

GRANT REQUESTS

Ermington Primary School have two commemorative war memorial plaques of historical value belonging to the village which are sited in the school hall. The school are relocating them to a more prominent position on the external wall of the school building so that they may be more easily viewed by everyone.

To carry out the relocation work a quote for £390.00 + VAT had been received.

Cllr Hosking agreed to forward an application form to the Parish Clerk to apply for funding from his Locality Budget. 50% of the cost was being sought as Ermington Village Fund had agreed to pay the balance. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

Clerk advised Councillors that due to current estimated usage and prices including VAT the direct debit to edf will be £25.00 commencing on 13 November 2014.

Treasurer's Account – Balance £50,900.49 as at 15 October 2014

Business Account - Balance £8,376.38 as at 9 September 2014

100/14 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND EVENTS ATTENDED

Annual Parish Paths Partnership Autumn Workshop, 14 October 2014 - Cllr M Auburn attended the workshop. Training was received to assist the parish audit. The Road Warden Scheme was raised as there is no money available from County Council, which needed to be explored further. To be placed on the December 2014 agenda.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The monthly Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 2 December 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Ermington.

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed: .....
(Ermington Parish Council Chair)

Date: 2 December 2014

107/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Continued)

DCC/3707/2014 – Construction of public recycling centre at Land east of Ermington Road, Ivybridge, Devon.
Details at www.devon.gov.uk/environmentalplanning.

It was agreed that the plans did not address the issues already raised by Ermington Parish Council during the pre-application consultation and further action was agreed as set out in **102/14 b** above.

108/14 CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION AND TO NOTE

Correspondence for discussion:-

e-mail from D.C.C. 22/10/2014

The following scheme will be advertised in the South Hams Gazette on 24/10/2014.

Section 90A - Highways Act 1980 -Traffic Calming - CHURCH ROAD, ERMINGTON - SCHEDULE OF ROAD HUMP LOCATION - Devon County Council propose to construct a round topped speed hump, 3.7 metres long, 4.5 metres wide, 75mm high, to be relocated 14 meters from the centre of the junction of Pinwill Crescent (5 metres north west of its current location).

A plan can be requested by emailing toserve@devon.gov.uk, or may be seen in the main reception area at Ivybridge Library from 24th October 2014 until 14th November 2014 – at the following times - Mon 9am – 6pm, Tues 9am – 5pm, Thurs 9am - 6pm, Fri 9am – 5pm and Sat 9am – 1pm. Objections and other comments specifying the proposal and the grounds on which they are made must be in writing to the address below or sent to toserve@devon.gov.uk to arrive no later than 14th November 2014. If a submission is made, the points contributed will form part of a public record which may be made publicly available.

Reference JJ-B11133County Solicitor, Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QD

No issues raised.

e-mail from Probation Support Officer, Dorset, Devon and Cornwall CRC 21/10/2014 – offering their services to maintain grounds as they have recently acquired new mowers and strimmers. "Given the financial constraints currently being imposed on all council organizations to strive to cut costs on services you may feel this offer would be advantageous to you".

It was agreed that in view of the rates being put forward for this service there would be no benefit to Ermington Parish Council to use it.

109/14 FINANCE

(a) Approval of Payments

- Salary for Caretaker – 17 September – 16 October 2014 (inclusive)	£17.50
- Salary for Clerk – October 2014	£409.20
- SWW – monthly Direct Debit – October 2014	£35.54
- EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – October 2014	£20.00

(b) Income

- Ermington Fun Run donation for the Parish Rooms Project, Ermington	£325.00
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(EPP – Denotes Ermington Parish Projects)

105/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (Continued)

e-mail from a parishioner dated 27/09/2014, suggesting that the Parish Council propose a one way system between the top of Bunkers Hill to Erme Park with the traffic flowing only in that direction. This would have the following advantages:

- a) There would be more allowance for street parking
- b) This would reduce the number of large vehicles going through the village because they would not be able to negotiate the right hand turn at the top of Bunkers Hill
- c) Any entrance to the Village Hall development, either in Honey's Field or the playing field, would have a better chance of passing planning because traffic would be passing in one direction only. This could eliminate the need for lengthy visibility splays in both directions.
- d) Safer for schoolchildren and pedestrians.

It was hoped the Parish, District/County Councillors and the Police would feel that this plan would be advantageous to the village and was worthy of consideration.

Cllr Hosking stated that the routes in and out of Ermington have been looked at for many years but the view was that what is current discourages speeding through the village.

The 7.5 ton restriction was raised with Cllr Hosking as this limit was not being enforced effectively. Cllr Hosking agreed to look at the signage arrangements for the Ivybridge end of the restriction. It was suggested that the police be invited to write to companies on the Trading Estate to remind them of the restriction.

ACTION: Clerk/Cllr Hosking

091/14 (b) Broadband – Cllr Holway reported that the high-speed broadband 2016 is on schedule. Cllr Hosking stated that D.C.C. is looking at other technologies where particular difficulties existed.

091/14 (b) School Bus Collection Point - "The Spires" development was near completion and confirmation was required whether the school bus could collect pupils from entrance to "The Spires" rather than the pupils walking to the village square as this was a safer option. Cllr Hosking agreed to look into this suggestion.

ACTION: Cllr Hosking

096/14 Casual Vacancy – Clerk to produce a notice and distribute. The closing date for applications to be Monday 15 December 2014. **ACTION: Clerk**

106/14 PARISH ROOMS/HONEY'S FIELD

Cllr Kerslake reported that the proposals were continuing to be reviewed and parishioners would be consulted if the Parish Council wanted to make any radical changes.

107/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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. Application details can be found at: <http://www.devon.gov.uk/appref?id=4308&date=2014-09>

Cllr Walsh declared an interest.

The application will not go to the Planning Committee until late January 2015, giving time for the statutory pre-application consultation to take place. That consultation would last 3 weeks. DCC would invite comments on actual planning application when the results of the pre-application consultation were available. It was agreed therefore that detailed discussion would take place at a future meeting. In the meantime councillors and parishioners were encouraged to visit the site. As part of the pre-application process it was agreed that the applicant be invited to explain why there was no documentation in the planning application dealing with the historic and cultural heritage aspects of the proposal. It was also agreed that DCC be asked to provide copies of the responses to the application made by parish councils, Dartmoor National Park, South Hams AONB and Natural England **ACTION: Clerk**



(c) District and County Councillor Reports (Continued)

District Cllr Ward reported:

5. HERCULES PROJECT

EU funded. UK is one of nine states. International Research project in to the cultural values placed on landscapes on them Academics from across Europe descending. This area has been selected as the UK study area.

6. Erme Remind Shared Reading Project every Thursday 10.30 to 12 noon in Modbury Pavilion, for people with memory loss and carers from all parishes involved.

District Cllr Holway reported:

South Hams and West Devon have decided to replace their top three jobs with 2 employees. One person has been appointed and the second post is being advertised.

Cllr Holway reminded Councillors that ideas for TAP funding are required by the end of December 2014.

Cllr Webley suggested one idea could be to purchase tools for the Lengthsman and asked if Cllr Holway would support her idea. Cllr Holway agreed he would support this idea.

Cllr Holway pointed out there was £600 available in the Locality Fund. Cllr Walsh enquired if this could be used to help with the publication of the Old Ermington Book. Cllr Holway confirmed this could be used for the publication but not any expenditure relating to the book being prepared for publication. Cllr Holway asked if Cllr Walsh could e-mail him the information. **ACTION: Cllr Walsh**

Cllrs Hosking, Ward and Holway left the meeting at 9.00 pm.

103/14 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 such declarations were made and no additional "Register of Members' Interest" forms had been received from Councillors since the October 2014 meeting.

104/14 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Ermington Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 October 2014 were confirmed and signed.

105/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

09/14 (b) e-mail from a parishioner dated 15/09/2014, suggesting that the Parish Council give consideration to ways of making the road from The Spires entrance to the centre of the village safer. Suggestion was to put in place a similar scheme to Yelverton, where a white line marked for pedestrians to walk within on one of their busy narrow roads, discouraged cars from getting too close.

The parishioner's request was discussed during the meeting on 4 November 2014 and not the October 2014 meeting as previously agreed. The reason for this was County Councillor Hosking was unable to attend the October meeting and Councillors wished to discuss the parishioner's request with him.

*County Councillor Hosking reported that he had spoken with Devon County Highways who had said that virtual footways were not authorised for use by the DFT and therefore cannot/should not be used in Devon. At present there was no alternative to what is in situ already. It was agreed that the Clerk would inform the parishioner. **ACTION: Clerk***

(b) Public Questions (continued)

A parishioner asked if signs could be displayed near Sequers Bridge informing drivers the bridge is narrow. Cllr Hosking will discuss this with Devon County Highways. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

A parishioner who had enquired about the ownership of the Devon banks near "The Spires" and expressed concern that the banks may not be maintained, thanked Cllr Holway for obtaining some information. The parishioner also raised issues about 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. **ACTION: Cllr Holway**

A parishioner raised concern about the flooding on the A379 between Bunkers Hill and Town Hill. Cllr Hosking and Devon County Highways were aware of the problem, and are looking into it. **ACTION Cllr Hosking**

A parishioner was concerned about the speed of traffic on the A379. Cllr Hartwell suggested organising a group of volunteers to monitor speed and for signs to be placed around the village informing drivers that it was a "Speed Watch Area". Cllr Hartwell had done some research on this scheme which had been used in other towns and villages. It was agreed that Cllr Hartwell would investigate this idea further. **ACTION: Cllr Hartwell**

(c) District and County Councillor Reports

County Councillor Hosking reported:

On the debate about county infrastructure and the need to dual the A30 and A303 and a secondary rail route as an alternative to Dawlish.

Cllr Webley asked if there were any further Chapter 8 courses being held this year. Cllr Hosking replied that there would be courses available next year. Cllr Webley enquired whether this training was essential when appointing a Lengthsman. Cllr Hosking would ascertain whether this training was required. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

District Cllr Ward reported:

1. A Super Cluster meeting has been arranged to take place at 6.30pm at Follaton House, Totnes, on Wednesday, 26 November 2014. The agenda for this meeting will be circulated in due course, but will include a DCC Budget Update from Cllr John Hart;
2. In accordance with the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, the press and public are now able to film and to report, using social media (including blogging or tweeting), public meetings of Town and Parish Councils;
3. At its meeting on 2 October 2014, the Council supported a motion which called on the Secretary of State for Transport and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to support the future economic resilience of the South West Peninsula by investing in improved strategic road and rail transport links;
4. The Council has also supported the convening of a joint Member and Officer Group to examine and analyse the issue of house building numbers in the South Hams, so that members of the public can see how the level of house building in the South Hams has been calculated;

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs John Kerslake, Di Webley, Marina Auburn, Roy Hartwell, Ian Walsh,
Grant Elliott, 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

101/14 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr T Auburn and PCSO A Potter (Police).

102/14

(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 Oct 2014

Ermington area

Overnight 1st / 2nd damage caused to mirrors of plant machinery on a building site [CR/111277/14]

7th common assault, enquiries ongoing [CR/113668/14]

8th nuisance telephone call [CR/113037/14]

8th theft of an item of jewellery [CR/113067/14]

Lee Mill Industrial Estate

14th nuisance telephone call [CR/114443/14]

28th shoplifting, offender arrested and charged [CR/118029/14]

(b) Public Questions

A parishioner raised concerns regarding parking and traffic issues arising from the proposed re-siting of the Ivybridge Recycling Centre, in particular the potential problems arising from the position of the proposed entrance to the new site opposite the Ivybridge Tennis Club entrance. The parishioner wished to stress, however, that he was not against the planning application. Cllr Kerslake stated that Councillors had raised similar concerns in a letter to DCC. Cllr Crocker agreed to draft a letter to DCC re-emphasising Ermington Parish Council's concerns and incorporating the parishioner's comments. **ACTION: Cllr Crocker.**

A parishioner raised a safety concern on the overgrown hedges on Town Hill. He had spoken to a representative of Devon County Highways, but no action had yet been taken. The parishioner also pointed out that debris had been left on the highway where hedges had been cut back. Cllr Hosking responded that work had been done on cutting back the hedges and could only apologise if debris had been left behind. Cllr Hosking will discuss this with Highways. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**