

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Ermington Parish Council Meeting held remotely on Zoom due to the Coronavirus Pandemic On 1 September 2020 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Denis Onley (Chair), John Dunlop, Stephen Yates and Ian Creese
County Councillor Richard Hosking (*from 8.40 pm to 9.00 pm*)
District Councillor Tom Holway (*from 7.30 pm to 8.00 pm*)
Teresa Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners/Visitor: 0

055/2020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Claire Cross

056/2020 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST(S) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA

Cllr Onley and Creese – agenda item 13 (f)

057/2020 VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

There are currently five vacancies.

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

058/2020 REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOSKING, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS

Cllr Hosking has received information from a parishioner in connection with the damage to the safety railings near Ermington Primary School, which he will discuss with Nick Colton DCC Highways.

On 7 September, road widening works commence on the A3121.

Pupils will be returning to school over the next 2 weeks. Additional transport will be provided to achieve social distancing.

The Local Outbreak Management Plan. Most covid incidents locally were due to holiday makers returning from abroad.

Cycle route from Ermington to Ivybridge – the road from the bridge to Penquit or Ludbrook, to David's Lane maybe a suitable cycle route. **ACTION: Cllr Yates**

*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 – a report is being prepared by the DCC Solicitor***

*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 to discuss with Nick Colton, DCC Highways. **Ongoing – Four drains have been cleared awaiting for the remaining to be actioned.***

059/2020 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TOM HOLWAY, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS

Cllr Holway will arrange for a representative from waste and recycling disposal, to attend October's Parish Council meeting.

On 7 September work will commence near A3121 near Wrangaton.

COVID Heros - SHDC are asking for nominations to be passed to them.

SHDC's budget has been adversely affected, therefore work has commenced on a COVID recovery plan and revised budget.

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

060/2020 OPEN FORUM - QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PARISH COUNCILLORS, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Onley asked Cllr Holway if there were grants available, that would fund a wildlife survey. Cllr Holway was not aware of any grants, but would investigate. **ACTION: Cllr Holway**

061/2020 IDEAS TO REDUCE SPEED OF VEHICLES/ TRAFFIC CALMING AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY THROUGH THE VILLAGE – CLLRS YATES/CROSS

Concerns have been raised about the speed of traffic through the village, there is a petition at Ermington Store and More, which currently has 60 signatures.

Cllr Onley asked Cllr Hosking if additional speed bumps be installed in the village, or other engineering solutions to slow the speed of traffic down, as 20mph is too fast through the village. Cllr Hosking agreed to speak to Nick Colton DCC Highways. He pointed out that due to current speed limits within the village, it would be difficult to place any further restrictions.

Cllr Onley was aware of a colourful dragon, which has been painted on the highway outside a primary school at Heavitree. It is designed to slow traffic down and encourage people driving to be more aware of those who are walking and cycling, in addition to make the space outside the school safer for pupils and other road users. Cllr Hosking was aware of this project, it is the first of its kind in Devon, and if the project is successful it could be replicated at other schools in the county. Cllr Hosking also suggested the Parish Council write to Cllr Stuart Hughes, Devon County Council Cabinet Member asking for a similar scheme outside Ermington Primary School.

Cllr Hosking will also write to Cllr Stuart Hughes, to ask if this project could be implemented at Ermington Primary School, if the project is successful. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

062/2020 READING ROOMS

Reading Rooms – the risk assessment has been updated to incorporate the toilet.

Cllr Creese was thanked for all the hard work he has recently done, to refurbish the toilet.

The future of the Reading Rooms to be discussed at next month's meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

063/2020 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

064/2020 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: 2467/20/HHO

Proposal: Householder application for proposed alterations to dwelling (resubmission of 1447/20/HHO)

Site Address: Russets, Westlake, PL21 9JT

Recommendation: Support

Reference: 2413/20/ARC

Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by condition 5 of planning permission 0927/20/FUL

Site Address: Barn At Sx 616 531, Burraton Cross To Lusson, Burraton, Devon

Recommendation: No comments to make

Reference: 2462/20/FUL

Proposal: Extension of curtilage following class Q approval 2628/19/PDM and provision of garage/store and revised Access. Barn adjacent to East Burraton, East Burraton Ermington

Recommendation: No comments to make

Planning application ratified:

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

Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1255/20/ARC

LOCATION: Cowsberry Farm, Burraton PL21 9JZ

PROPOSAL: Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 11 of planning consent 4190/19/FUL

DECISION: Discharge of condition Approved

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1987/20/PDM

LOCATION: Merle Dene Hunsdon Ivybridge PL21 9JR

PROPOSAL: Notification for prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (use class C3) and for associated operational development (Class Q (a) & (b))

DECISION: Prior Approval Required and Given

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2072/20/TCA

LOCATION: Toll Cottage Totnes Road Ermington PL21 9NW

PROPOSAL: T1: Sycamore - Fell due to low amenity value

DECISION: Tree Works No Objection Raised

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

DECISION: no objection is raised to the removal of the hedgerows involved.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2285/20/HRN

LOCATION: Four Sections Of Hedgerow Bordering A3121 East and West of Modbury Cross, Ermington

APPLICATION TYPE: Hedgerow Removal Notice

DECISION: Tree Works No Objection Raised

065/2020 FINANCE

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

Description	Gross	VAT	Nett
Clerk's Salary - August 2020	£556.36	-	-
EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – August 2020	£24.00	£1.20	£22.80
Mrs T Drew – reimbursement for ink cartridges	£132.23	-	-
MAT Electrics Limited – installation of night landing site electrics for the Devon Air Ambulance on the playing field, Ermington	£7895.09	£1315.85	£6579.24
Cllr Ian Creese – safety items in connection with Chapter 8 training	£57.88	£7.48	£50.40
South West Water Business – services Reading Rooms	£37.79	-	-

- It was resolved that Cllr Yates will verify bank reconciliations and sign bank statements as evidence. **ACTION: Cllr Yates/Clerk**

RECEIPT(S) Devon Air Ambulance - £3,792.25
 HMRC VAT Repayment - £499.76
 Holbeton Parish Council - £59.50 (½ payment of annual Zoom package)

GRANT REQUEST(S) - None

Bank Reconciliations			
Treasurers Account: Balance per bank statement as at 14/08/2020			£67,447.38
LESS: any un-presented cheques (negative numbers)	001356	-£100.00	
			-£100.00
PLUS: any un-banked cash/cheques	N/A	£0.00	
			£0.00
Business Account: Balance per bank statement as at 09/07/2020			£45,916.46
			Total = £113,263.84

- Councillors reviewed spend against budget.

066/2020 ALLOTMENTS – CLLR YATES

It was resolved, Cllr Yates will write an article for the Parish Magazine to ascertain how many parishioners would be interested in having an allotment within the village. **ACTION: Cllr Yates**

067/2020 REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

- a) Churchyard Committee - **Cllr Dunlop** – a meeting has recently taken place with Ermington Church Wardens and the Vicar. Churchyards are important for wildlife and it is recommended that they should be surveyed. It was resolved to write to the Churchyard Committee and summarise the points raised at the meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Onley**
- b) IDALC virtual meeting - **Cllr Dunlop** – no meeting has taken place
- c) Ermington Park - Tree planting & play equipment - **Cllr Cross**
- d) Road Warden Scheme – **Cllr Creese** has attended Chapter 8 training course and will now liaise with Nick Colton at DCC Highways
- e) Climate Change – **Cllr Cross**
- f) Devon Air Ambulance Night Site, Ermington Playing Field - **Cllr Onley** – lights are in situ, EDF have installed a smart meter.

067/2020 REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY: (continued)

- g) Reading Rooms prior to opening for hire, Risk Assessment – **Cllr Dunlop** – has been completed
- h) Reading Rooms prior to opening for hire, cleaning costs – **Cllr Cross**
- i) Parish footpaths, Footpath from Higher Keaton to Fernham and cycling routes – **Cllr Yates** – has liaised with a parishioner who has offered to help.

068/2020 REVIEW CODE OF CONDUCT AND FINANCIAL STANDING ORDERS

Councillors reviewed the Code of Conduct and Financial Standing Orders, no amendments were made.

069/2020 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Cllr Holway - RSN Rural Funding Digest - August 2020 Edition
Citizens Advice South Hams - Wills Week – information on parish website and notice boards
Devon County Council - Temporary Traffic Notice - WILBURTON CROSS TO BURRATON CROSS ALONG ZC199 - 25505703, Ermington (TTRO2036428) – notice displayed on notice boards
DCC Highways - Devon Road Works - <https://apps1.wdm.co.uk/Live/Devon/PBLC/PIP/Map.aspx?cg=sws>
Devon Communities Together - Latest Covid-19 Updates and Resources from Devon Communities Together!
SHDC - Climate Change and Biodiversity Newsletter - South Hams
SHDC - South Hams - Draft BT consultation response - comments by 13th SEPTEMBER 2020 (or earlier if possible please)
DCC - Hot weather warning, please give me space badges and plans for schools reopening
Cllr Holway - Stay Gas Safe this summer - important information for people in your ward
Devon Wildlife Trust - Action for Insects Report and Guide
DCC - Decision Notification - 2072/20/TCA - approved
DCC - Covid-19 Local Outbreak Management Plan
SHDC - Leisure Facilities In South Hams and West Devon
Parishioner - LPS sewage/2467/20/HHO
SHDC - Reviewing Permits – What Do You Think?
SHDC - Latest Covid-19 Updates and Resources
SHDC - Consultation on Licensing Policy - South Hams District Council
SHDC - A Helping Hand for Cold Homes
Cllr Hosking - Devon County Council Devon Funding News bulletin - Social updates Update
SHDC - Honour your COVID Hero
Climate Emergency Communications Graduate - Devon Solar Together
Parishioner - Damage to width restriction outside Ermington Primary School
Citizens Advice South Hams - Trustee PR
DCC - Transport and the return to school
Parishioner - Highway report reference: ENQ201353399
Ermington Church Newsletter 29th August 2020

070/2020 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 6 October 2020](#) at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.12 pm.

Denis Onley

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(Ermington Parish Council Chair)

Date: 6 October 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/ivybridge/Overview>

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