

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Ermington Parish Council Meeting held remotely on Zoom due to the Coronavirus pandemic on 7 July 2020 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Denis Onley (Chair), Claire Cross, John Dunlop and Ian Creese
County Councillor Richard Hosking (*from 8.45 pm to 9.10 pm*)
District Councillor Tom Holway (*from 7.30 pm to 8.15 pm*)
Teresa Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners/Visitor: 1

024/2020 APOLOGIES - None

025/2020 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST(S) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA

Cllr Onley – Devon Air Ambulance agenda item 13.

026/2020 VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

There are six vacancies.

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

027/2020 REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOSKING, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS

The number of Covid-19 infections and deaths in the County are low. Volunteers were thanked for their help/assistance during pandemic. Devon County Council is now working towards recovery and the Government's decision to open up the tourist trade. The County's role as a Beacon Council on the test and trace service is essential to identifying and isolating new infections and controlling the spread of the virus as Devon starts to open up to locals and visitors again.

Crimes in the County have reduced during COVID-19, but cyber crime and domestic abuse is on the increase.

Libraries are planning a phased reopening from week commencing 6th July. Current book loan(s) have now been extended to 31st August 2020. No fines will apply during the period of closure,

*005/20 Blocked drains on the left-hand side of Town Hill and Chapel Street. Grate to be removed to assess the situation. **Ongoing***

*005/20 River Erme erosion A3121 - aerial survey is due, when completed an assessment of movement of riverbank will be confirmed. **Ongoing***

*005/20 Playing field application to be a Village Green. Cllr Hosking awaiting decision from Devon County Council Solicitor. **Ongoing***

*005/20 Flooding Westlake – Cllr Hosking to discuss with Nick Colton, DCC Highways. **Cllr Hosking***

*005/20 Drainage work on the road from Ermington to Sheephams needs to be assessed. Cllr Hosking to discuss with Nick Colton, DCC Highways. **Ongoing***

028/2020 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TOM HOLWAY, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS

SHDC was supporting Fusion while it waited for the gyms and swimming pools to reopen and focusing on coming out of lockdown e.g. reopening of businesses, public toilets, libraries. Staff as SHDC were returning to their jobs.

*006/20 Footpath to be reinstated around the playing field owned by SHDC. **Ongoing***

*006/20 Hemlock weed at Public Open Space – the weed was checked and identified as not Hemlock weed. **Cllr Holway/Cross***

029/2020 OPEN FORUM - QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PARISH COUNCILLORS, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Dunlop raised concern about lights on an industrial unit near "The Spires" and use of CCTV. Cllr Onley will pass contact details of the company to Cllr Dunlop, who will the contact them and discuss the situation. **ACTION: Cllr Onley**

Cllr Cross – gate latch to play park is broken. Cllr Holway to arrange the necessary repairs. **ACTION: Cllr Holway**

A parishioner asked (via the Clerk), if grass cuttings from the cricket pitch could be spread out rather than placed in a heap next to the stream. **ACTION: Cllr Creese**

030/2020 READING ROOMS

- Risk Assessment to be carried out in preparation for opening the Reading Rooms – **ACTION: Cllr Dunlop & Clerk**

- Necessary repairs – discussion took place and the decision was taken to obtain an estimate of the costs to ensure the building was structurally sound and waterproof. Cllr Cross will obtain an estimate of costs and further discussion will take place at the next meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Cross**

- Ideas for the future of the rooms to be explored

Cleaning of Reading Rooms to be carried out prior to them being available to hire. Cllr Cross to obtain costings. **ACTION: Cllr Cross**

031/2020 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of Ermington Parish Council meeting held on 16 June 2020 (as previously circulated) were agreed and would be signed by the Chair.

032/2020 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.

For information only:

Applicant: Lucas - Little Orchard Montessori Nurseries Ltd

Application Number: 1747/20/PAN

Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed change of use from Business to registered Nursery

Location: Unit 5, The Acorn Centre, Pennant Way, Lee Mill Industrial Estate, Lee Mill, PL21 9GP

Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2759/19/FUL Ermington

LOCATION: Strashleigh Farm Ivybridge PL21 9JP

PROPOSAL: Repair, alteration and extension of farmhouse, conversion and conservation of traditional stone barns into 2no. residential dwellings with landscaping and wildlife enhancement.

DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1633/20/AGR Ermington

LOCATION: Coyton Barton Farm Yealmpton PL21 9LD

PROPOSAL: Application for prior notification of proposed grain store

DECISION: Ag Determination details not required

Planning Application Withdrawn

APPLICATION NUMBER: 0785/20/FUL 200785 Ermington and Ugborough

LOCATION: Shed adjoining Brookfield Barn Keaton Lane Ermington Ivybridge PL21 0LB

PROPOSAL: Conversion of redundant tractor shed into single storey dwelling

DECISION: Withdrawn

For information only.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1987/20/PDM

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

LOCATION: Merle Dene, Hunsdon, Ivybridge, PL21 9JR

033/2020 FINANCE

It was resolved to approve the following payments and receipts:

Description	Gross	VAT	Nett
Clerk's Salary – June 2020	£540.94	-	-
Clerk office allowance – June 2020	£15.42	-	-
EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – June 2020	£24.00	£1.20	£22.80
DB Computer Repairs – changing documents on website to PDFs as per internal audit	£250.00	-	-
Reimbursement to Clerk - Hostgator – website Domain Registration - com, for 1 Year	£14.89		

GRANT REQUEST(S)

Ermington Parish Churchyard Maintenance – resolved to grant £1,200. The Churchyard Committee were ask to encourage wildlife within the churchyard.

Contribution towards tidying the communal garden area at Fawns Close, Ermington – resolved to grant £50.00 towards the work, which took place just before the COVID-19 lockdown.

Ivybridge Rotary - "Lockdown Learning Project" to support schoolchildren in Primary and Secondary schools locally, who do not have access to a computer or tablet to carry out their home learning from – resolved to grant £500.00, towards equipment for children attending Ermington Primary School.

034/2020 A3121 SAFER ROADS IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE ON WORKS – Cllr Onley

Councillors viewed the different options for Erme Bridge and it was resolved to support option 3 (see attached). Cllr Onley will feedback to Devon County Council the supported option. **ACTION: Cllr Onley**

There is a delay, with much of the work now planned for autumn this year.

035/2020 PARISH FOOTPATHS & CYCLING ROUTES – Cllr Onley

Work is being carried out by a group of parishioners and the Clerk is perusing the reinstatement of the footpath from Higher Keaton to Fernham.

036/2020 REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

- Churchyard Committee - Cllr Dunlop* – nothing to report
- IDALC virtual meeting - Cllr Dunlop* – Clerk has enquired if meeting could be held outside of office hours.
- Footpath's survey*
- Ermington Park - Tree planting & play equipment - Cllr Cross* – work commences this winter.
- Climate Change – Cllr Cross*
- Road Warden Scheme – Cllr Creese* – waiting for a Chapter 8 training course to be arranged by Devon County Council.
- Devon Air Ambulance Night Site, Ermington Playing Field - Cllr Onley* - Devon Air Ambulance Air Operations and Safety Committee is delighted to be able to support the development of a night landing site at Ermington Playing Field and have agreed to award a grant of £3,792.25 towards the associated installation costs. It was resolved to pay Western Power £822.92 for the necessary work they need to complete for night landing. **ACTION: Cllr Onley**

037/2020 REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS

The following documents were reviewed and approved:

Review Information & Data Protection Policy
Review Risk / of Reading Rooms, Ermington
Review Health and Safety Policy
Review Standing Orders

038/2020 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Cllr Holway - Wales & West Utilities launch Safe and Warm Fund
SHDC - Executive Applauds Ivybridge Consultation
SHDC - District Council Makes Website More Accessible
SHDC - Free Online Business School for Start-Ups launches in West Devon & South Hams
SHDC - Play Areas Reopening
Cllr Holway - Drainage at Parsonage Farm, Ermington
SHDC - Apply for a Discretionary Grant - Act NOW
I&DAPC - Supporting customers with hidden disabilities
SHDC - Council Urges Kindness and Caution as Lockdown Eases
Cllr Hosking - Drainage at Parsonage Farm, Ermington
Ivybridge Foodbank – thank you for grant and Ivybridge Foodbank Figures
DCC - Devon County Council and Districts workshop - webinar on electric vehicle charging points. Preparing to deliver a county-wide charging network.
Cllr Holway - Live West offering hardship grants

039/2020 TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on [Tuesday 4 August 2020](#) at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Denis Onley

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(*Ermington Parish Council Chair*)

Date: 4 August 2020

Agenda and minutes can be viewed on the Ermington Parish website

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