

039/14 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE 4 FEBRUARY 2014

Western Parish Cluster meeting taking place on Wednesday 12 March 2014 - Cllr Webley, Walsh & Hughes to attend.

Meeting closed at 10.20 pm.

Signed:
(*Ermington Parish Council Chairman*)

Date: 2 April 2014

Treasurer's Account – Balance £45,049.22 as at 15 February 2014
Business Account - Balance £8,374.29 as at 10 March 2014

(b) Grants

No requests had been received.

034/14 WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Elliott wished to pass on his appreciation to Cllr Mumford for the grant application for the work on the War Memorial.

Cllr Elliott asked if the Clerk could confirm to the stonemasons that work could commence.

Action: - Clerk

It was agreed the stonemasons could use the parish rooms while the work is being carried out. Clerk to inform the Caretaker. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Webley had spoken to the Village Fund Committee and it was agreed to arrange a rededication ceremony with the church. It was agreed by Councillors to liaise with other groups within the village to be involved in the rededication.

The Churchyard Committee has offered to provide poppy seeds, which will be dispersed around the war memorial.

035/14 EMERGENCY PLANNING

Draft plan has been circulated and discussions took place on identifying what roles are required, a risk matrix system, and a review period to be included. **Action: Cllrs R Hart & M Auburn**

036/14 P3 IMPROVEMENTS/EXPENDITURE

It had been agreed at the February 2014 meeting to spend P3 budget of £300.00 on maintenance of green lanes - Burraton Cross and Whipples Cross to Langbrook. The cost was reduced to £176.00, due to work only being deemed necessary to Burraton Cross and Whipples Cross.

037/14 THE CROOKED SPIRE UPDATE

Cllr Hughes reported on a very positive meeting which took place on Tuesday 25 February 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms. Cllr Elliott had produced comprehensive slides on the summary results from the community. The next meeting takes place on 27th March 2014.

038/14 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND EVENTS ATTENDED

Ermington Churchyard Committee - Cllr Hughes met with the Committee and issued a report to the Councillors on the background to the Committee, its members, main business, actions and actions completed. A large and very diseased oak is considered hazardous, and the cost of dealing with this tree is significant. Further discussions are to take place.

21/14 Old Ermington Book – a team has been set up - Cllr Walsh, Mr Cliff Sumner, Mrs Gillian Hucker, Mrs Kathy Toms and Mr Peter Daniels. Mr Sumner asked if it would be possible to pay for a person who is computer-literate to gather information from various websites, dating from 1881–1921. Councillors agreed in principle but would require exact costings. Mr Sumner had contacted a printer and suggested the book be hardback. In addition, over the next few months he would speak to the Village Fund Committee. The Locality Budget and Heritage Lottery funds were also identified as potential sources of income. Cllr Ward would ascertain if there were any opportunities for funding. Mr Sumner circulated documents which documented the skills required and timing for the production of the book. It was agreed by all Councillors that this project be pursued.

26/14 Public Toilets – S.H.D.C. will close them for three months during the winter period. Cllr Webley has discussed the situation with the Village Fund Committee and members of the Committee have agreed to look after them during this period. S.H.D.C will provide cleaning materials. Cllr Webley to liaise with S.H.D.C.. **Action: Cllr Webley**

Mr Steve Hitch had spoken to Mr Nils White (S.H.D.C.) and he is happy with the scheme in principle. Mr Hitch has modified the plan to provide a disabled parking space, but pointed out this would reduce the space within the building. Mr Hitch will liaise with Mr N White, S.H.D.C., and feed back to the Councillors.

032/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr I Walsh declared a personal interest in this application and did not take part in the vote.

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| 21/0353/14/F | Mr J Bend | Kiandra, Hunsdon, Ivybridge, PL21 9JR | Installation of a wooden, open fronted double garage | Support |
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033/14 FINANCE

(a) Approval of Payments

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

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| - | Caretaker wages – up to 16 February 2014 | £28.00 |
| - | Clerk’s salary – February 2014 | £320.00 |
| - | SWW – monthly Direct Debit – February 2014 | £35.54 |
| - | EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit | £20.00 |
| - | Erme Press - A5 leaflets printed advertising public meeting 25 February 2014 – Future of The Crooked Spire | £18.50 |
| - | Footpath maintenance – invoice “Gardening Girls” | £176.00 |

INCOME

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| Parish Room bookings: - | Ermington Parochial Church | £10.00 |
| | Corinthian Cycling Club | £13.00 |

Donations (Reading Rooms): EPP – Spinners £80.60

Total £103.60

(EPP – Ermington Parish Projects)

County Councillor William Mumford

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.

Consultation exercises are currently taking place, as there is a need to change the delivery of services in the current economic climate:-

- Youth service provision
- Day Centre care
- Residential Home provision
- DCC Children's Homes

More exercises to follow.

The railway track to the South West to be repaired by 4 April 2014, but pressure will continue for an additional railway line to the South West.

Currently there is a team of 15 employees working on the repairing potholes, many of which will be temporary.

Cllr Mumford and Ward left the meeting at 8.15 pm.

028/14 APOLOGIES

Received apologies from District Councillor T Holway and Cllr M Auburn.

029/14 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. No additional "Register of Members' Interest" forms were received from Councillors at the March 2013 meeting.

030/14 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held on 4 February 2014 were amended to be signed at the April 2014 meeting.

031/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

08/14 Council Vacancy - a notice had been displayed and one letter received to date. Cllr Hughes asked if the Clerk could acknowledge the letter. Councillors agreed to re-advertise the post, as it was felt that not all parishioners had been aware of the vacancy.

Action: Clerk

Purchase of IT equipment for Parish Clerk – this is in the process of being purchased. There will be an additional cost of £38.00 due to an increase in items being purchased. Councillors agreed to pursue the purchase of the items.

(b) Public Questions

A parishioner had noticed from previous minutes that a parishioner had queried the purpose of “prejudicial interest” which was effectively gagging Councillors, and in that vein Parish Councillors must be aware when sitting and voting on planning applications they must have signed the Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interest. Any planning decisions are open to challenge and therefore the Parish Council should check their records and ensure the Parish Councillors are entitled to vote. **Action: - Cllr R Hughes and Clerk to check records.**

A parishioner was concerned about the trimming of the hedge bordering Church Road by “The Spires” development. Cllr Hughes thought the agreement was to return the hedge to a Devon Bank. Another parishioner pointed out they had asked for the hedge to be maintained prior to it being sold for development, but it had been left to overgrow and now requires replanting.

Cllr Ward agreed to look into this matter to ensure it was dealt with as per the planning decision. The agreement was for the hedge to be replanted and maintenance should be the responsibility of the management of the estate, not included in the deeds of the homes being sold. **Action: Cllr Ward.**

A parishioner was concerned about the number of potholes on the road leaving the village heading towards Ivybridge, near the speed humps. The parishioner was surprised the potholes had not been dealt with. Cllr Mumford informed those present that parishioners can report potholes via the Devon County Council website.

(c) District and County Councillor Reports

District Councillor Lindsay Ward

Cllr Ward reported on various matters as follows:-

018/14 - A parishioner had raised concerns that Vospers had set up a showroom at the Tesco car park at Lee Mill, which they felt was in breach of Tesco’s planning consent. This matter is now with the enforcement team.

The sum of £1,000 has been approved for a retail relief scheme, of which 800 businesses will benefit. Work is commencing on flooding relief.

Cluster meeting to be held on Wednesday 12 March 2014 at 6.30 pm, venue to be confirmed. Consideration will be given to Town and parish Fund applications. Cllr Ward advised attendance by maximum number of Councillors.

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs Ro Hughes, Tim Auburn, John Bower, Grant Elliott, Roy Hartwell, John Kerlake, Ian Walsh.

Also present: County Councillor W Mumford, District Councillor L Ward, Mrs T Drew (Parish Clerk).

Parishioners present: 5

Apologies: PCSO A Potter (Police), District Councillor T Holway, Cllr M Auburn.

Chairperson: Cllr Ro Hughes

027/14

(a) Police Report

Apologies received from PCSO Potter, but the following report was e-mailed:-

Ermington area:-

8th report of dogs worrying horse, owner of dogs visited and made aware of the problem, no further action [JI/14/103]
14th public order offence, taxi driver dropping off passengers received threats from passenger, enquiries ongoing [JI/14/126]

Lee Mill Ind. Est.:-

2nd shoplifting, offender charged to court [JI/14/85]
3rd shoplifting [JI/14/85]
4th making off without payment [theft of fuel from garage] [JI/14/93]
5th shoplifting, dealt with by way of restorative justice [JI/14/96]
19th arson, property stolen from boat, which was then set on fire [JI/14/136]
21st theft, tools stolen from compound [JI/14/138]
21st making off without payment [theft of fuel from garage] [JI/14/139]
21st shoplifting [JI/14/144]
22nd shoplifting [JI/14/146]
26th shoplifting [JI/14/159]
26th possession of drugs [JI/14/160]
26th assault [JI/14/161]
26th resisting or obstructing a Constable [JI/14/162]
26th public order offence [JI/14/163]

Five offences relate to one female offender arrested initially for shoplifting, charged to court with all offences.

Cllr Mumford reported that a number of vehicles had been damaged on Lee Mill Industrial Estate.

Cllr Hartwell reported he had received a complaint from a parishioner regarding the parking of vehicles on the pavements near the recreational field. Details of individuals parking on the pavement to be passed to Cllr Hartwell, who will pass them onto PCSO Potter.