

023/14 P3 IMPROVEMENTS/EXPENDITURE

Councillors agreed to spend P3 budget of £300.00 on maintenance of green lanes: Burraton Cross and Whipples Cross to Langbrook.

024/14 CROOKED SPIRE UPDATE

Cllr Elliott stated a meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 February 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Rooms to listen to a summary of what the community has said about the Crooked Spire and what the community would want from a community pub. Mr David Fisher from the Plunkett Foundation will also be invited to attend the meeting. The Plunkett Foundation helps rural communities through community-ownership to take control of the issues affecting them. They would be able to help to put together a plan to save the pub as a co-operative venture and provide support from the initial stages of a pub being under threat to providing ongoing support to established pubs. They operate a Co-operative Pubs Advice Line, funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government. Cllr Elliott informed those present leaflets had been distributed in the February/March 2014 Ermington Parish Magazine advertising this meeting.

Cllr Kerslake wished the objective to be self funding.

025/14 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND EVENTS ATTENDED

008/14 Council Vacancy

A notice has been displayed and one letter has been received to date.

026/14 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE 3 DECEMBER 2013

20/12/13 - letter from Stuart Jellings, SHDC on seasonal closure of under utilised public toilets.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the above item and to await subsequent contact from Mr Jellings.

Meeting closed at 10.20 pm.

Signed:
(*Ermington Parish Council Chairman*)

Date: 4 March 2014

020/14 FINANCE

(a) Approval of Payments

The following **expenditure** was discussed and agreed to be paid –

- Ermington Churchyard Committee	£1,200.00
- Caretaker wages – up to 16 January 2014	£7.00
- Salary – Dawn Trower – January 2014	£147.27
- HM Revenue & Customs – Tax Clerk’s salary	£36.60
- Cllr Kerlake mileage, attending course 9 December 2013 with Cllr Elliott	£29.07
- EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – March	£20.00
- Erme Press - A5 leaflets printed advertising public meeting 25 February 2014 – Future of The Crooked Spire	£18.50

INCOME

- Ermington PCC – hire of Reading Room	£10.00
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(EPP – Ermington Parish Projects)

Treasurer’s Account – Balance £45,155.17 as at 15 January 2014

Business Account - Balance £8,373.24 as at 9 December 2013

(b) Grants

No requests had been received.

The annual request from the Ermington Churchyard Committee was received for the upkeep of the churchyard. It was agreed to pay £1,200.00 and Cllr Hughes and Hartwell will carry out a tour of the churchyard with the committee. **Action: Cllr. Hughes and Hartwell.**

021/14 WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Elliott gave an update on the situation of funding being sought for the War Memorial. A grant application has been submitted. The Village Fund has agreed to make the difference in cost and the work would not incur any cost to EPC. It was agreed the stonemasons could commence work if funding was granted. **Action: - Cllr Elliott**

Agreed to suspend standing order to allow discussion with parishioners present. It was suggested that a book detailing Ermington’s history is produced and a group be set up to seek funding and its production. It was agreed that costings would be obtained by Parishioners, Mr Cliff Sumner, Mr Peter Daniels and Cllr Elliott. **Action: Cllr G Elliott & Cllr I Walsh**

022/14 EMERGENCY PLANNING

Template guide from various Councils has been obtained and a plan to be drafted. **Action: Cllrs R Hart & M Auburn**

016/14 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 Elliott declared that he had joined the South Hams Society and confirmed S.H.D.C have been informed.

017/14 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held on 7 January 2014 were confirmed and signed.

018/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr. Hughes thanked Cllr Bower for organising the recent music event at the parish hall in Modbury. Money raised, £1500 is being donated to the Village Hall/Reading Room Project Fund.

Cllr Auburn informed those present that the spinners and raised £80.60 which had been donated the fund for the Village Hall/Reading Room Project Fund.

Cllr. Hughes informed those present that Cllr Webley is organising a music evening on 26 April 2014, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm at Ermington church with The Tamar Male Voice choir and the Plymouth Mayflower Chorus. A grant of £200 was allocated to the event. The price of the tickets will be £7.00 for adults, but children will be free of charge. The money raised will be used for the development of the Reading Rooms. Maximum seating is 150. The event will be advertised in the Parish Magazine.

Cllr M Auburn stated there would be a Parish Spring Clean Up on Sunday 27 April 2014 at 1000 hours, more information will be in the next parish magazine.

019/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr Bower declared an interest and did not participate in the discussion.

35/2990/13/F	Mr & Mrs C Rogers	Weeke Farm, Modbury, Ivybridge	Erection of 1 no. wind turbine (estimated output 0.011 megawatts) with 18.4 metres hub height, 25 metres tip height and associated infrastructure
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1. Planning application(s) granted:

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Conditional approval

(c) District and County Councillor Reports

District Councillor Lindsay Ward

Cllr Ward reported on various matters as follows –

1. Assessment of flood risk - Coastal / tidal - A surge along the south and west coasts combines with very large waves and strong winds, increasing the coastal flood risk especially around the evening tides on Tuesday and the morning tides on Wednesday, bringing a: medium likelihood of significant impacts (MEDIUM flood risk) along parts of the Devon and Cornwall coastline on Wednesday morning's tide. SHDC has sandbags available for collection at its' depots at Ivybridge, Totnes, Kingsbridge and Dartmouth, as well as Whitestrand, Salcombe.
2. In respect of the 2014/15 Budget, the Executive has recommended an increase in Council Tax of 1.9%, subject to Government guidance on the limit on Council Tax increases for 2014/15;
3. The City Deal for Plymouth and the South West Peninsula has now been approved by the Cabinet Office and was signed by the local strategic partners on Friday, 17 January;
4. The Heart of the South West Business Support provides a range of options to help businesses to grow and develop. This includes face to face business advice from a team of local business advisers, an interactive workshop programme, specialist support for women-led enterprises, an innovation programme (Devon only) a voucher based support programme. The support is for SMEs based in rural areas of Devon and Somerset (Plymouth, Torbay and larger urban areas are excluded). All business sectors are eligible. If in doubt, please check eligibility with us.
5. If any town and parish councils have any issues, suggestions or questions regarding the Council website, then they are asked to email: - feedback@swdevon.gov.uk
6. Town and Parish Councillors are invited to attend the next Housing Surgery on Wednesday, 12 March at Follaton House, Totnes. The Surgery will provide an opportunity for local councillors to discuss affordable housing in their town or parish. The Affordable Housing team will be in attendance and will be able to provide advice and assistance on a range of issues including: Village Housing Initiative; Local Lettings Plan and Community Land Trusts;

District Councillor Tom Holway

Cllr Holway urged as many Councillors as possible to attend the next TAP meeting to ascertain funding availability. During the January 2014 EPC meeting, it was agreed the priority order of proposed TAP projects for EPC was as follows – (1) Lengthsman (2) Reading Project (3) IT Project. **Action: Councillors**

015/14 APOLOGIES

Received apologies from Cllr D Webley

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 4 February 2014 commencing at 7.30pm

- Present:** Cllrs Marina Auburn, Tim Auburn, John Bower, Grant Elliott, Roy Hartwell, Ro Hughes, John Kerlake, Ian Walsh
- Also present:** District Councillors T Holway and L Ward, Mrs T Drew (Parish Clerk)
- Parishioners present:** 4
- Apologies:** County Councillor W Mumford, Cllr Di Webley, PCSO A Potter (Police)
- Chairperson:** Cllr R Hughes

Cllr Hughes wished to thank Ms Dawn Trower for all her help and work during her period as Ermington Parish Clerk and wished her best wishes for the future. This was unanimously agreed by all present.

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(a) Police Report

No Police report.

(b) Public Questions

A parishioner requested contact details for PCSO A Potter as they wished to report lorries passing through the village over 7.5 tonnes that were not delivering to the village. Cllr Hughes suggested that photographs should be taken if practicable as this would help ascertain if the vehicles were delivering within the village or driving through. **Action: - Cllr R Hughes to obtain details.**

A parishioner wished to point out that Vospers had set up a showroom at Tesco's carpark at Lee Mill which they felt was in breach of their planning consent. **Action: Cllr T Holway and L Ward agreed to look into this matter.**

A parishioner wished to point out that there were various posters around the village that were now not relevant. They had contacted S.H.D.C. and there were rules which applied to signs. Parishioner asked the Councillors to address this issue. Cllr. Hughes stated there was a fine line as there was a need to advertise events, but would look into the matter. Cllr Hughes agreed the situation should be assessed and to obtain the facts from S.H.D.C. Parishioner agreed to forward the information they had obtain to Cllr. Hughes. **Action: Cllr. Hughes**