

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Ermington Parish Council Meeting held remotely on Zoom due to the Coronavirus pandemic
On 6 October 2020 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Denis Onley (Chair), Claire Cross and Ian Creese
County Councillor Richard Hosking (*from 8.29 pm to 9.00 pm*)
District Councillor Tom Holway (*from 7.40 pm to 8.10 pm*)
Teresa Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners/Visitor: Jane Savage – SHDC

071/2020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs John Dunlop and Stephen Yates

072/2020 CHANGES TO SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL RECYCLING SERVICE - presentation by Jane Savage, SHDC

Cllr Onley welcomed Jane Savage - Commissioning Manager – Waste at SHDC, who gave a presentation on the new recycling service which commences in October 2020.

Cllr Onley enquired what happens with households who are still using black sacks. Jane stated that SHDC are looking into this, and will assess the various situations.

073/2020 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST(S) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA

Cllrs Onley and Creese - agenda 13 - Devon Air Ambulance
Cllr Onley – agenda item 11 - Planning application 2670/20/HHO

074/2020 PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

There are currently five vacancies.

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

075/2020 REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOSKING, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS

1. The incidence of Coronavirus has sharply increased in Devon with 539 cases confirmed in the week to 4th October. This brings the total confirmed cases in the County to 2,241. Over four hundred of the new cases this week are in Exeter and the majority associated with the University. We are fortunate that this is still a relatively low level of infection.
2. Eleven schools in Devon have been obliged to isolate at least one teaching pod including Ivybridge and Ugborough.
3. We await the publication of the Local Outbreak Management matrix and I anticipate this may be produced for the Team Local Outbreak Engagement Board meeting on Thursday 8th October.
4. Remember, Hands, Face, Space and the rule of 6.
5. We have now entered October and a reminder that it is time to check the Grit Bins. We are asking Parish Councils to report those that are low on grit on the Report-a-Problem webpage as soon as convenient please.
6. My enquiry of the Devon County Council solicitor advised that the report on the Ermington Village Green appeal is expected shortly.

“I am hoping to make arrangements later this week for the application to be passed to the County Solicitor who has delegated powers to make the decisions for applications submitted to Devon County Council under the Commons Act 2006.”

075/2020 REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOSKING, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS (continued)

7. I have received correspondence from Andy Booth concerning flooding issues at Flete Eastern Lodge. I am in the process of establishing the history and current position with regard to this issue.

8. Correspondence has been received from Barbara Jones concerning the hedge growth adjacent to the A3121 at Ermington. One metre growth over the highway and DCC Nick Colton is assessing the situation.

9. The remainder of the gully pots on the road from Strode Cross to Crownhill have now been cleaned.

10. Enquiries have been made with regard to additional traffic calming measures around the school access routes in the village, include a request to Councillor Stuart Hughes for a "dragon" (once this has been trialled). Conversations with Highways did not leave much room for optimism as the existing 20 mph speed limit was quite recently formally approved indicating that existing traffic calming works are adequate.

Pleased to answer any questions by e-mail. Keep safe - Councillor Richard Hosking

*058/20 Blocked drains on the left-hand side of Town Hill and Chapel Street. Grate to be removed to assess the situation. **Ongoing***

*058/20 River Erme erosion A3121 - aerial survey is due, when completed an assessment of movement of riverbank will be confirmed. **Ongoing***

*058/20 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***

*058/20 Flooding Westlake – Cllr Hosking to discuss with Nick Colton, DCC Highways. **Ongoing***

076/2020 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TOM HOLWAY, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS

Support is available for any items required for the parish litter pick this year.

Flete Eastern Lodge – the owners have raised issues with flooding. Cllr Holway has contacted the Devon Highways and County Councillors Richard Hosking.

The pre-School has received a grant for their shed.

If there is an Environmental Group in the parish, funding may be available for initiatives.

*059/20 Footpath to be reinstated around the playing field which is owned by SHDC. **Ongoing***

077/2020 OPEN FORUM - QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PARISH COUNCILLORS, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Cross asked if the gate in the playing field could be repaired.

Cllr Cross asked what were SHDC views on "Planning for the Future" white paper? Cllr Holway replied stating that SHDC are not in support of the proposals. Clerk was asked to write to SHDC development and legal department and ask for a copy of the SHDC response to the paper. **ACTION: Clerk**

Cllr Onley – Flete Eastern Lodge owner has pointed out there is flooding issues in the area near his home. Cllr Hosking stated that there are suggestions that he is looking into.

Cllr Onley – enquired if 20 mph signs could be placed on highway posts within the village, if the parish council purchased them. Cllr Hosking suggested that Nick Colton – DCC Highways is contacted.

Cllr Onley – pointed out highway signs within the parish are not visible in many locations due to vegetation. Cllr Hosking stated DCC Highways are accessing the situation.

Cllr Cross – Ermington Primary school have staggered times for entering and picking children. If a volunteer could be found, could equipment be provided for a Lollypop person. Cllr Hosking will investigate. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

078/2020 IDEAS TO REDUCE SPEED OF VEHICLES/ TRAFFIC CALMING AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY THROUGH THE VILLAGE

- 20 mph speed limit signs for the village – **Cllr Yates**
- Ermington Primary School to be asked to design “20 mph is plenty” signs – **Cllr Cross**
- Flashing speed sign near the Ermington Store and More to be check that it is working – **Cllr Creese**

079/2020 READING ROOMS – the future

Repairs to the lower room floor to be assessed. Three quotes to be obtained for the necessary repairs. **ACTION: Cllr Cross**

Consensus to be gathered from parishioners on the room’s future.

080/2020 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of Ermington Parish Council meeting held on 1 September 2020 (as previously circulated) were agreed and would be signed by the Chair.

081/2020 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: 2670/20/HHO Site Address: 7 Erme Park, Ermington, PL21 9LY
Proposal: Householder application for proposed single storey rear extension
Recommendation: Support

Reference: 2983/20/VAR Site Address: The Workshop, Cowsberry Farm, Burraton, PL21 9JZ
Proposal: Application for variation of condition 12 of planning consent 3912/19/FUL
Recommendation: No comments to make

Reference: 2948/20/CLE Site Address: Ludd Cottage, Strode, PL21 0LZ
Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of Ludd Cottage as a residential dwelling (C3) in breach of condition (b) of 21/0256/89/3
Recommendation/Comment: No comments to make

Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2114/20/FUL Ermington
LOCATION: The Shippen, Cowsberry Farm Cowsberry Farm Burraton PL21 9JZ
DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2117/20/FUL Ermington
LOCATION: West Hill Top Farm Land At Sx613 534 Ivybridge PL21 9GU
DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2550/20/COM Ermington
LOCATION: Telecommunications Site 13115, Preston Farm Ermington Ivybridge PL21 9NG
DECISION: Permitted development

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2413/20/ARC Ermington
LOCATION: Barn At Sx 616 531 Burraton Cross To Luson Burraton Devon
DECISION: Discharge of condition Approved

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2467/20/HHO Ermington
LOCATION: Russets Westlake PL21 9JT
DECISION: Conditional Approval

082/2020 FINANCE

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

Description	Gross	VAT	Nett
Clerk's Salary - September 2020	£556.36	-	-
EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – September 2020	£24.00	£1.20	£22.80
db Computer Repairs – update to website August and September 2020	£60.00	-	-
Purchase of British Legion Remembrance Poppy Wreath	£20.00	-	-
PKF Littlejohn LLP – review of Annual Governance & Accountability Return for year ended 31 March 2020	£240.00	£40.00	£200.00

RECEIPT(S) None

GRANT REQUEST(S) None

Bank Reconciliations

Treasurers Account: Balance per bank statement as at 14/09/2020

£58,424.49

LESS: any un-presented cheques (**negative numbers**)

£0.00

PLUS: any un-banked cash/cheques

N/A £0.00

£0.00

Business Account: Balance per bank statement as at 10/08/2020

£45,918.07

Total = £104,342.56

- Resolved Clerk's annual pay rise to £13.60 per hour, to be backdated to 01/04/2020
- Resolved to continue with the £30.00 monthly payment to DB Computers to maintain the parish website
- Feedback from external auditor PKF Littlejohn LLP, reviewed.

083/2020 REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

- a) Churchyard Committee - **Cllr Dunlop** – information from other churchyards, has been passed to the Churchyard Committee for their perusal.
- b) IDALC virtual meeting - **Cllr Dunlop** – no meeting has recently taken place
- c) Ermington Park - Tree planting & play equipment - **Cllr Cross** – an article to be included in the next parish magazine.
- d) Reading Rooms prior to opening for hire, cleaning costs - **Cllr Cross** – various companies have been approached. A parishioner has quoted £12.50 per hour. Two further quotes to be obtained.
- e) Climate Change – **Cllr Cross** – tree replacing/planting in the Ermington park is the current key action
- f) Road Warden Scheme – **Cllr Creese** – awaiting registration card from Chapter 8 training. Cllr Creese is also checking salt bins within the parish.
- g) Devon Air Ambulance Night Site, Ermington Playing Field - **Cllr Onley** – the site is now operational. Cllr Onley wished to thank Josie Allis for starting the process. On 7 October at 10.20 am the key to the box is being passed to Cllr Onley. A press release is being prepared.
- h) Review of parish footpaths and cycling routes. Footpath from Higher Keaton to Fernham – **Cllr Yates**
- i) Allotments – **Cllr Yates**

084/2020 REVIEW CODE OF GDPR POLICIES

The following policies were reviewed:

Data Protection Impact Assessment
Information & Data Protection Policy
Privacy Notice For staff, Councillors and Role Holders
Public Privacy Policy

085/2020 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

SHDC - Partners Working Together for Dartmouth Leisure Facilities
SHDC - Eviction Ban – Are you Affected and Can We Help?
SHDC - South West councils make urgent call for leisure centres funding
Ramblers - Don't Lose Your Way update
Devon Communities Together - Covid-19 Business & Enterprise Support from Devon Communities Together
Devon Community Learning Academy - New online learning from Devon Community Learning Academy
DCC - Recycle Devon, "buy less, wear more" campaign launches
Rural Services Network - The Rural Bulletin - 8 September 2020
DCC - Recycle Devon is encouraging everyone to make a pledge and 'wear what you have'
Devon Communities Together - Latest Covid-19 Updates and Resources from Devon Communities Together!
SHDC - Broadband updates for South Hams and West Devon
SHDC - Press Release – Fusion
SHDC - MINISTERIAL VISIT FOR VETERANS LEARNING VITAL NEW SKILLS AT SHERFORD
South Hams Council News
SHDC - Public Urged to be Vigilant for Bogus Green Waste Collectors
SHDC - WORK OUT TO HELP YOUR HEALTH OUT ON NATIONAL FITNESS DAY
SHDC - Get creative and help 'Spread Some Sunshine' across South Hams and West Devon
SHDC - All South Hams Leisure Centres will Open
Cllr Hosking - NHS Covid-19 App
Modbury Neighbourhood Plan
SHDC - Courtesy Copy: South Hams Climate Change and Biodiversity Newsletter - October 2020 Edition
SHDC - Opening of Leisure Facilities in South Hams and West Devon
Devon Air Ambulance - Ermington community landing site operational

Parishioner - Danger - A3121 - Overgrown Hedges – Councillors discussed the issue with Cllr Hosking who will liaise with Nick Colton DCC Highways to see what can be done. Cllr Hosking did point out, that there needs to be a one metre growth over the highway. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

Parishioner - Flooding at Flete Eastern Lodge Ermington – Councillors discussed the issue and asked Cllr Richard Hosking to find a solution. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

086/2020 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 3 November 2020](#) at [7.30](#) pm.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Denis Onley

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(Ermington Parish Council Chair)

Date: 3 November 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/>

Find out about possible delays due to roadworks in Devon via an interactive map - <https://apps1.wdm.co.uk/Live/Devon/PBLC/PIP/Map.aspx?cg=sws>

SHDC website to report full bins etc - <https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/webreportit> - click on report from drop down menu.