

# ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Ermington Parish Council Meeting held remotely on Zoom due to the Coronavirus pandemic  
On 4 August 2020 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Denis Onley (Chair), Claire Cross, John Dunlop, Stephen Yates and Ian Creese  
County Councillor Richard Hosking (*from 8.27 pm to 8.40 pm*)  
District Councillor Tom Holway (*from 7.30 pm to 8.00 pm*)  
Teresa Drew (Parish Clerk)

**Parishioners/Visitor:** 0

Cllr Denis Onley welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Cllr Stephen Yates, who confirmed he had completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prior to the meeting.

Cllr Onley sadly reported parishioner Mr Tempest, passed away recently. Mr Tempest was for many years the village chimney sweep and affectionately known as "Sooty". He will be sadly missed by many who knew him through his work, and support for village businesses and community events. The Parish Council send their condolences to the family.

**040/2020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None**

**041/2020 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST(S) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA**

Cllr Onley and Creese – Devon Air Ambulance agenda item 13.

**042/2020 VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS**

There are currently five vacancies.

The notice advertising the vacancies can be seen on parish noticeboards and parish website.

**043/2020 REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOSKING, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS**

The following emailed reports was received from Cllr Hosking:

1. The most recent revision of the bus timetable for the area is accessible on the following link  
[http://www.devonbustimetables.info/south\\_hams\\_new/](http://www.devonbustimetables.info/south_hams_new/)
2. The Devon County Council outturn is showing a small Revenue surplus of £33,000. This is a very satisfactory result for a challenging period of account, and we all hope this will continue to the end of the financial year.
3. A link is provide below to the Devon County Council Local Outbreak Management Plan that will become operational in the event of an identified outbreak of Coronavirus.  
<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/lomp/>  
I am in the process of ensuring that contact information with local volunteers is up to date to assist a two way flow of information if required.  
Devon has been very fortunate to date in that the number of reported cases has been low and we hope to keep it that way. Compulsory wearing of masks in shops and supermarkets was introduced on 24th July.
4. There has been a greenlight for many categories of business to reopen through July and into August. A new package of financial measures designed to maintain as much employment as possible and kick start the economy has been announced by the Chancellor and all businesses are recommended to consult new guidance released on the now familiar websites.
5. The first Devon County Council virtual meeting was held on 23rd July and highlighted to me the weaknesses of an internet dependent system. I eventually joined the meeting fifty minutes after the start due to connectivity issues.
6. Details are now emerging concerning a return to school for all pupils in September and all parents and children should receive guidance in good time.

**043/2020 REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOSKING, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS (Continued)**

7. My enquiries with Highways revealed that the Traffic calming measures in Ermington including the speed hump on Bunkers Hill were confirmed as satisfactory relatively recently and additional infrastructure will not therefore be supported at this time.
8. Pleased to confirm that subject to clearance at County Hall I have supported the Lockdown Learning Project with a grant of £500.00.
9. I hope you are all keeping well.
10. Happy to answer any questions by e-mail.

*027/20 Blocked drains on the left-hand side of Town Hill and Chapel Street. Grate to be removed to assess the situation. **Ongoing***

*027/20 River Erme erosion A3121 - aerial survey is due, when completed an assessment of movement of riverbank will be confirmed. **Ongoing***

*027/20 Playing field application to be a Village Green. Cllr Hosking awaiting decision from Devon County Council Solicitor. **Ongoing***

*027/20 Flooding Westlake – Cllr Hosking to discuss with Nick Colton, DCC Highways. **Ongoing***

*027/20 Drainage work on the road from Ermington to Sheephams needs to be assessed. Cllr Hosking is discussing the situation with Nick Colton, DCC Highways. **Ongoing***

**044/2020 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TOM HOLWAY, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS**

The pool and gym at Ivybridge Leisure Centre is open. There will be no additional central government funding for leisure centres. Therefore, SHDC would support Fusion until the end of September.

SHDC recovery meetings have taken place, a lot of businesses/people will need help in the future to recover from the pandemic. If anyone has any idea please contact Cllr Holway.

Climate Change – SHDC are looking for ideas.

*028/20 Footpath to be reinstated around the playing field which is owned by SHDC. **Ongoing***

**045/2020 OPEN FORUM - QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PARISH COUNCILLORS, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Onley asked Cllr Hosking about the Devon County Council full fibre broadband roll out to rural areas to include Ermington. There is a need to support parishioners (many who are now working from home) and are experiencing issues with broadband speed and cut outs. Cllr Hosking stated there is a need to provide broadband to those who currently do not have it, but he will do what he can.

Cllr Hosking has Locality Grant money available, if the Parish Council wishes to apply for a grant for a specific purpose. Resolved the Clerk to apply to Cllr Hosking for a £2,500 DCC grant towards picnic benches for the playing field. **ACTION: Clerk**

Councillors discussed with Cllr Hosking about the speed of traffic through the village. Cllr Hosking stressed that there is very little prospect of any future work on roads in and around the village. Cllr Onley asked if any of the new Government funding for Devon County Council was being put towards 'pedestrians and cyclists at the heart of their transport policy. If this was the case could it be directed to create a safe footpath and cycleway between Ermington and Ivybridge to enable a healthy alternative for children to get to school? Cllr Hosking thought, if a project is devised and presented to the Devon Council it may be supported. It was resolved Cllr Yates will assess the idea. **ACTION: Cllr Yates**

## **046/2020 READING ROOMS**

Three quotes to be obtained for deep cleaning of Reading Rooms. Resolved Cllr Cross to obtain quotes. **ACTION: Cllr Cross**

Toilet door and bucket tap issues need to be addressed. Resolved Cllr Creese to address. **ACTION: Cllrs Creese**

Discussion ensued on the future of the Reading Rooms, further discussion to take place at the next Parish Council meeting.

## **047/2020 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of Ermington Parish Council meeting held on 7 July 2020 (as previously circulated) were agreed and would be signed by the Chair.

## **048/2020 PLANNING**

*To comply with consultation time limits, planning applications received after agenda publication may be considered at the meeting and any recommendations ratified at the subsequent meeting.*

Reference: 2114/20/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application for alterations to design undertaken during construction and for provision of heritage style garage and extension to curtilage

Site Address: The Shippen, Cowsberry Farm, Cowsberry Farm, Burraton, PL21 9JZ

Recommendation: Support

Reference: 2117/20/FUL

Proposal: Provision of temporary agricultural dwelling (mobile home)

Site Address: West Hill Top Farm, Land At Sx613 534, Ivybridge, PL21 9GU

Recommendation: No comment

Reference 2072/20/TCA – *information sent to Parish Tree Warden who supported application:*

Application Type Works to a Tree in a Con Area Applicant Name Mr and Mrs Baggaley, Toll Cottage Totnes Road Ermington PL21 9NW T1: Sycamore - Fell due to low amenity value

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1424/20/HHO Ermington LOCATION: The Croft Penquit PL21 0LU

PROPOSAL: Householder application for retention of provision for garage and ancillary accommodation at ground and first floor following previously approved application 1942/17/FUL

DECISION: Conditional Approval

### **Planning Decisions:**

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1447/20/HHO 201447 Ermington and Ugborough

LOCATION: Russets Westlake PL21 9JT

PROPOSAL: Householder application for proposed extensions and alterations to dwelling

DECISION: Withdrawn

APPLICATION NUMBER: 0927/20/FUL Ermington LOCATION: Barn At Sx 616 531 Burraton Ermington PL21 9JZ

PROPOSAL: Retrospective application for conversion of agricultural building to residential dwelling (alterations to approval 2725/19/PDM) including alterations to design, extension to residential curtilage and provision of garage

DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1531/20/FUL Ermington

LOCATION: Land at SX 616 557 Hunsdon Road Ivybridge

PROPOSAL: Provision of general purpose agricultural building

DECISION: Conditional Approval

**049/2020 FINANCE**

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

Description	Gross	VAT	Nett
Clerk's Salary - July 2020	£556.36	-	-
EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – July 2020	£24.00	£1.20	£22.80
DB Computer Repairs – Ermington Parish Council laptop annual health check	£60.00	-	-
Reimbursement to Clerk - 12 x 1 <sup>st</sup> class stamps	£9.12	-	-
db Computer Repairs – update to website June and July 2020	£60.00	-	-
Reimbursement to Clerk – HostGator \$128.88 (£99.55 plus £2.98 sterling transaction fee) Hatchling plan which supports hosting for one domain name	£102.53	-	-

RECEIPT(S) - None

GRANT REQUEST(S) - None

<b>Bank Reconciliations</b>		
<b>Treasurers Account: Balance per bank statement as at 15/07/2020</b>		<b>£65,908.55</b>
LESS: any un-presented cheques (negative numbers)		
	001356 -£100.00	
	001363 -£175.00	
	001369 -£250.00	
	001371 -£1,200.00	
	001376 -£500.00	
	001377 -£50.00	
	001378 -£16.20	
		-£2,291.20
PLUS: any un-banked cash/cheques	N/A £0.00	£0.00
<b>Business Account: Balance per bank statement as at 09/06/2020</b>		<b>£45,914.57</b>
		<b>Total = £109,531.92</b>

Resolved to share the cost of annual Zoom package with Holbeton Parish Council.

**050/2020 A3121 SAFER ROADS IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE ON WORKS – Cllr Onley**

The following planning application was discussed but had not been placed on the agenda. Due to it arriving after the agenda had been issued. 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 the Tuesday 1 September 2020 Parish Council Meeting agenda for ratification.

Reference: 2285/20/HRN

Proposal: Application for hedgerow removal notice to remove 219.1m of hedgerow to enable reconfiguration of road junctions to improve road safety

Site Address: Four Sections of Hedgerow Bordering A3121, East and West of Modbury Cross, Ermington

Recommendation: Support

**051/2020 PARISH FOOTPATHS & CYCLING ROUTES**

Cllr Yates agreed to be the parish council contact for parish footpaths, cycling routes and Devon County Council P3.

Cllr Onley will send contact details of a parishioner who is working on a plan to link up parish footpaths. In addition the Clerk will send communication, in connection with the Higher Keaton to Fernham footpath which has been removed from maps. **ACTION: Cllr Onley/Clerk**

## 052/2020 REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

- a) Churchyard Committee – no meetings are currently taking place. **Cllr Dunlop**
- b) Ermington Park - Tree planting & play equipment - work will commence in the winter. **Cllr Cross**
- c) Climate Change – **Cllr Cross**
- d) Road Warden Scheme – 27 & 28 August training will take place. PPE has been purchased. Resolved Cllr Creese will be reimbursed for the cost of PPE. **Cllr Creese**
- e) Devon Air Ambulance Night Site, Ermington Playing Field – work to provide an electricity supply will commence on Thursday 6 August. The contractor will access through Pinwell Crescent, Cllr Dunlop will advise residents of “The Spires”. **Cllrs Onley/Dunlop**
- f) In preparation of opening Reading Rooms for hiring, a risk assessment has been carried out and sent to insurance company for comments. **Cllr Dunlop**

## 053/2020 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Cllr Holway - RSN Rural Funding Digest - July 2020 Edition  
SHDC - South Hams Council News  
Devon Communities Together - Latest Covid-19 Updates and Resources from Devon Communities Together  
SHDC - South Hams and West Devon Councils Business Update  
SHDC - South Hams – Open to Careful Visitors  
SHDC - Facebook request to Towns and Parishes across the South Hams  
DCC - Message to Road Wardens  
Cllr Hosking - COVID-19 Bulletin: 17 July 2020  
South Hams CVS - South Hams CVS Snippets Newsletter July  
DCC - 30 hours funded childcare  
Cllr Holway - National and Local Drug Alert 24072020  
Cllr Holway - Update from Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust  
SHDC - Reopening of Leisure in South Hams  
Devon Communities Together - Your LOVE Devon update  
Nick Colton DCC - Drainage Data  
SHDC - WARNING - Cold-calling tree surgeons targeting vulnerable residents  
DCC - Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Summer Newsletter 2020  
Email from Parishioner - Reading Rooms Band Practice  
Devon & Cornwall Police - Doorstep Callers - South Devon 30/07/2020 09:45:13 [332559]  
DCC - Devon ranks among the lowest for COVID-19 cases, our heath visitors lead the way nationally and support as shielding pauses  
SHDC - District Council Provides Support for Leisure Provider  
SHDC - Don't Lose Your Chance to Vote in 2021  
Email from a visitor to Ermington - Village Speed – Cllr Hosking was made aware of the concerns raised.  
Email from parishioner - Road safety – Cllr Hosking stated the police report will need to be read before feedback can be given.

## 054/2020 TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting to be held remotely on Zoom due to the Coronavirus pandemic will take place on [Tuesday 1 September 2020](#) at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

*Denis Onley*

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(Ermington Parish Council Chair)

Date: 1 September 2020

**Agenda and minutes can be viewed on the Ermington Parish website**

<http://www.ermingtonparish.com/parish-council/archives>

To report issues to the local Police. Members of the public who have a non-urgent matter to bring to the attention of their Local Policing Team, the easiest way of contacting them is

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/your-area/teams/lvybridge/Overview>

or the contact form: <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/your-area/teams/lvybridge/Contact>

To report highway issues - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

Devon road works completed, current and future - <https://apps1.wdm.co.uk/Live/Devon/PBLC/PIP/Map.aspx?cg=sws>