

98/16 FINANCE

PAYMENT(S)

- Caretaker cost - 17 January 2017 – 16 February 2017 (inclusive)	£38.00
- Clerk cost – February 2017	£498.33
- EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – February 2017	£32.00
- Cllr Webley – paint, lamp shades, sundries for Reading Rooms – supported by receipts	£131.76
- South Hams Property (Mr T Holt) – work carried out in the Reading Rooms	£445.00

RECEIPT(S)

- Hire of Reading Rooms – Wednesday Group	£33.00
- Hire of Readings Rooms – The Ermington Players	£11.00

GRANT REQUEST(S)

- Devon Link Up – safe place scheme for vulnerable people – discussion took place and it was agreed that grants should be awarded to support organisations which are directly connected to Ermington, therefore no grant was awarded.

Treasurer's Account – Balance £71,483.76 as at 15 February 2017

Business Account – Balance £8,385.81 as at 9 December 2016

99/16 ERMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Martin reported a meeting would be taking place tomorrow evening and an article will be in the next Ermington Parish Magazine. Cllr Kerslake said that he was waiting for comments on the draft terms of reference before he could finalise them. Cllr Walsh suggested getting a company who will do a design and build. This route was already being pursued at the suggestion of Mr Hitch. Cllr Walsh will send the details of the company to Cllr Martin who will share it with the EVHWG. **ACTION: Cllr Walsh**

100/16 RESCHEDULING OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 2017

It was agreed the Annual Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 10 May 2017 at 7.30 pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 4 April 2017 at 7.30 pm, followed immediately by the monthly Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Rooms, Ermington.

Cllr Holway was thanked for attending the meeting and left at 8.30 pm.

Cllr Hosking arrived at 8.55 pm and left at 9.36 pm and was thanked for attending

The meeting closed at 9.36 pm.

Signed:
(Ermington Parish Council Chairman)

Date: 4 April 2017

Minutes can be viewed on the Ermington Parish Web Site - <http://www.ermingtonparish.com/parish-council/archives/>
A paper copy can be viewed at "The Crooked Spire", Ermington

94/16 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORT ONLY

83/16 Re-siting of "bend" sign at junction of A379/A3121 (near Hollowcombe), to be actioned in due course – **Cllr Hosking**

83/16 Replacement of Ermington/Ugborough/Exeter sign on the approach to Ermington (A3121), due to lack of funding this will not be pursued.

83/16 River Erme erosion – Councillor Hosking was asked to look again at the prospect of seeking a long term solution to the problem notwithstanding legal advice on liability for any damage to the highway. It was emphasised again that pragmatism was key to the avoidance of the potential for major costs in the future. Cllr Hosking suggested straightening the course of the river in that area and agreed to arrange a meeting and be a broker with the principal parties involved to explore what else needed to be done bearing in mind that some work had been undertaken. – **Cllr Hosking**

95/16 PARISH FOOTPATHS

Following walks on footpaths in the parish, Cllr Auburn produced a detailed report which was circulated to Councillors and DCC. The report can also be viewed on the Ermington Parish web site. Some of the footpaths require repairing and cutting back of vegetation. Cllr Kerslake thanked Cllr Auburn of behalf of the Councillors for her report and the work she does to ensure the footpaths in the parish are assessed.

96/16 PLANNING

None

97/16 CORRESPONDENCE

Email 08/02/2017 - Community Buildings Fund closes
Email 10/02/2017 – You are invited - Filleigh Village Hall (8th March) & St. Peters Church, Ugborough (22nd March) Information & Advice Surgeries
Email 10/02/2017 - Devon Acute Services Review
Email 13/02/2017 – Mrs B Jones (Parishioner) - road safety hazard = **information forward to Cllr Hosking 13/02/2017**
Email 14/02/2017 - Devon Countryside Access Forum - seeking new members
Email 14/02/2017 - Funding Services in the South Hams
Email 14/02/2017 - Let's Talk about Dogs – Your Chance to Have Your Say = **Cllr Webley**
Email 15/02/2017 - Safe Places
Email 15/02/2017 - Promoting Independence - discussion events
Email 16/02/2017 – Ollie Jones (Parish Web Site) - Can I be of service?
Email 16/02/2017 – Nick Toms (parishioner) – Precept
Email 17/02/2017 - Devon Funding News (updates 16 February 2017)
Email 20/02/2017 - Measuring Engagement Survey 2016/17
Email 20/02/2017 - National Grid overhead power line refurbishments
Email 21/02/2017 - Temporary Traffic Notice - Ivybridge Road, Ermington (TTRO1720006)
Email 21/02/2017 - South Hams CVS - Snippets February 2017
Email 21/02/2017 - Ambitious Plan for the Future of Plymouth and South West Devon Published
Email 21/02/2017 - Joint Local Plan Communications
Email 22/02/2017 - Annual Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Finance forms and Survey reminder = **actioned by Cllr Auburn**
Email 23/02/2017 - FC South West e-alert: Sweet Chestnut Blight 23rd February 2017
Email 23/02/2017 - P3 Financial report = **actioned by Cllr Auburn**
Email 24/02/2017 - Charterlands Ward By-Election – The Results
Email 24/02/2017 - Introducing - Moor Otters and the Otter Trail
Email 24/02/2017 - IDALC AGM and Ordinary Meeting - 15 March 2017 = **Cllr Walsh to attend**
Email 27/02/2017 - Healthy People - 27 February 2017
Email 28/02/2017 - ConnectMe Care and Wellbeing
Email 28/02/2017 – Mr Toms (Parishioner) – Precept
Email 28/02/2017 – Cllr Holway - War Memorial Clock Restoration, Church of St Peter & St Paul, Ermington
Email 17/02/2017 – Mrs Heaton (Parishioner) - Ermington Parish Council re. vacancy
Email 01/03/2017 - National Grid refurbishments - update on road closures
Email 01/03/2017 - The BIG DEVON MARCH starts - #MarchWithUs
Email 02/03/2017 -COMING UP SOON - South Hams Events & Opportunity



(b) Public Questions (continued)

Mr Austin – reported the drain at the bottom of Town Hill needs clearing as it has been blocked for six month also the culvert. Cllr Hosking will liaise with Nick Colton (Highways). **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

Mr Toms said that he had read the explanatory notes covering the setting of the 2017/18 precept. With regard to funding for the Village Hall mentioned in the notes Mr Toms asked whether or not costs including building costs were known as he would not accept that “six years down the line the Parish Council do not have a rough figure for the build” Mr Toms pointed out that the precept had tripled in the last few years. Also parishioners had not been put in the picture on the true costs attached to the proposed new building and a business plan was required. Cllr Kerslake agreed that there was need for a business plan and that one was in the process of being produced dealing with all costs. These details needed to be shared with parishioners in due course and would be. Cllrs Martin and Auburn, both members of the Village Hall Working Group, explained that the Working Group were fortunate in having two Architects and a Quantity Surveyor as members and that figures would be published when the Group had completed the work. Parishioners would be updated on progress in the next Parish Magazine.

Cllr Kerslake supported by Cllr Webley asked Cllr Holway to arrange a site meeting with a representative(s) from SHDC enforcement team and BDW in connection with the land below “The Spires”. **ACTION Cllr Holway**

Mr Toms – asked Cllr Hosking if a meeting had taken place with the Head Teacher and Governors of Ermington Primary School in connection with the school plans for Sherford Cllr Hosking said that he had sent an invitation but he had not received an answer. Cllr Hosking pointed out that in all probability the children from Ugborough and Ermington will attend Ivybridge School but there may be an overlap due to demand.

Cllr Auburn – enquired how the money from central government is being used to improve roads locally. Cllr Hosking stated Central Government is providing funding for improvements to the A3121, this road has been identified as one of fifty roads which is to have a share of the funds. Possible roundabout at Kittaford Cross and a triangular junction at Ermington Cross near Flete. Cllr Auburn asked if her e-mail on road issues had been received in connection with road issues, Cllr Hosking confirmed receipt but contractors had changed and he was now liaising with Nick Colton (Highways).

(c) District and County Councillor Reports

County Councillor Hosking:-

- Budget agreement. Shortfall of £23m reduction in Central Support and there will be 15% increase in social services. A 4.99% precept increase was therefore required, this would result in an increase of £60.30 on a Band D house
- Highways have applied for additional £7 million which has been granted
- Preston Hill drainage will be taking place soon
- Report road issues on the following web site link - <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

District Councillor Holway reported:-

- The Joint Local Plan is now being launched, various workshops in the area
- SHDC has launched a new web site, if there are any comments positive or negative please e-mail Cllr Holway
- The decision has been made not to go ahead with a Locally Controlled Company but SHDC are looking at ways of generating income

92/16 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT – Declaration of Interests

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

93/16 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 February 2017 at 7.30 pm, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held in the Reading Rooms on 7 March 2017 commencing at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs John Kerslake (Chairman), Roy Hartwell (Deputy Chairman), Marina Auburn, Ian Walsh, Richard Midgley, Susan Martin, John Bower and Di Webley

Also present: County Councillor Richard Hosking
District Councillor T Holway
Police Community Support Officer Andy Potter
T Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners present: 5

90/16 APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

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(a) Police Report for February 2017

Ermington

Overnight 1st / 2nd theft of coal from a coal bunker CR/007598/17

Overnight 20th / 21st attempt theft of outboard from boat and theft of wood CR/012941/17

Lee Mill Industrial Estate

Overnight 8th / 9th fuel stolen from two vehicles CR/009634/17

14th common assault, enquiries ongoing CR/011177/17

(b) Public Questions

Mr Elliott – circulated photos of the war memorial clock presented to the village in memory of Captain Gransmore by his family. The clock is situated on the spire of Ermington Parish Church. The clock face requires restoration which will cost between £5,000 and £6,000, funding is currently being sought from the Heritage Lottery Fund and there are other various local organisations arranging events. Mr Elliott asked if County, District and Parish Council would be prepared to make a grant towards the necessary work. The use of £700 available from Cllr Holway's locality Fund was discussed and agreed with Cllr Holway. After further discussion an additional grant of £300 from Parish Council funds was agreed taking the total amount available to £1000. **ACTION: Clerk**

Cllr Holway enquired if the £600 allocated to Old Ermington Book project was going to be utilised. Cllr Walsh confirmed that the project was being progressed.

Mr Toms – reported that a horse rider had recently photographed a parishioner because the rider judged the parishioner to be riding too close to the horse. This was categorically denied by the parishioner and Mr Toms was concerned that photographs of vehicles were being uploaded to social media without correct information.

Cllr Walsh – raised concern over continued degradation of the woods, Marjery Cross, Hunsdon which had been reported to SHDC by a parishioner. Cllr Walsh stated that SHDC enforcement had been sent photographs of the area and asked if Cllr Holway had seen them. Cllr Holway had not seen photographs and Cllr Walsh agreed to send him the photos of the area. **ACTION: Cllr Walsh**

Mr Hitch – reported that the road surface between Keaton and Ermington is in a bad state of repair with many deep potholes. Cllr Hosking will assess the area with Nick Colton (Highways). **ACTION Cllr Hosking**

Mr Austin thought it was the responsibility of "The Spires" building company to make good the road after the development had been completed. Mr Ellis raised the point that the weight limit was lifted for the developers but the weight limit still remains. Cllr Hosking asked that parishioners take photographs of any lorries using the road and send the photographs to him and the police. Mr Austin asked whether or not there was any requirement for the developers to repair the road. Cllr Hosking suggested that this would only apply if it were part of the planning conditions or Section 106 Agreement. Cllr Kerslake agreed to check this. **ACTION: Cllr Kerslake**