

117/14 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

No correspondence for discussion.

118/14 FINANCE

PAYMENTS

- Salary for Caretaker – 17 October – 16 November 2014 (inclusive)	£24.50
- Salary for Clerk – November 2014	£400.00
- SWW – monthly Direct Debit – November 2014	£35.54
- EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – November 2014	£25.00
- Westlake Services – portable appliances testing of electrical equipment in the Parish Rooms	£13.60
- SLCC membership for 2015	£103.00

INCOME

- Fund raising donation for the Ermington Parish Rooms Project (EPP)	£1598.59
- Ermington Players – hiring of Parish Rooms	£22.00

GRANT REQUESTS

- None received.

Treasurer's Account – Balance £54,986.34 as at 13 November 2014
Business Account - Balance £8,376.38 as at 9 September 2014

The Clerk reported that two extension leads had been removed from the Parish Rooms as they had failed their annual Portable Appliance Testing, but the urn, kettle and vacuum cleaner had passed.

During a recent visit by Dart Fire Protection to service the fire extinguisher, it was noted there was no fire logbook. It was agreed that the Clerk purchase a log book at a cost of £7.80 (including VAT).

119/14 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND EVENTS ATTENDED

Super Cluster Meeting, November 2014 – Cllrs Webley and Walsh had attended the meeting. It was noted that maintenance of verges and signs would, because of shortage of funds now need to be dealt with by Parish Councils which would need to be dealt with using funds from Parish Councils' precepts.

It was agreed that an item be placed on the February 2015 agenda to discuss - The Road Warden Scheme by Cllr M Auburn.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 6 January 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Ermington.

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Signed: 
(Ermington Parish Council Chair)

Date: 6 January 2015

115/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (continued)

102/14 (b) = Chapter 8 training is required for those who work on the highways. If there are two people working, the person supervising has to be trained. Clerk to ascertain from D.C.C. Highways the dates of the next training session. **ACTION: Clerk**

105/14/ = School Bus Collection Point - "The Spires" development was near completion and confirmation was required whether the school bus could collect pupils from the entrance to "The Spires", rather than the pupils walking to the village square, as this was a safer option. Cllr Hosking is still pursuing clarification on this suggestion. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

107/14 = DCC/3696/2014 - County Matter Planning Application: South Hams District Council: Restoration of quarry to an Environmental 'Ark' at New England Quarry, Lee Mill, Plymouth, Devon, PL7 5BA. – Cllr Kerslake pointed out that Ermington Parish Council would consider this application when documents were available dealing with the results of the pre-planning consultation.

116/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were discussed and decisions made:-

Application number: [21/2734/14/VAR](#)

Description: Variation of condition 30 (to remove B2 use class) of approval 21/1425/12/F.
Application address: Land to West of Workshops, Church Road, Ermington, Devon, PL21 9NT.

- Cllr Crocker declared an interest

Decision: Support

Application number: [21 27/2754/14/VAR](#)

Description: Variation of condition 2 of approval 21/2161/04/F to allow increase in the total floorspace devoted to the sale of certain goods.
Application address: Endsleigh Garden Centre, Endsleigh, Ivybridge, PL21 9JL

Decision: Objection. The Parish Council's reasons for its decision would be set out in its formal response and be available on the South Hams District Council website.

Application number: [21/2837/14/E](#)

Description: Householder application for replacement garage
Application address: Fernham Barn, Ivybridge Road, Ermington, Ivybridge, PL21 0LG

Decision: No objection

Application number: [21/2899/14/F](#)

Description: Provision of agricultural/equestrian building
Application address: Land at SX6233 5470, Grove Field, Marjery Cross, Ermington, Ivybridge PL21 9JS

Cllr Walsh declared an interest.

Decision: No objection

Application number: [21/2838/14/F & 21/2839/14/AD](#)

Description: Installation of dry cleaning, key cutting, shoe & watch repairs pod to class 1 retail premises
Application address: Tesco Stores Ltd, Central Avenue, Lee Mill, Ivybridge PL21 9PE

Decision: Objection. The Parish Council's reasons for its decision would be set out in its formal response and be available on the South Hams District Council website.

(d) **District and County Councillor Reports (continued)**

District Cllr Holway reported:

The Ivybridge working group is looking at the Neighbourhood Plan, but this will not impinge on Ermington. A local parishioner, Mr Steve Hitch, is also involved in this project and will keep the Council updated.

Asked if any persons had information about fly tipping they should contact him or the Clerk as soon as possible.

TAP fund discussion is taking place with Cllr Webley.

Devon County Council's boundary review is taking place and as a result Councillors will be reduced by two.

Cllrs Hosking, Ward and Holway left the meeting at 8.40 pm.

113/14 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. The Chairman reminded councillors that the judgement on whether or not a declaration was necessary rested with individual councillors and if any councillor judged an interest to be prejudicial or pecuniary that councillor must withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate point and not vote. These requirements were set out in the Council's Standing Orders. No additional "Register of Members' Interest" forms had been received from Councillors since the October 2014 meeting. Cllrs Walsh and Crocker declared interests in planning applications. The declarations are recorded in paragraph 116/14 of these minutes.

114/14 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Ermington Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 November 2014 were confirmed and signed.

115/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

102/14 (b) = A parishioner raised a safety concern on the overgrown hedges on Town Hill and pointed out also that debris had been left on the highway where hedges had been cut back. Cllr Hosking reported that he had discussed this issue with DCC Highways and explained that ownership of the hedges could not be established. No further action would be taken as no safety issues arose.

102/14 (b) = A parishioner asked if a sign could be displayed near Sequers Bridge informing drivers the bridge is narrow. Cllr Hosking had discussed signage with D.C.C. Highways but as there are two bridges in the locality no signs can be installed.

102/14 (b) = A parishioner had enquired about the ownership of the Devon banks near "The Spires" and their maintenance. Also the Incidental Open Space Plan with regard to the removal of sycamore trees and whether the planting arrangements for the Devon banks had been followed. Cllr Holway is still pursuing these queries. **ACTION: Cllr Holway**

102/14 (b) = A parishioner raised concern about the flooding on the A379 between Bunkers Hill and Town Hill. Cllr Hosking will be discussing this issue with D.C.C. Highways during a site meeting scheduled for 9 December 2014. **ACTION Cllr Hosking**

102/14/ (b) = Cllr Hartwell had contacted the police regarding the "Speed Watch Area" initiative and there are a number of requirements. If there are volunteers willing to take part in this scheme the police will deliver the training and cover the insurance. It was agreed that Cllr Hartwell would pursue the initiative. **ACTION: Cllr Hartwell.**

(b) Public Questions (continued)

Cllr Kerslake requested follow up to discussions on Ermington's traffic problems held at the October meeting of the Parish Council. Cllr Hosking stated he would be having a meeting with Nick Colton from D.C.C Highways in the village on 9 December 2014 to assess these issues. Cllr Kerslake suggested that one or two parish councillors be involved in the meeting. Cllr Hosking agreed that this would be useful. A parishioner pointed out that a comprehensive plan had been drawn up and D.C.C Highways had promised to work through this plan to improve traffic through the village. Cllr Hosking was not aware of the plan but would speak to DCC Highways about it. Cllr Hosking agreed to inform the Clerk of the time of the meeting, and the Clerk would inform the Councillors involved. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking/Clerk**

A parishioner asked when the asbestos that had been dumped in Whipples Lane would be removed and what the cost would be to the Council. Cllr Ward will obtain information and action the clearance. Cllr Hosking agreed to find out what can be done to stop incidents like this happening again. A parishioner had also found waste being dumped in Ermington Woods. **ACTION: Cllrs Ward & Hosking**

A parishioner asked what the programme was for clearing out drains, as during the recent wet weather conditions many of the drains had become blocked with debris. Cllr Hosking will discuss the point raised with D.C.C. Highways. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

(c) District and County Councillor Reports

County Councillor Hosking reported:

Devon Library's consultation has been taking place, assessing the future of the Devon Library service. The proposals being put forward recommend that no libraries should close but be required to be more proactive within the communities. Also, for more electronic downloads and Internet cafes to be available in libraries.

District Cllr Ward reported:

In the light of a number of issues being raised, the Council's Economy and Environment Scrutiny Panel has requested that South West Water representatives be invited to attend and respond to member questions at the next Panel meeting on 22 January 2015;

Recent legislative changes have resulted in a requirement for cardboard to now be placed in blue sacks rather than brown bins. If any cardboard does not fit into the sacks, it should be folded and placed alongside instead;

The formal SHDC budget setting process for 2015/16 is to commence at the Executive meeting on 11 December 2014 and will culminate with a set of Budget proposals being presented to the full Council meeting on 12 February 2015;

Neighbourhood Plan – Ermington Parish Council may want to consider it. Cllr Ward will provide some material which may help in that journey.

Sustainable Community Locality Fund – must be applied for and agreed by the end of this month. Information and application form sent to Cllr Ian Walsh for a project but if any others please note the deadline.



ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ermington Parish Council held in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 2 December 2014 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs John Kerslake, Di Webley, Marina Auburn, Tim Auburn, Roy Hartwell,
Ian Walsh, Lesley Crocker and John Bower

Also present: County Councillor R Hosking
District Councillors L Ward and T Holway
T Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners present: 6

Chair: Cllr J Kerslake

111/14 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr G Elliott and PCSO A Potter (Police).

112/14

(a) Police Report

In the absence of PCSO A Potter, the following police report had been received and was read to those present:

Ermington Parish Council Police Report November 2014

Ermington area

28th criminal damage to car, door mirror damaged, enquiries ongoing CR/125942/14

Lee Mill Ind. Est.

1st shoplifting dealt with by way of fixed penalty ticket CR/118947/14

5th shoplifting enquiries ongoing CR/120427/14

23rd shoplifting enquiries ongoing CR/124973/14

29th shoplifting dealt with by way of restorative justice, goods paid for and an apology made
CR/126173/14

(b) Public Questions

A parishioner asked why the police report did not contain information about large lorries that had been reported going through the village. Clerk to speak to PCSO A Potter. **ACTION: Clerk**

A parishioner felt that the planning information signage had been inappropriately located in respect of the plan to relocate the "speed bump" adjacent to "The Spires". Cllr Holway pointed out that the planning information would have been advertised in the local press and it had been discussed at the October meeting of Ermington Parish Council. The parishioner had concerns as the new location of the speed bump would be near his septic tank. Cllr Hosking agreed that the parishioner could write to Devon County Council Planning Department setting out his concerns notwithstanding that the deadline for comments had passed.