

**089/14      CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE 8 JULY 2014**

10 July 2014 – correspondence from a parishioner living in Penquit regarding antisocial behaviour and damage to his property by car drivers – information circulated at the meeting. It was **resolved** for the Clerk to liaise with PCSO A Pottor to find out if there were any solutions.      **Action: Clerk**

10 July 2014 – Parishioner's request for access at the corner where The Spires meets "Talata". This would enable safer access to the pathway to the playing field rather than walking along the road to the main entrance to The Spires. It was **resolved** Cllr Kerslake to respond, as there are issues with the access suggested.      **Action: Cllr Kerslake**

31 July 2014 – letter and photographs regarding an incident involving a parishioner at Ludbrook Cross. Letter contains recommendations on how to make the "T" Junction safer. Cllr L Ward was also sent the information and has been liaising with County Cllr R Hosking. Discussion are now taking place with Highways.

e-mail from S.H.D.C. – 14/08/2014 = Issue 3 of Our Plan Latest News. The edition looks at what land might be available for development and how sites are being considered for potential development in the future. The information does not make any decision about where development will or will not go. It was **resolved** Cllr Elliott to draft a response and circulate to Councillors.      **Action: Cllr Elliott**

e-mail from S.H.D.C. – 20/08/2014 = South Hams Town and Parish Voice - TAP funding applications to be submitted by 1630 hours on Wednesday 31 December 2014. It was **resolved** Cllr Webley and Walsh to action.      **Action: Cllr Webley and Walsh**

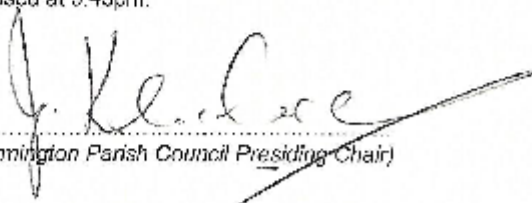
e-mail from S.H.D.C. – 22/08/2014 = email address of the current Chairperson and one other nominated Parish Councillor required to forward future e-newsletters and broaden the exposure into the wider community. It was **resolved** for the Clerk to submit e-mail addresses of Cllrs Crocker and M Auburn.      **Action: Clerk**

e-mail from S.H.D.C. – 26/08/2014 = Town and Parish Our Plan Workshop takes place on Friday 19 September 2014 at Follaton House. The workshop will focus on the options for growth, including type and location and the role of neighbourhood planning. It was **resolved** for the Clerk to submit Cllrs Webley and Walsh as attendees.      **Action: Clerk**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The monthly Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 7 October 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Errington.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed:   
(Errington Parish Council Presiding Chair)

Date: 7 October 2014

087/14 FINANCE

(a) **Approval of Payments**

The following expenditure was discussed and agreed to be paid:-

- Salary for Caretaker – 17 July – 16 August 2014 (inclusive)	£21.00
- Salary for Clerk – July & August 2014	£775.60
- Hedges & Lawns (N C Wooderson) – grass-cutting of playing field next to the Church – 16/08/14	£47.50
- SWW – monthly Direct Debit – July 2014	£35.54
- SWW – monthly Direct Debit – August 2014	£35.54
- EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit - July 2014	£20.00
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**Retrospective Payments**

- Hedges & Lawns (N C Wooderson) – grass-cutting of playing field next to the Church – 16/08/14	£47.50
- Errington Parish web site domain payment – reimbursement to clerk	£69.22
- Salary for Caretaker – 17 June – 16 July 2014 (inclusive)	£24.50
- Cllr D Webley – reimbursement for poppy wreath for the rededication service of War Memorial	£22.44

(b) **Income**

- None

(Nil – Denree Errington Parish Projects)

(c) **Grants**

Ivybridge & District Community Transport Association - consideration was given to a support request for a grant from Ivybridge & District Community Transport Association, which a number of Errington parishioners make use of.

It was resolved to approve a grant of £100 to the Ivybridge & District Community Association.

Treasurer's Account – Balance £46,365.87 as at 14 August 2014  
Business Account - Balance £8,375.33 as at 9 June 2014

088/14 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND EVENTS ATTENDED

Let's Talk Renewables! – Cllr Elliott and Hartwell attended the event on Friday 11 July 2014. Cllr Elliott had circulated the slides from the event and had details of the workshop that he had participated in on the day for Councillors to view.

Lengthsman - £700 has been granted from the TAP. Cllr Webley circulated a draft copy of an article which could be submitted to the Parish Magazine to explain the role of a Parish Lengthsman. It was resolved that Cllr Webley would submit the article.  
**Action: Cllr Webley**

**085/14      MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

035/14 Emergency Planning – Cllr Hartwell will be submitting an article for the Parish Magazine regarding useful ideas to be taken in the event of a power cut. **Action: Cllr Hartwell**

021/14 Old Ermington Book - Cllr Walsh reported that there was no significant progress to report, but research is continuing.

069/14 Options for the seasonal closure of the public toilet facilities at Ermington – various options and costs received from S.H.D.C. were discussed. Cllr Webley suggested Option 5 – Cleaning Transfer (4 months) where the Parish Council provides a cleaning service for the seasonal closure period and makes a small contribution towards other facility costs. The District Council would continue to maintain and manage the building and their liabilities, pay utility costs and provide cleaning materials. The Parish Council would provide a person to clean the toilets. The contribution required for Ermington 2014/15 is £61 – it was resolved that Cllr Webley would confirm Option 5 with S.H.D.C. **Action: Cllr Webley**

Purchase of Honey's Field – this item on the agenda was not discussed due to the resignation of Cllr Hughes.

**086/14      PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application number: 49/2133/14/F

Description: Installation of ground-mounted solar array (total site area 33.6ha), estimated output of 14 megawatt, and associated infrastructure, including electrical inverter and transformer cabins, switchgear and meter house, access tracks, fencing, CCTV and landscape planting

Application address: Proposed Solar Array at SX559 587, Hemerdon, Plympton

**Points.**

1. No habitat issues
2. No water/drainage issues
3. No noise issues
4. No significant construction access issues
5. Visual Impact.
  - a. On the face of it nothing significant. Appears to be no intervisibility with DNP and they will no doubt comment in due course. (para 6.103 of D and A Statement)
  - b. Good screening proposed by planting
  - c. Community consultation good. Results promising overall. 33 people attended exhibition at Hemerdon Village Hall. Response to feedback forms (17) indicated that 65% were in agreement with 29% having no opinion. Only 1 disagree and 1 strongly disagree.
6. Proximity to industrial activity improves its suitability as a site i.e. Hemerdon Mine and area of former china clay mining.

**Potential Issues**

7. This is an important archaeological landscape with numerous nationally-significant scheduled monuments in the area. The application does not contain a geophysical survey as requested by the Archaeologist for Devon (Historic Environment Service,) who as a result has objected to the proposal if the report is not submitted.
8. The National Grid has National Grid Transmission Assets close to the proposed site and have asked for a detailed assessment from their Asset Protection Team.

**Conclusion**

No objection subject to:

1. The Devon Archeological Officer's concerns being addressed to his satisfaction, and
2. The requirements of the National Grid set out in its letter to SHDC dated 21 August 2014 being satisfactorily addressed.



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

District Councillor Lindsay Ward

1. South Hams District Council has a new mobile website. Anyone accessing the Council website ([www.southhams.gov.uk](http://www.southhams.gov.uk)) from a mobile device will automatically be directed to the new mobile homepage. This will allow residents to make payments and report things when out and about. Feedback on the new mobile site is welcomed via: [feedback@swdevon.gov.uk](mailto:feedback@swdevon.gov.uk); Copy sent to the Parish newsletter.

2. Two critical consultations....

- (a) South Hams District Council is preparing a Green Infrastructure Plan to ensure there continues to be a strong network of high quality green spaces across the South Hams. This will be available until September 30 2014 and the results of the survey will help to inform the projects within the Green Infrastructure Plan. Survey. Here is the link for the survey - <http://www.southhams.gov.uk/greeninfrastructure>

It was **resolved** that Cllr Elliott would coordinate a parish council response to SHDC consultation on their Green Infrastructure Plan.

**Action: Cllr Elliott**

- (b) Considering Sites for development - This exercise looks at what sites might have potential for future development in the District. However, it doesn't make any decisions about where development will or will not go. Further consideration will be given to this through the preparation of Our Plan. There are no sites listed for Ermington Parish, but there are sites listed under Ivybridge, which are in Ermington parish and one close to the parish - you should review as a parish council, but note the sites in EP are not judged to be suitable. You can find out more about this on the following link which also has on the right hand side a copy of the response form. The deadline says 12th September but I have asked for an extension which has been granted for early October and confirmation will be sent to clerks. <http://www.southhams.gov.uk/siteassessment>

3. How planning decisions get made/"criteria for planning decisions to go to committee" - I suggest inviting Malcolm Elliot to your next meeting to discuss this. Happy to facilitate that for you.

District Cllr Holway reported:

No additional information to add to Cllr Ward's report.

County and District Councillors left the meeting at 8.30 pm.

**082/14 APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Cllr John Bower and PCSO A Potter (Police).

**083/14 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.

Cllr Elliot has informed S.H.D.C. requesting removal of his membership to the "South Hams Opposes Unwanted Wind Turbines" (SHOUWT), as he is no longer a member.

**084/14 TO CONFIRM MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of Ermington Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 July 2014 were confirmed and signed.

**(b) Public Questions**

A parishioner drew the Council's attention to a letter he had sent to the Chairman regarding various issues relating to traffic speed, overgrown hedges and erosion of the river bank. The letter had not been seen by councillors and a copy was provided so that the points could be addressed fully and action taken where possible. **Action: Clerk.** Councillor Hosking (District Councillor) subsequently agreed at the meeting to take matters up with the Highways team. **Action: Cllr Hosking**

A number of parishioners raised concerns about parking arrangements for the Parish Rooms. Concern was expressed about the planning objections to using Honey's field for parking and the resulting impact on the marketability of the Parish Rooms. Cllr Kerslake said that the problem was well known and solutions to parking issues for the Parish Rooms were being considered. This raised the question of the location of a village hall. A related issue was traffic and speed through the village as well as parking generally. The meeting was provided with some background on previous proposals for the siting of a village hall and the objections to it. In response to a question Cllr Kerslake said that the sale of Honey's field to the Parish Council had not yet been completed. He was not aware of any covenants that would prevent the Parish Council carrying forward its plans and said that if there were any major restrictions then this would have an impact on whether or not the Parish Council continued with the purchase. A small group of parishioners present volunteered to undertake a parish consultation on these problems and details of volunteers were taken for further consideration.

Cllr Ward undertook to provide details of a contact who was familiar with the development of the plans and construction of the QE2 Pavilion in Modbury. The contact could provide useful advice based on Modbury's experience.

A parishioner who had assisted with IAP funding for a joint project with Ugborough for IT training for seniors, asked for information on progress of the project. The Clerk agreed to contact her colleague in Ugborough Parish Council to obtain an update. **Action: Clerk**

**(c) District and County Councillor Reports**

County Cllr Hosking

Had received two conflicting pieces of information concerning the speed humps on the approach to Ermington, but could confirm the speed hump near the entrance to The Spires would be repositioned and painted.

Two funds of £10,000 were available for investment purposes for Parish Councils, if there were any projects deemed appropriate.

## ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

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

**Parishioners present:** 12

**Apologies:** Cllr M Auburn,  
PCSO A Potter (Police)

**Chair:** Cllr J Kerslake

Cllr Hughes welcomed everyone to the meeting but, prior to its commencement, stated that she had tendered her resignation both as Chairman and as a councillor of Ermington Parish Council. Cllr Hughes stated that she had been honoured to serve the community for the past eight years, firstly as a councillor, then as Vice-Chairman and most recently as Chairman. She had enjoyed helping the Council to become an active body in which all members of the community could participate. Cllr Hughes wished the Council continuing success.

The Chairmanship of the meeting was then taken over by Cllr Kerslake, Vice-Chairman who introduced himself to those present.

A parishioner wished to express their vote of thanks for all Cllr Hughes hard work during her time as a Councillor.

**081/14**

**(a) Police Report**

Apologies received from PCSO A Potter, but the following police report for August 2014 had been received:

**Ermington**  
No reported crime

**Lee Mill Ind. Est.**

5th minor assault, offender received a caution [CR/095766/14]  
6th theft of fuel, drove off without making payment, enquiries ongoing [CR/096064]  
13th shoplifting, enquiries ongoing [CR/099716/14]  
16th shoplifting, enquiries ongoing [CR/098794/14].  
22nd theft of fuel, drive off without making payment, enquiries ongoing [CR/096064]  
25th shoplifting, offender charged [CR/101497/14]

A report from the traffic department – a driver of a 14 tonne lorry was reported at Ermington for contravening the 7.5 tonne limit, and they have stated they will pay further attention to the area when commitments allow.