

85/18 FINANCE (continued)

RECEIPT(S) – Hire of Reading Rooms – ESS = £90.00

GRANT REQUEST(S) – Citizens Advice South Hams = £50.00

Treasurers Account – Balance £100,662.48 as at 15 October 2018
Business Account - Balance £8,392.13 as at 11 June 2018

86/18 DATE OF JANUARY 2019 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

It was agreed not to have a full council meeting in January 2019, the next meeting would take place on **Tuesday 5 February 2018**. Prior to the next meeting, an extraordinary meeting may be arranged and advertised if deemed necessary

87/18 CORRESPONDENCE

Emails circulated to Councillors via the Clerk:-

SHDC - Recycle Devon Thank You Awards 2019

SHDC - South Hams District Council Joins Countdown to Purple Tuesday

Citizens Advice South Hams - 'Focus On'

Citizens Advice South Hams - Annual report for 2017 - 2018, our Impact Report and a letter for funding request

SHDC - Third Person Found Guilty of Damaging Protected Trees

Devon Highways - Temporary Traffic Notice - Ivybridge Road, Ermington (TTRO1928234) (*notice placed on notice boards*)

SHDC - South Hams Beaches Rated Excellent or Good

Devon Highways - Temporary Traffic Order - Goutsford Gate cross to Bluegate Hill, Ermington (TTRO1928139) (*notice placed on notice boards*)

Devon County Council - Innovative domestic abuse and sexual violence programme launches in Devon and Torbay

SHDC - The Big Lotto Christmas Countdown

SHDC - Work Commences on Vire Island Memorial Playspace

SHDC - It's Safe to Talk - Suicide Intervention Briefings for Workers in South and West Devon

SHDC - The Big Lotto Christmas Countdown

Devon Communities Together - Dates & Prices of Upcoming Citizens Advice Training Courses

Post

Plymouth City Council – consultation on school admission arrangements 2020/2021 – scanned and emailed to Councillors 04/12/2018

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on [Tuesday 5 March 2019](#) at [7.30 pm](#) in the Reading Rooms, Ermington.

Cllr Holway was thanked for attending the meeting and left at 8.00 pm

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

John Kerlake

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(*Ermington Parish Council Chairman*)

Date: 5 February 2019

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

83/18 ERMINGTON VILLAGE HALL PROJECT (EVHP)

Cllr Kerslake explained that there was nothing much to add to the discussion held at the last meeting where he had stated that matters were in effect on hold pending the outcome of the Village Green application. Devon County Council expect to provide a decision on the application after Christmas.

84/18 PLANNING

Planning Application 3575 18 PDM - Class C3 & Class Q = Barn at Cleeve Farm, Ermington, Ivybridge - for information only

Planning Application 3398 18/FUL - East Way, Lee Mill
Recommendation: Support

Planning Application 3725/18/FUL – Ermington House (formerly Kingsacre Nursing Home)
Recommendation: Support

Planning Application 3429/18/FUL – Land adjacent to Brook Farm
Recommendation: Support

Planning Application 3740/18/ARC - Ring O Bells, Totnes Road, Ermington, PL21 9NS
Recommendation: No comment

Planning Application 3612/18/HHO - Southwood, Town Hill, Ermington, PL21 9LR
Recommendation: Support

Planning Decisions:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3114/18/FUL

LOCATION: Former Gregory Distribution Depot Pennant Way Ivybridge PL21 9GP

PROPOSAL: Change of use of land and buildings from storage and distribution depot to commercial vehicle hire and sales centre including installation of jet wash bay and bunded fuel tank

DECISION: Conditional Approval

85/18 FINANCE

It was agreed to pay the following:-

PAYMENT(S)

Description	Gross	Nett	VAT
Caretaker's cost 17 October – 16 November 2018 (inclusive)	£17.86	-	-
Clerk's Salary – November 2018	£525.18	-	-
EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – November 2018	£21.00	£19.95	£1.05
Reimbursement to Clerk - purchase of poppy wreath for Remembrance Day from the British Legion	£20.00	-	-
South West Water – Reading Rooms, 4 August – 10 November 2018	£26.97	-	-
Membership to SLCC & ALCC - £196 agreed to share with Holbeton Parish Council	£98.00	-	-
Purchase of a new edition of Local Council Administration - £103.98 agreed to share with Holbeton Parish Council	£51.99	-	-
Community Heartbeat – annual support	£126.00	-	-

(c) Public Questions (continued)

Cllr Onley said that in a previous discussion about the Reading Rooms his suggestion that money be spent on the building had not been fully understood. His assessment was that £1,000 to £2,000 could be spent to bring the lower rooms up to a standard which would make them usable and capable of being hired out, pending a decision being made about a new village hall, as even if everyone supported a new build proposal it would take a minimum of two years to achieve planning approval, raise funds, issue contracts and build before it could be available for use. This figure did not accord with the expressed view of a parishioner.

Cllr Martin asked if Cllr Hosking could look at the flooding in Westlake, as there seems to be insufficient drainage to deal with the amount of surface water that comes down from Tod Moor. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

78/18 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of Ermington Parish Council meeting held on 6 November 2018 (as previously circulated), were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

79/18 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORT ONLY

68/18 "The Spires" Public Open Space - BDW are happy to discuss the future of the land with various parties. Rob Sekula from South Hams District Council to arrange a date for the meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Holway/SHDC Rob Sekula**

68/18 Crooked Spire ACV – ongoing. **ACTION: Cllr Martin**

68/18 Trial to restrict the width of the road near "The First and Last" to see if it would slow down traffic. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking/Nick Colton**

68/18 Repairs to bridge. Awaiting work to be scheduled. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

68/18 Blocked drains on the left-hand side of Town Hill. A grate to be removed to assess the situation. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking/Nick Colton, DCC Highways**

68/18 River Erme erosion A3121 - a detailed survey analysing the rate of erosion will now be undertaken.

70/18 Reading Rooms – information had been circulated prior to the meeting, of items in the rooms by Cllr Onley.

Various people and groups to be consulted to ensure items are no longer required and unwanted items to be disposed of. **ACTION: Cllr Onley**

80/18 ALLOTMENTS – Cllr Onley

The Clerk confirmed the landowners who have been contacted and replied had provided various reasons for not providing land. Two landowners have not responded.

Cllr Onley pointed out there is a statutory requirement for Parish Councils to provide allotments.

It was agreed the Clerk would enquire if a landowner who expressed an interest in selling a piece of land would be prepared to lease the land, if not, what would be the cost if they wished to sell it. **ACTION: Clerk**

81/18 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN - Cllr Allis

Cllr Allis pointed out, that in September 2018 minutes, minute "55/18 Allocation of Councillor Roles", it states "Vice Chairman - agreed the position will be reconsidered when the current parish council vacancy has been filled and there is a full council".

Cllr Kerslake said that he felt that he did not need the support of a Vice-Chairman and had only missed one meeting during his time as a councillor which currently exceeded 7.5 years. He suggested that the matter be put on hold until after the elections in May 2019. This was **agreed** by a majority vote.

82/18 ERMINGTON PARISH SPRING CLEAN DAY – Cllr Martin

Cllr Martin and a previous Councillor used to organise an annual Spring Clean. Cllr Martin was keen to arrange another but required assistance. Cllr Allis agreed to assist. **ACTION: Cllrs Martin/Allis**

(c) Public Questions

A parishioner wished to point out to Cllr Holway, that there was no excuse for the stainless steel flue at "The Crooked Spire" which was not in keeping with the planning approval noting that a retrospective planning application had now been submitted by the owners. The parishioner questioned why planning officers were not carrying out inspections to ensure that the planning permission granted was being adhered to? Cllr Holway pointed out that this issue would now be dealt with via the planning application.

A parishioner wished to thank the Parish Council for their financial contribution to the village firework display. Councillors thanked the organisers for organising such an excellent event.

Cllr Kerslake directed a question to Cllr Onley who is also the Chairperson of the group "Friends of Ermington Park" (FOEP). Cllr Kerslake explained that FOEP's campaign objecting to the decision by the Parish Council to proceed with the village hall raised a number of key questions the answers to which he felt would be welcomed by members of the Parish Council and parishioners alike. Cllr Kerslake explained that elections would take place in May 2019 and this raised the possibility of sufficient numbers of FOEP candidates being elected to provide a majority vote at Parish Council meetings. In the light of this Cllr Kerslake asked Cllr Onley what decision would be taken on behalf of FOEP with regard to the decision by the current Parish Council to proceed with a village hall on the play park area of the recreation ground. In other words would the Parish Council decision be overturned? Cllr Onley was pressed for a response but did not provide an answer to the specific question suggesting FOEP receive a letter from Cllr Kerslake with a specific request which could then be considered by the FOEP Management Committee. Cllr Kerslake said that he would not be writing but the question remained. Cllr Onley said that the issue would need to be considered by the new Parish Councillors at the time, but he hoped everyone on the Council would take account of the number of residents who signed the FEOP petition objecting to the current plans. Cllr Kerslake also asked whether or not FOEP thought that Ermington should have a village hall and if so, did it have a plan? Cllr Onley pointed out there are two sets of parish council plans, one of which parishioners had not yet seen, but the role of FOEP is to protect the Park for outdoor recreation and wildlife. Therefore, FOEP supporters may have differing views on a village hall. Some may be against the idea and some may support a village hall on different sites, the important issue is to ensure democratic decision making to determine how the Parish Council proceed. The latest design may be suitable for other potential sites.

A parishioner pointed out that he wanted to express his personal views on the project, having been involved as an architect with the Parish Council for the past 8 years in trying to provide a facility that met the needs of the community as a whole including the need for good access. This had involved plans to adapt the Reading Rooms to provide a two storey extension. He had held numerous meetings with planners and their advisers supported by the Parish Council but it had become clear that parking on the adjacent field to the extension would not be allowed and that construction would cause considerable disruption to the village. In 2014 the discussion was widened to look at alternative sites with parking potential, involving close discussions with South Hams District Council and relevant authorities. The play area of the recreation ground was identified as a good site, so a topographical survey and feasibility plans were prepared for consideration. Other sites were also considered. The Parish Council set up a working group at the end of 2015 to take the project forward, and a comprehensive Options Appraisal was produced to look at all the potential sites. The play area of the recreation ground came out as the best site. Detailed consultations were held within the parish, where drawings and costings were available for inspection. This resulted in support for the project and cleared the way for a planning application. The Friends of Ermington Park was established for the sole reason of objecting to the proposed site, and gave rise to holding an Open Day in April this year to present the proposals. As a result amendments were made to improve the scheme, but the revised drawings and costings have remained on hold pending the outcome of the Village Green application by the Friends of Ermington Park Group, which if successful would prevent the project from proceeding. The parishioner stressed his views were personal, and that without the intervention by Friends of Ermington Park planning could have been submitted some time ago. He expressed fears that there were other matters that might impact on the proposals in the future noting that the parish council elections scheduled for May 2019 could result in an increased Friends of Ermington Park representation on the Parish Council. In order to obtain planning approval including fees and necessary fund raising, it would need to be seen as having wholehearted support from the Parish Council and village, which looks unlikely, so he was not optimistic about the prospect of building a new village hall and play area. This was a shame given the poor state of the existing Reading Rooms and the condition of the present play area. He expressed, the only positive slant on the situation was the fact that the Friends of Ermington Park had approached a prominent landowner for a village hall site indicating that the group is in favour of a new village hall. The parishioner stressed he was not impressed about their suggestions of using existing buildings such as The Crooked Spire, the First and Last, Plantation House, the School and Preschool Annex, the Industrial units and the Reading Rooms, which gave him cause to question whether or not the group fully understood the purpose of a village hall and the type of activities it was designed to support. However, perhaps the numerous signatories to its petition might provide a new team with suitable expertise and manpower to take on the project.

Cllr Heaton thanked the parishioner for his comments and his work on the project. This was endorsed by Cllr Kerslake who emphasised that the parishioner had, as an architect, put in hundreds of hours on the project free of charge.

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
The Minutes of Ermington Parish Council meeting
held in the Reading Rooms on 4 December 2018 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs John Kerlake (Chairman), Di Webley, Patricia Dolman, Averil Heaton, John Dunlop, Richard Midgley, Denis Onley, Susan Martin, Robert Cross and Josie Allis

Also present County Councillor R Hosking
Police Community Support Officer A Potter
T Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners present: 7

75/18 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from District Councillor T Holway.

76/18 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT – Declaration of Interests

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members were invited to declare any personal, disclosable or pecuniary interests including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in items to be considered at the meeting.

No declarations were made by those present.

77/18

(a) Police Reports for November 2018

Police Community Support Officer A Potter provided the following report:

Ermington

4th, theft of electric fencing and game birds CR/103101/18
15th, report of an assault, enquiries ongoing CR/105986/18
30th, report of harassment CR/110912/18

Lee Mill Ind. Est.

1st, common assault CR/103142/18
11th, possession of a controlled drug, offender arrested and charged to court CR/104779/18
14th, shoplifting, enquiries ongoing CR/105814/18

(b) Councillor's Reports

Cllr Hosking

DCC are reviewing the mobile library service - please feedback any comments to Cllr Roger Croad.
DCC has received £18.75 million for highway repairs.
DCC Peninsula Transport new partnership brings together five transport authorities (Cornwall, Plymouth, Somerset, Torbay, and Devon) to work directly with the Department for Transport on the strategic transport priorities for the region. It will involve both the Heart of the South West and Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership alongside Highways England, Homes England and Network Rail.

Cllr Holway

The following report was received and read by the Clerk:-

Confirmed the public toilets in Ermington will not be closed

A retrospective planning application has been submitted in connection with "The Crooked Spire" stainless flue.

Locality funding for local projects - £600 has been earmarked for Ermington and would welcome any idea by the next meeting (January 2019).

Civic service, to be held at St Peters Church, Ugborough at 3.00 pm on 11 December, everyone is welcome.

SHDC investigating a formation of a Mutual Bank

Waste services may go out to tender to achieve savings of £200k per annum.