

26/18 FINANCE

It was agreed to pay the following:-

Cheque No:	Description	Gross	Nett	VAT
1213	Caretaker cost – 17 April – 16 May 2018 (inclusive)	£17.50		
1214	Clerk's Salary – May 2018	£514.88		
D/D	EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – May 2018	£21.00	£22.01	£0.99
1215	Zurich Municipal – insurance	£787.98		
1216	South West Water Business	£23.67		
1217	Hedges & Lawns – 2 cuts on 15 & 29 May 2018 (Field by Ermington Church)	£110.00		
1218	Devon Communities Together	£50.00		
1219	Community Heartbeat – defib. and mild steel sentry	£1576.00		
1220	Dart Fire Protection – servicing and replacement of two fire extinguishers	£139.32	£116.10	£23.22

GRANT REQUEST(S) - None

Treasurers Account – Balance £93,863.51 as at 15 May 2018

Business Account - Balance £8,391.75 as at 9 May 2018

- Approve Section 2 – Accounting Statement 2017/18 for Ermington Parish Council of the Annual Accountability Return 2017/18 – copy of the section was circulated to councilors. It was agreed the Chairman sign section 2.

- Insurance renewal – agreed to renew Zurich Municipal.

27/18 CORRESPONDENCE

Emails circulated to Councilors via the Clerk:-

Scams Awareness – *information placed on notice boards and sent to editor parish magazine*

Permits; the power is in your hands

Footway Improvements - Central Avenue, Lee Mill Industrial Estate

South Hams CVS FREE Training & Events Summer 2018 & GDPR reminder

Yealm Supplies LTD - Unforeseen Benefits - PL8 2EA - CAS-485129-V4T9H5

Email to Devon Community Together Members re a Mobile Library Service and a Filming Opportunity for a Village Hall near Paignton

Forthcoming roadworks near you - A38 Voss Farm to Lee Mill

1655/18/TCA Tree Works Application – *information sent to the Parish Tree Warden – Ro Hughes*

Planning application consultation (ref: <1539/18/ARM>) Ermington – *agenda item*

Devon County Council Planning Application at SX 595, 552, Challonsleigh Farm, Smithaleigh, PL7 5AX Planning Reference

DCC/4038/2018 – *agenda item*

S.H.D.C. Your Council for the Next Year

S.H.D.C. Parking order amendments

Post:-

Seafarers UK – flying a Red Ensign ashore on Merchant Navy Day 3 September 2018 – on this day in mindful recognition of those who lost their lives both in times of conflict and peace. Local organisations are encouraged to fly the Red Ensign - information circulated

The meeting closed at 10.45 pm.

The next [Parish Council Meeting](#) will take place on [Tuesday 3 July 2018](#) at [7.30 pm](#), in the Reading Rooms, Ermington

John Kerslake

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(Ermington Parish Council Chairman)

Date: 3 July 2018

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

23/18 ERMINGTON VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

A detailed feedback report following the recent Open Day has been placed in the Parish Magazine.

Cllr Martin had circulated a detailed report which will be placed on the web site.

A meeting to be arranged with the Working Group and Parish Councillors as the next stages in the development of the project need to be established.

A discussion also to take place with Ross.Johnson@swdevon.gov.uk (SHDC) in connection with the possibility of using the industrial units as a village hall. **ACTION: Cllr S Martin & Cllr J Dunlop**

24/18 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

Approval of "Information & Data Protection Policy" e-mailed to Parish Councillors on 11 May 2018 – policy agreed and to be included on parish web site.

25/18 PLANNING

Application Reference: DCC/4038/2018

Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, Regulation 25: Submission of further Environmental Information in support of a planning application accompanied by an Environmental Statement. Construction of Waste Transfer Building (62mx31mx8m); an Asbestos compound; Waste Treatment Plant; Weighbridge, parking for 5 additional cars and associated landscaping and drainage at existing waste transfer site. Land raise operations - Importation of 585,000m3 of inert waste material over a 10yr period, requiring a change of use from agriculture (16.25 hectares) to waste, incorporating landscape restoration at SX 595, 552, Challonsleigh Farm Smithhaleigh, PL7 5AX

Recommendation: Objection due to environmental impact on the River Yealm, which is adjacent to site proposed. Extra heavy traffic on A38 slip road which is already heavily congested. The proximity of the proposed site to New England Woods.

Reference: 1539/18/ARM

Proposal: Application for approval of reserved matters for 4 employment units (Use Class B1) on the employment land following consent 21/2734/14/VAR (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.

Site Address: Land to West of Workshops, Church Road, Ermington, PL21 9NT

Recommendation: Objection

1. The design, appearance and materials used are in sharp contrast to the residential development adjacent to it which consists of houses constructed of high quality stone or rendered blockwork and slate roofs. The use of rendered blockwork in place of metal would greatly enhance the appearance of the units.
2. The height of the proposed units will have an adverse impact on the residential units closest to them in terms of visual impact, light and privacy.
3. The B1 classification for the proposed units enables use for light industry. The current design raises doubt about the effectiveness of sound insulation which is an important consideration given the proximity of the proposed units to the adjacent housing. The use of blockwork suggested above would help to ameliorate this problem.
4. The metal roofing proposed will also create problems with regard to noise and traditional roofing material using slate or tiles would assist in this respect.
5. No evidence is provided supporting a need for the units. Local knowledge indicates that the existing industrial premises are not, and have not been fully utilised over the years. Any assessment also needs to take account of the demand for premises and vacancies across the whole of the South Hams. An analysis of this was undertaken as part of the original planning application ref: 21/1425/12/F and the consultants undertaking that analysis concluded that there was no likely demand for additional employment space in Ermington Village. The consultants further concluded that with appropriate investment the existing industrial/commercial units should be able to cope with further demand. Ermington Parish Council suggests that South Hams District Council looks again at the likely demand for additional units and based on the outcome gives serious consideration to the upgrading of the existing industrial/commercial units in Ermington rather than using scarce resources to construct new units which may not be fully utilised.
6. The planning documents contain no Traffic Management Plan for the construction. It is important to avoid construction traffic during the period when traffic is increased whilst parents are delivering and collecting children from Ermington Primary School.
7. The documents contain no reference to restrictions on opening hours for the units. This would be particularly important where premises were used for light industrial purposes.
8. Additional units would increase traffic problems within the village.

Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NUMBER: 0815/18/LBC
DECISION: Conditional Approval

LOCATION: Luson Langbrook Westlake Ermington PL21 9JZ

APPLICATION NUMBER: 0757/18/FUL
DECISION: Conditional Approval

LOCATION: Highview Yard Westlake Ivybridge Devon PL21 9JT

(c) Public Questions (continued)

Parishioner – what will happen to the Public Open Space and has Barratts responded to the Parish Council letter?

Cllr Kerslake – response has been received from Barratts, they are now seeking a management company to manage the area.

Parishioner – following a recent article in the Parish Magazine, six parishioners have expressed an interest in an allotment, could the Parish Council now liaise with landowners to ascertain if there is any land available?

Cllr Kerslake – asked the parishioner to provide the Parish Council with details of those who require an allotment.

Parishioner – would be very disappointed if the Council came back to parishioners to ask for the precept to be amended, if there was a need to cover the shortfall for the costs of the proposed village hall. Has the Parish Council spoken to the cricket team to find out whether they wish to actively play, as this will have an impact on where the proposed village hall is located? If the cricket club continues, the children's play area should not be near the cricket field. If they say they are not interested then a larger area could be made for the youngsters.

Cllr Kerslake – confirmed a dialog will take place with the cricket club.

Parishioner – could the parish council look at the use of the proposed units on the industrial estate with a view to using them instead of building a new village hall?

Cllr Kerslake – agreed this idea would be assessed.

21/18 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Annual Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held on 1 May 2018, as previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

22/18 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORT ONLY

04/18 Erme estuary plan for the natural management of the lower fields, that they be allowed to go to reed beds instead of grass. Cllr Hosking asked for clarification on the name of the plan. Parishioner confirmed it was the Bio Diversity plan
ACTION: Cllr Hosking

04/18 Speed of traffic through the village is still a major problem, particularly Bunkers Hill to be raised with Nick Colton (DCC Highways). **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

07/18 Ermington Mills Workshop – excessive noise levels. Cllr Holway is unable to find any planning restriction, but environmental health is providing the equipment to monitor the noise levels. **ACTION: Cllr Holway/Cllr Dunlop**

07/18 Repairs to the bridge near Fawns Close – the repairs have been logged, date to be confirmed when the repairs will take place. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

07/18 Blocked drains on the left-hand side of Town Hill – date to be confirmed in the near future. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking/Nick Colton, DCC Highways**

07/18 River Erme erosion A3121 at Ermington – Cllr Hosking to write to other parties e.g. South West Water. Cllr Hosking stated that the environment agency have carried out an assessment on the river a few years ago, but an up to date assessment is now required. Cllr Hosking will liaise with the environment agency. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

08/18 Trial to restrict the width of the road near "The First and Last" to see if it would slow down traffic. Cllr Hosking will carry out an assessment with Nick Colton DCC Highways. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking/Nick Colton**

(b) District and County Councillor's Reports

Cllr Kerslake congratulated Cllr Hosking on becoming Devon County Council Vice Chairman and Cllr Holway on becoming SHDC Chairman.

District Councillor Tom Holway's report:

Seamoor Lottery is being launched, information is available on SHDC web site.

June is National Scam month, you can sign up to various alerts and security issues - <http://alerts.dc.police.uk>.

Green and brown glass can now be mixed in the recycling banks.

There will be no trains between Taunton and Exeter for several days next week (12 – 14 June) as improvements are being made to flood defences at Cowley Bridge.

SHDC industrial units are used to generate an income and they are places for people to work. If the plans for the additional units at Ermington go to the Development Management Committee, they should be discussed on the 4 July 2018. Please contact Kathryn Trant the Senior Case Manager (Strategy & Commissioning) at SHDC if you wish to speak at the meeting.

(c) Public Questions

Cllr Martin informed Cllr Hosking that there were significant potholes around Whipples Cross and Westlake which have been recorded on the DCC web site. Also, grass cutting has taken place around the parish but the junction at Endsleigh needs to be addressed. In addition the slip way onto the A38 heading west near the site of the where The Woodpecker pub used to be, requires addressing. Cllr Hosking explained that Skanska Construction were asked to address safety concerns from safety inspectors. This has resulted in a backlog which is now being addressed, but will take a couple of months to clear.

Parishioner – if a road width restriction is considered near The First & Last” bistro, please take into account farm vehicles that pass through the village.

Parishioner – there has been incidences of noise disturbance about drones being flown over their property, what can they do? Cllr Holway suggested asking them to speak to the owner of the drone requesting not to, but in the meantime he will look into what action can be taken. **ACTION: Cllr Holway**

Parishioner – a request has been made to SHDC for the use of the playing field for the “Fun Day” but there is now a requirement to pay £55. They have enquired what the £55 was for, but to date have not received any information. Could Cllr Holway help, as this reduces the money being raised for charity? Cllr Holway agreed to look into the situation. **ACTION: Cllr Holway**

Cllr Webley – asked Cllr Holway if there was any funding that could be used to repair some of the phone box windows where the defibrillator is stored in Ermington. Cllr Holway confirmed there was money available this year from his Locality Fund for Ermington.

Parishioner – when the parish hall is committed, Honey’s Field is going to be abandoned. They would like the Parish Council to be committed to maintaining it. Cllr Kerslake agreed that this needs to be discussed with the owners and placed on the agenda for discussion and decision at a future Parish Council meeting.

Parishioner – what has happened to the money raised for the village hall donated by parishioners?

Cllr Kerslake – the money is ring fenced in the accounts.

Parishioner – the decision was made by the Parish Council not to take over the Open Public Space at “The Spires”. How will the Parish Council raise the additional amount of money that would have been given by Barratts if the Parish Council had taken it on?

Cllr Kerslake – by applying for additional grants from schemes, which are available.

Cllr Webley – pointed out, the Parish Council would have had to maintain the area in perpetuity and could not commit to an ongoing cost.

– When work commences will it be SHDC or contractors that will assess traffic issues and produce a traffic plan, especially during busy times e.g. school run. Will SHDC categorically ensure there will be no traffic problems resulting from the delivery of materials for the project?

Ross Johnson – there will be a traffic plan and it will be managed by myself.

– Could the number of units be increased?

Ross Johnson – the site is restricted, as further down the site it impinges on the flood plan and coming up the hill gives rise to issues from the degree of slope.

– There are no plans for sound installation in the units, no details of hours of work stipulated and the height of the buildings will effect some of the houses adjacent to them.

Ross Johnson – there are plans in the build of the unit for soundproofing but will feedback the concerns to SHDC.

– Could the units be replaced by asking three self-builders to build houses in that area?

Ross Johnson – will report back to SHDC, but the houses could only be accessed from the industrial estate which would be a problem.

– Is there scope to change the look of the units to make them more sympathetic to the adjacent houses?

Ross Johnson – the design would be down to cost, but will take the comment back to SHDC.

– The units could be faced with weather boarding which would also help with possible noise issues.

Cllr Holway – the comments need to be submitted to SHDC or e-mail them to Cllr Holway, by tomorrow. The e-mail address for Ross Johnson is - ross.johnson@swdevon.gov.uk.

Cllr Kerslake on behalf of the Council thanked Ross Johnson for attending the meeting.

20/18

(a) Police Report – May 2018

Police Community Support Officer A Potter provided the following report, which was read to those present by Cllr Kerslake.

Ermington

4th, nuisance communication [Facebook message] CR/038537/18

Lee Mill Ind. Est.

1st, assault, no further Police action CR/037327/18

4th, possession of a controlled drug, enquiries ongoing CR/038253/18

11th, shoplifting, enquiries ongoing CR/0408779/18

10th, theft CR/042463/18

16th shoplifting, enquiries ongoing CR/042658/18

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
The Minutes of Ermington Parish Council meeting
held in the Reading Rooms on 5 June 2018 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs John Kerslake (Chairman), Di Webley, Averil Heaton, Patricia Dolman, Roy Hartwell, Susan Martin and John Dunlop

Also present: County Councillor R Hosking
District Councillor T Holway
T Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners present: 15

17/18 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Midgley and Police Community Support Officer A Potter.

18/18 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.

None declared.

19/18

Cllr Kerslake welcomed Ross Johnson, Specialist at South Hams District Council who had kindly agreed to attend the meeting, to answer any questions from parishioners and councillors in connection with the planning application by SHDC under Reference: 1539/18/ARM for discussion under 25/18.

The following points were raised:

- Units are too high, is this because the units need to be accessible for FLT?

Ross Johnson – The units are a universal design and there may be a need by the tenant to install a mezzanine floor to maximum space. The use of fork lifts may be required in order to maximise storage space.

- Previously there were six units with more parking!

Ross Johnson – will feedback concern

- Has any market research taken place to ascertain whether the units are required?

Ross Johnson – Yes and there is a large waiting list for units.

- Plan states B1 business use, but would the Parish Council be able to lease units and use as a village hall?

Ross Johnson – did not see why not, but parking may not be sufficient.

- Who owns the land as Barratts got permission to build houses, the deeds do not reflect that SHDC own the land?

Ross Johnson – confirmed SHDC owns the land.

- Will people come from Plymouth to occupy units? Also the units will create an increase in traffic, landscaping will create thousands of cubic of soil, where will this go? There has been no thought for the village in this plan. The plans are incomplete, no sewerage plans on web site. An agreed brief between Geo Tech and SHDC is not available. There is a heritage report, but no one has checked it. Traffic problems which will be created not addressed.

Ross Johnson – will feedback points raised to SHDC.

- If planning is confirmed, when will the building start?

Ross Johnson – about September 2018.