

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Ermington Parish Council Meeting held in the Reading Rooms on 3 March 2020 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Denis Onley (Chair), Josie Allis, Jeremy Walding,
Claire Cross and Ian Creese

County Councillor Richard Hosking (*from 7.45 pm to 8.15 pm*)
District Councillor Tom Holway (*from 7.30 pm to 7.58 pm*)
Teresa Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners present: 0

Councillor Allis is stepping down after the March 2020 meeting, it was not a decision that she had taken easily but due to other commitments, was unable to give the time to being a Parish Councillor. Cllr Onley thanked Cllr Allis for her contribution to the parish council wish her well for the future.

144/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Dunlop.

145/19 DEVON AIR AMBULANCE NIGHT SITE – Ermington Playing Field

Presentation from Toby Russell, Community Landing Sites Development Officer. Cllr Allis confirmed information has been passed to parishioners living near the proposed site. Rob Sekula, Specialist – Assets at South Hams District Council has given his permission, subject to the parish council arranging electricity supply, lighting, installation, covering ongoing electricity charges, and cost of removal if damaged/surplus, etc.

146/19 REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOSKING, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS

Devon County Council (DCC) budget has been agreed. The council's spending will rise by £43.1 million from £498 million in 2019/20 to just over £541 million - but council tax will rise by £55.17 to £1,439.46 – the equivalent of £1.06 a week extra on a Band D bill.

A new drain has been installed at "The First and Last Bistro" and DCC have offered to pay for a gulley to be located in the highway.

The Devon Carbon Plan was progressing – DCC's target is to become net-zero carbon by 2030, including those arising from its purchasing of goods and services. DCC carbon plan to be issued by November 2020.

Money is still available in Invest in Devon and the Locality Grant.

*131/19 Blocked drains on the left-hand side of Town Hill and Chapel Street. Grate to be removed to assess the situation. **Ongoing***

*131/19 River Erme erosion A3121 - aerial survey is due, when completed an assessment of movement of riverbank will be confirmed. **Ongoing***

*131/19 Playing field application to be a Village Green. Cllr Hosking has made an enquiry to the Devon County Council Solicitor and she has not yet made a decision. **Ongoing***

*136/19 Flooding Westlake – a site meeting to discuss how the flooding can be resolved has taken place. Cllr Hosking to discuss with Nick Colton at DCC Highways. **Cllr Hosking***

*131/19 Also, the drainage work on the road from Ermington to Sheephams is not effective when it rains. Cllr Hosking to discuss with Nick Colton DCC Highways. **Ongoing***

147/19 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TOM HOLWAY, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS

SHDC was assessing the Coronavirus situation.

Locality Grant funding available with effect from April 2020.

*132/19 Reinstatement of path around the playing field owned by SHDC by the river. **Ongoing***

148/19 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO THE PARISH COUNCIL, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE (A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 15 MINUTES)

Cllr Walding asked if the skate board park apparatus could be inspected in the playing field. Cllr Cross will check what repairs are required and feedback to Cllr Holway. **ACTION: Cllrs Cross/Holway**

The edge of the road from “The Spires” to “Ermington Shop and More”, needs to be addressed. Also, the 20 mph road marking on the highway entering the village from the Ivybridge direction requires refreshing. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

149/19 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA

The following interests were declared:-

Cllr Creese and Onley – Devon Air Ambulance
Cllr Onley - “Ermington Store and More”
Cllr Creese - planning application 0451/20/ADV

150/19 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of Ermington Parish Council meeting held on 4 February 2020 (as previously circulated) were agreed and signed by the Chair.

151/19 PARISH SPRING CLEAN UP

If there are parishioners who wish to organise the event, please contact a Parish Councillor or the Clerk. Parish Councillors will support the event, but due to other commitments, Councillors were not able to commit time to this year’s event.

152/19 READING ROOMS – Cllr Cross

Cllr Cross suggested there is a need to consider the long term plan and address immediate repairs of the Reading Rooms, as they are a parish asset.

Discussion ensued on how the rooms could now be utilised and it was agreed to review the situation at July 2020 Parish Council meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

It was agreed to purchase a kettle for those using the Reading Rooms. **ACTION: Cllr Walding**

153/19 ERMINGTON WORKSHOP LIGHTS – Cllr Dunlop

To be itemised on next month’s agenda due to Cllr Dunlop being unable to attend the meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

154/19 ERMINGTON STORE AND MORE – EPC FUNDING AND GRANTS – Cllr Walding

Cllr Walding was aware of various comments around the village about the relationship between “Ermington Shop and More” and the Parish Council. Going forward there is a need to work together.

Cllr Onley pointed out that at Christmas the S106 from the Parish Council bank account of £20,000, was given and there had been another request for a grant to purchase a coffee/tea making machine. At the Parish Council meeting in December 2019, it was agreed to grant the money on agreement the Parish Council would use the Hub for parish

154/19 ERMINGTON STORE AND MORE – EPC FUNDING AND GRANTS (continued)

Council meetings for the next ten years and one share. Cllrs Dunlop/Allis were elected as a representative of the Council be the link between the shop and council.

Cllr Allis stated “Ermington Store and More” were not in agreement with the Parish Council, as there could be an increase in the hourly rate of hiring a room during the ten year period.

Discussion ensued it was agreed Cllr Walding will arrange a meeting with the directors of “Ermington Store and More”.

ACTION: Cllr Walding

155/19 HGV WEIGHT LIMITS IN ERMINGTON – Cllr Walding

There is an increase of HGV lorries passing through the village, Kays Transport being noted as the main haulage company using the road. Cllr Hosking asked for the information to be reported to the police.

There is no clear indication in the narrow part of the highway at Fernham, to say which vehicles have the right of. Cllr Hosking will liaise with DCC Highways. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

156/19 PLANNING - COUNCILLORS TO VIEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS ON SHDC WEBSITE PRIOR TO MEETING

Reference: 0333/20/ARC Site Address: Woodrick Barn, Luson, Westlake, Ivybridge, PL21 9JZ

Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 9, 10 and 12 of listed building consent 2803/15/LBC

Recommendation: No comment

Reference: 0357/20/PHH Site Address: 2 Thornham Cottages, Ivybridge Road, Ermington, PL21 0LG

Proposal: Notification for prior approval for proposed removal of existing detached kitchen building with glazed linked conservatory to rear elevation and construction of new single storey extension forming new kitchen

Recommendation: Support – subject to flood planning approval

Reference: 0414/20/FUL Site Address: Bristow House, Gillard Way, Lee Mill Industrial Estate, Lee Mill, PL21 9GG

Proposal: Side extension to light industrial unit

Recommendation: No comment

Reference: 0492/20/FUL Site Address: Calor Gas Ltd, Central Avenue, Lee Mill Industrial Estate, Lee Mill, PL21 9ER

Proposal: Application to replace existing tanks on site with two larger tanks (9.391 metres) in the same position to supply the deluge system (resubmission of 1283/19/FUL)

Recommendation: Object - does not meet the requirements of reduction in fossil fuels.

Reference: 0451/20/ADV Site Address: Tesco, Central Avenue, Lee Mill Industrial Estate, Lee Mill, PL21 9PE

Proposal: Advertisement consent for installation of 1x42" LCD media screen, 2x 1250mm x 700mm flag pole signs, overall 2450mm in height

Recommendation: Support

The following planning application was discussed but had not been placed on the Agenda. This meant that any decision could not be final. Deferral to the next meeting would mean that the decision would be outside the statutory time limit for response. The rules allowed the Clerk as the Proper Officer to respond under delegated authority in line with discussions at this meeting. The plans would be placed on March 2020 Parish Council Meeting agenda for ratification.

Reference: 0176/20/HHO Proposal: Householder application for replacement wall & door, additional window & addition of porch

Site Address: Leat House. Ivybridge Road, Ermington, Ivybridge, PL21 9NT

Reference: 0576/20/FUL Proposal: Siting of GRP building containing portable chemical toilet unit

Site Address: St Peter And St Pauls Church, Church Street, Ermington, PL21 9NJ

For information only:

Applicant: Princess Yachts Application Number: 0250/20/PST

Proposal: Notification for prior approval for installation of solar photovoltaics (PV) equipment on roof of 349.92kW in size consisting 1296 x 270w modules

Location: Princess Yachts, Unit 8-13, Central Avenue, Lee Mill Industrial Estate, Lee Mill, PL21 9PE

156/19 PLANNING - COUNCILLORS TO VIEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS ON SHDC WEBSITE PRIOR TO MEETING (continued)

For information only:

Applicant: Princess Yachts Application Number: 0253/20/PST

Proposal: Notification for prior approval for installation of solar photovoltaics (PV) equipment on roof of 499.77kW in size consisting 1851 x 270w modules

Location: Princess Yachts, 5-7 North Road, Lee Mill Industrial Estate, Lee Mill, PL21 9GN

Planning Decision(s)

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3933/19/HHO LOCATION: 3 Pinwill Crescent Ermington PL21 9FS
 PROPOSAL: Householder application for loft conversion, re-roof sun room, new external doors and part basement conversion
 DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3912/19/FUL LOCATION: The Workshop, Cowsberry Farm Burraton Devon PL21 9JZ
 PROPOSAL: Conversion of an agricultural building to a residential dwelling (Previously approved under Class Q 4142/18/PDM) to include alterations to the design and extension to curtilage
 DECISION: Conditional Approval

157/19 FINANCE

The following Parish Council's expenditure agreed:

Description	Gross	Nett	VAT
Clerk's Salary – February 2020	£540.94	-	-
EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – February 2020	£24.00	£22.80	£1.20
South Hams District Council - Contribution for winter shutdown of public conveniences 2019/20	£67.32	-	-
South West Water Business – services at Reading Rooms 13/11/2019 – 06/02/2020	£29.73	-	-
Reimbursement to Clerk for filing pockets	£6.49	£5.41	£1.08

RECEIPT(S) – £1.52 interest 09/01/2020 Business Account

GRANT REQUEST(S) – None

Ermington Parish Council - Bank Reconciliations			
Prepared by: Teresa Drew - Parish Clerk/RFO			
Business Account: Balance per bank statement as at 09/01/2020		£35,906.35	
Treasurers Account: Balance per bank statement as at 13/02/2020		£59,137.75	
			£95,044.10
Less: any un-presented cheques (negative numbers)	001338	-£3,600.00	
		-£3,600.00	
			-£3,600.00
Add: any un-banked cash/cheques	N/A	£0.00	
			£0.00
		Total:	£91,444.10

- Cllr Cross verified bank reconciliations and signed bank statements as evidence.
- Risk Assessment for Year ending March 2021- approved

158/19 REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Churchyard Committee – no update. **Cllr Dunlop**
- Footpath from Higher Keaton to Fernham reinstatement – Due to time constraints Cllr Walding does not have the time to pursue the issue of the footpath being removed from recent maps, raised by parishioners. Clerk will forward Emily Spurway at DCC contact details to the parishioners for them to pursue.

Footpath's survey – to be arranged. **Cllr Walding**

158/19 REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY (continued)

- c) Ermington Park - Tree planting & play equipment – awaiting delivery of trees. Article to be placed in the next edition of the Parish Magazine. **Cllr Cross**

Play equipment – Cllr Cross has contacted the organiser who dealt with the refurbishment of Butts Park Play Park, Brixton and is awaiting the method they used to canvass parishioners. SHDC have agreed for Cllr Cross to carry out the consultation. **Cllr Cross**

- d) Climate Change – article to be included in the next edition of the Parish Magazine. **Cllr Cross**

- e) Road Warden Scheme – awaiting a two day course training date from Devon County Council. **Cllr Creese**

159/19 CORRESPONDENCE

Emails circulated to Councillors via the Clerk:-

Cllr Holway - County Lines information for parents/professionals

DCC - Temporary Traffic Notice - Burraton Cross to Luson, Ermington – *notice boards*

Royal Voluntary Service - Reducing isolation in older people across South Hams - *notice boards*

SHDC - Drainage Maintenance Responsibilities

South Hams Community & Voluntary Services (CVS) - South Hams CVS Events

Marie Curie Marie Curie Dementia Befriending service – *sent to editor of Parish Magazine*

DCC - Temporary Traffic Notice - Whipples Cross to Chapel Street, Ermington (TTRO2034825) – *notice boards*

DCC - Temporary Traffic Notice - Road from A3121 to Strode Cottages, Ermington (TTRO2034782) – *notice boards*

SHDC - Tree-ting Ivybridge to New Woodland

SHDC - Funding Boost for Rough Sleeper Support

DCC - Climate update for parishes

SHDC - Feedback on Climate Change and Biodiversity Emergency initial two aims - *noted*

SHDC & Plymouth City Council: Local Green Space Development Plan Document consultation to 23 March

Parishioner – issues on Warren Lane, Hunsdon – information sent to DCC Highways for clarification

District Council Backs Local Electricity Bill

Devon Communities - Coronavirus / COVID-19

Parishioner's email - parking to pick up children from the primary school. Cllr Cross confirmed the primary school has sent communication to parents.

Mr Midgley who was assisting the Clerk with maintaining the parish website, is no longer able to assist due to increasing commitments. Councillors wish to pass on their thanks to Mr Midgley for his help. It was agreed Cllr Onley will be trained to assist with the maintenance of the website.

160/19 RISK ASSESSMENT & STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 2020

The risk assessment was reviewed and agreed.

161/19 AGREE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FORMAT

It was agreed to invite a representation from G-UP and next month's parish meeting to follow the Annual Parish Meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

162/19 TO CONFIRM DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on [Tuesday 7 April](#) 2020 start time to be confirmed in the Reading Rooms after the Annual Parish meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Denis Onley

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(Ermington Parish Council Chair)

Date: 7 April 2020

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