copy of the Register of Electors 2015 has been received from S.H.D.C.


The Clerk has received information on the elections which take place in May 2015 and a few of the key dates are as follows:-

- Polling Day 7 May 2015 – 7am-10pm
- Notice of Local Election – expected to be published on 25 March – must be published by 30th March
- Nominations to be hand-delivered upon publication of Notice of Election between 10am and 4pm (excluding weekends and bank holidays) up to 4pm on 9 April 2015
- Notification by Parish/Town council of separate poll cards to be issued - by 4pm on 9 April 2015
- Electors can register up to 20 April 2015 – online at www.gov.uk/register tovot e
- Applications for postal votes – up to 5pm on 21 April 2015
- Applications for proxy votes – up to 5pm on 28 April 2015

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 3 March 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Ermington.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed: 
(Ermington Parish Council Chair)

Date: 3 March 2015

134/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (continued)

121/14 = Cllr Webley reported that eight volunteers are to be trained, but waiting for date from D.C.C.
ACTION: Cllr Webley

124/14 = There are no immediate solutions to drainage issues. When there is a deluge of water often debris blocks the grating over drains. A parishioner raised concerns over ditches not being cleaned out. Cllr Hosking will liaise with the parishioner to ascertain which ditches they are referring to.
ACTION: County Cllr Hosking

124/14 = Cllr Holway passed information which he had only just received to the parishioner in respect of their query about the ownership of the Devon banks near "The Spires" and their maintenance. The parishioner then enquired why the grass on the hedge had been removed and replaced with saplings which if not cut back and trimmed, the visibility on the splay will be impaired. Cllr Holway would look into the point raised.
ACTION: Cllr Holway

124/14 = Cllr Hartwell is asking for volunteers to do the training and will produce a poster to promote the "Speed Watch Area" incentive.
ACTION: Cllr Hartwell

135/14 ROAD WARDEN SCHEME

Cllr Auburn reported on the D.C.C. idea to have volunteers to fix small potholes, trim hedges, carry out weeding and clean road signs.

The road warden initiative would be similar to the council's existing snow warden scheme whereby volunteers are trained to carry out a range of tasks to help keep roads and paths clear.

The volunteers would be trained to carry out risk assessments and receive the necessary training, but would not receive any remuneration. The idea is to empower communities.

Cllr Webley had eight parishioners who had volunteered to attend the Chapter 8 training. Cllr Auburn wished to propose that the Road Warden Scheme idea and link it to the Lengthsman training. Councillors agreed. Cllr Auburn to identify a volunteer who would be the Road Warden.
ACTION: Cllr Auburn

136/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application was discussed and decision made:-

Application number: [21/0088/15/F](#)
Description: Demolition of part of polytunnel canopy and steps and erection of polytunnel canopy with associated ramp, stairs and retaining wall
Application address: Endsleigh Garden Centre, Endsleigh, Ivybridge, PL21 9JL

Decision: No objection

137/14 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Grant of Conditional Planning Permission = Application DCC/3696/2014 - New England Quarry, Lee Mill, Plymouth, Devon, PL7 5BA

No correspondence for discussion.

138/14 PRECEPT 2015/2016

Councillors discussed the projected spend for 2015/16 on the assumption that major funding for the Parish Rooms project would be dealt with by funds obtained outside of the precept. After consideration of the impact of an increased precept on actual costs to parishioners it was agreed by a majority vote to increase the precept to produce an income of £18500. For a Band D property this would result in an annual increase of around £6.



(c) District and County Councillor Reports

District Cllr Ward reported:

The Council's newly appointed Head of Paid Service, Steve Jorden, started with the Council on Monday, 2 February 2015.

At its meeting on 29 January 2015, the Executive recommended to the Council that the Council Tax for 2015/16 should be 'frozen';

A Super Cluster meeting has been arranged to take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 11 February 2015 at Follaton House, Totnes. The agenda for this meeting will include determination of the TAP Fund applications which have been received by the Council;

Owners of empty homes throughout South Hams are being urged to bring their properties back to life. For further information, or to inform the Council about an empty property, Town and Parish Councils are asked to contact Environmental Health on 01803 861234 or by email: environmentalhealth@southhams.gov.uk.

District Cllr Holway reported:

The quarterly South Hams Voluntary Voice Forum takes place on Thursday 12th February 2015 in the Kingsbridge Library from 1000 -1230 hours. Councillors are welcome to attend along with voluntary organisations, community groups and charities which operate in the South Hams. The theme of the Forum is 'Volunteers - Finding, Managing and Keeping Them', with guest speaker Neil Thomas-Childs, the Volunteer Co-ordinator at Paignton Zoo and Living Coast.

Cllrs Ward and Holway left the meeting at 8.30 pm.

132/14 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. The Chairman reminded councillors that the judgement on whether or not a declaration was necessary rested with individual councillors and if any councillor judged an interest to be prejudicial or pecuniary that councillor must withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate point and not vote. These requirements were set out in the Council's Standing Orders. No additional "Register of Members' Interest" forms had been received from Councillors since the last meeting.

133/14 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Ermington Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 January 2015 were confirmed and signed.

134/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

121/14 = Cllr Holway thanked the parishioner for the information received in connection with the erosion of the river bank. Cllr Holway suggested a meeting with South West Water with a Councillor, parishioner and land owner to discuss the concerns raised. It was agreed a meeting be arranged by Cllr Holway and Clerk.

ACTION: Cllr Holway & Clerk

121/14 = In response to a parishioner query regarding the cost of monthly direct debit to South West Water for the Parish Rooms. The Clerk has contact South West Water and the current charges are based on flat rate charge linked to the value of the property. A representative of S.W.W. will ascertain whether a water meter could be installed Parish Rooms.

ACTION: Clerk

(a) **Police Report (continued)**

Cllr Auburn had been asked by a local farmer to raise the issue of 4 x 4 vehicles using the lane between Langbrook and Whipples Cross. A new fence has been erected which has been damaged twice. PCSO 30540 Andy Potter agreed to liaise with the farmer. A parishioner reported they had also witnessed motorbikes using the lane.

ACTION: PCSO 30540 Andy Potter

Cllr Auburn asked if the signs could be reinstated at either end of the green lane between Langbrook and Whipples Cross stating it was not suitable for vehicles. Cllr L Ward will raise this issue with D.C.C. Highways and County Councillor R Hosking.

ACTION: Cllr Ward/County Cllr Hosking

(b) **Public Questions**

Mr E Cahill wished to introduced himself as the new owner of "The Crooked Spire", and emphasised his plans were to continue running it as a public house. Mr Cahill said he owned other pubs and his plans were to make "The Crooked Spire" successful, but stressed changes would not happen overnight.

Cllr Hartwell agreed to arrange a meeting between Mr Cahill and the Ermington Crooked Spire Pub Action Group to consider sharing information obtained by the Group.

ACTION: Cllr Hartwell

A parishioner who assists with looking after the public toilets near the village square had received kind and positive feedback from the public who had used them. Cllr Ward was encouraged by this feedback and this was a model study that she would report back to S.H.D.C.

ACTION: Cllr Ward

A parishioner enquired about the purchase of Honey's Field. Cllr Kerslake stated that at the September 2014 Parish Council meeting parishioners had raised a number of issues surrounding the current plans for the Reading Rooms. As a result, the Parish Council was looking in detail at the issues raised which meant that the current plans are on "pause" whilst the Council considers:

- Parking
- The siting of the village hall
- Possibilities afforded by the opportunity to take over the Public opens space at the bottom of "The Spires" site, and
- The desire of SHDC for the Parish Council to take over the Recreation Ground.

A meeting had recently taken place with the planning department at S.H.D.C. which had provided a helpful steer on possibilities. More work needed to be done to carry matters forward and the Council planned to involve parishioners in due course to help as part of a sub-committee to look at e.g. fund raising, consultation with potential users of the facility and so on.

In response to a specific question the Council replied that SHDC had stated emphatically that parking would not be permitted on Honey's field.

A parishioner asked if the line of five trees by the slip road near Endsleigh Garden Centre could be addressed as they are blocking visibility which is causing accidents. Cllr Walsh was aware D.C.C. Highways does not own the land the trees are on. The Clerk was asked to liaise with County Councillor Hosking about this matter.

ACTION: Clerk/County Cllr. Hosking

Cllr Walsh wished to express his sincere thanks to Cllrs Ward and Holway for the grant towards the Old Ermington book.

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 3 February 2015 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs John Kerlake, Di Webley, Marina Auburn, Roy Hartwell, Ian Walsh,
Kate Holliday and Grant Elliott

Also present: District Councillors L Ward and T Holway
PCSO 30540 A Potter (Police)
T Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners present: 11

Chair: Cllr J Kerlake

Cllr Kerlake introduced and welcomed co-opted Councillor, Mrs Kate Holliday, who lives in "The Spires" development. Cllr Holliday signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office book.

Cllr Kerlake also welcomed Mr Eric Cahill the new owner of "The Crooked Spire".

130/14 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllrs John Bower and Lesley Crocker.

131/14

(a) Police Report

The following Ermington Parish Council police report was received from PCSO 30540 Andy Potter for January 2015:

Ermington area

Between 20th and 26th an unoccupied bungalow at isolated rural location broken into and damage caused within [cr/005990/15 and cr/006193/15]
Overnight 28th / 29th Portacabin broken into, small amount of cash stolen, Smithaleigh area [cr/006544/15]

Lee Mill Ind. Est.

10th, shoplifting, offender charged to court [cr/002436/15]
8th, theft of boilers, enquiries ongoing [cr/006209/15]
31st, shoplifting, enquiries ongoing [cr/007156/15]
31st, shoplifting, offender dealt with by way of restorative justice [cr/007282/15]

PCSO 30540 Andy Potter reported that there may be a problem with speed watch, as the Police Road Safety Officer has checked records and the traffic order for the 20mph for Town Hill may not have been signed off by D.C.C. This means the speed limit is not enforceable, so the police are unable to arrange a speed watch. The sign-off has to be carried out by D.C.C. and the Police are in the process of getting this completed.

It may be beneficial if the Parish Council and other concerned members of the community contacted the D.C.C. regarding this matter. The e mail address is csc.roads@devon.gov.uk.