

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
The Minutes of Ermington Parish Council meeting
held in the Reading Rooms on 2 April 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs John Kerslake (Chairman), Patricia Dolman, Averil Heaton, John Dunlop, Richard Midgley, Denis Onley, Robert Cross, Di Webley, Susan Martin and Josie Allis

Also present District Councillor T Holway
T Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners present: 10

115/18 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Police Community Support Officer A Potter and County Councillor R Hosking.

116/18 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT – Declaration of Interests

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members were invited to declare any personal, disclosable or pecuniary interests including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in items to be considered at the meeting.

Cllr Martin declared an interest in minute ref 122/18 Planning Reference 0650/19/FUL.

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(a) Police Report for March 2019

Police Community Support Officer A Potter provided the following report which, in his absence, was read to the meeting by Cllr Kerslake:

Ermington

Between 22nd and 28th damage caused to electric fencing and water pipe that were located in a field CR/027618/19

Lee Mill Ind. Est.

6th attempted shoplifting CR/020120/19

11th shoplifting CR/021778/19

23rd making off without payment CR/027235/19

27th making off without payment CR/027237/19

(b) Councillor's Reports

Cllr Hosking -Devon County Council – emailed the following:-

A note to advise that I may not make your meeting this evening. I will endeavour to do so, however I have a report to give at two Annual Parish Meetings this evening, plus a third meeting en route to Ermington.

Note on First & Last. A meeting was arranged to inspect the property and investigate flooding issues. I have subsequently consulted the County Solicitor who is investigating the legal issues and who will report back. Andrew Savery has kindly obtained a quote for drainage works to remove the problem from the front entrance porch and I am grateful for his help in this respect.

Cllr Holway - South Hams District Council

Has enjoyed his time as District Councillor and will be running for re-election. Cllr Kerslake thanked Cllr Holway on behalf of the Councillors for his help and advice.

£60 million to spend on acquisitions in the SHDC.

Fields in Trust – plan a picnic in your park and Have a Field Day on Saturday 6 July 2019.

(c) Public Questions

A parishioner asked if the path on the recreation ground could be reinstated. Another parishioner agreed to send information on the agreement reached between the Village Fund Committee and SHDC relating to ongoing work to maintain the path. This would enable the matter to be taken up with SHDC. **ACTION: Cllr Holway/Parish Clerk**

118/18 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of Ermington Parish Council meeting held on 5 February 2019 (as previously circulated), were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

119/18 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORT ONLY

- 101/18 Upgrade footpath to Endsleigh. Assess junction by Endsleigh Garden Centre. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**
- 101/18 Forward plans and timescale for pupils directed from Ermington and Ivybridge to Sherford. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**
- 103/18 Brightness of exterior light at Ermington House. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**
- 103/18 Flooding from highways water run-off "The First and Last Bistro" car park. (See Cllr Hosking's report at 117/18 (b)) **ACTION: Cllr Hosking/Nick Colton DCC Highways**
- 103/18 Flooding in Westlake - insufficient drainage to deal with the amount of surface water. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking/Nick Colton DCC Highways**
- 103/18 "The Spires" Public Open Space – Mr Holliday is pursuing possible management arrangements with Cllr Holway, Mr Sekula (SHDC/West Devon) Mr Toms and BDW. Mr Holliday stated two parishioners have expressed an interest in assisting the management arrangements. Cllr Holway will try and arrange a meeting. **Action: Mr Holliday/Cllr Holway**
- 103/18 Crooked Spire ACV – ongoing. **ACTION: Cllr Martin**
- 103/18 Trial scheme to restrict the width of the road near "The First and Last" to see if it would slow down traffic. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking/Nick Colton**
- 103/18 Repairs to Erme bridge. DCC Highways advised and is in the list of bridges to be inspected. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**
- 103/18 Blocked drains on the left-hand side of Town Hill. A grate to be removed to assess the situation. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking/Nick Colton, DCC Highways**
- 103/18 River Erme erosion A3121 - aerial survey is due this year, when completed an assessment of movement of the riverbank will be confirmed. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**
- 103/18 Reading Rooms – various items have been removed and is ongoing. **ACTION: Cllr Onley**
- 103/18 Ermington parish Big Spring Clean day will take place on Sunday 14 April 2019 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. Meet at the First and Last Bistro, Ermington or walk from the edge of the Parish and clean as you go! For more information contact Cllrs Martin, Cross and Allis.
- 104/18 Condition of road to Sheephams from A131 at Strode Cross to Crownhill Cross. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking/Nick Colton DCC Highways**
- 107/18 Industrial Units – light pollution. Cllr Holway is liaising with SHDC. **ACTION: Cllr Holway**

120/18 ERMINGTON VILLAGE HALL PROJECT (EVHP) – Cllr Kerslake

A situation report had been prepared by Cllr Kerslake providing background, potential barriers to the project and suggestions for a way forward. A report had also been prepared by the Chair of the Village Hall Working Group who provided the meeting with an outline of its content. Both reports are attached to these minutes.

Cllr Kerslake emphasised the need for the post election council to have a discussion with Working Group which had indicated its belief in the need for a new village hall and its desire to engage with the new council to debate the issues involved.

121/18 PLAYING FIELD BENCHES – Cllr Onley

Cllr Onley said that the money provided from Cllr Holway's locality fund would cover the cost of buying and installing two benches but that his original plan was to provide one bench and one picnic table which would be more expensive and have implications for the overall cost when installation costs were added. The use of volunteers for installation would overcome this difficulty and Cllr Onley will look at this possibility.

Cllr Kerslake expressed his view that installation costs should not be sought from parish council funds and that the project costs should be kept within the amount requested from the locality fund. Cllr Onley said that he would discuss the various options with the Village Fund as it has experience of providing new seating in the Park. Clarification was also required regarding ownership of the seating if the application had been made on behalf of the Friends of Ermington Park Group. **ACTION: Cllr Onley**

122/18 PLANNING

Reference: 0650/19/FUL Proposal: Demolition of existing outbuilding and replacement with two-bed holiday let
Site Address: Preston Garden, Westlake, PL21 9JT
Cllr Martin circulated her objection letter to this application pointing out that there was another parishioner who would be objecting to the planning application. Cllr Martin left the meeting at 8.36 pm. following which councillors commenced discussion of the application
Recommendation: Objection – not in keeping with surrounding area

122/18 PLANNING (continued)

Reference: 0631/19/FUL Proposal: Conversion of redundant barns to 2 Nr. habitable dwellings.
Site Address: Cleeve House, Lane from Marjery Cross to Eastern Lodge, Ivybridge, PL21 0LP
Recommendation: Support

Reference: 0605/19/PDM Proposal: change of use of agricultural building to 2 dwellings. Location: The Block Barn, Strashleigh Farm - *for information only*

Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NUMBER: 0262/19/PDM

LOCATION: Barn at Lower Burraton Lower Burraton Farm Burraton Ivybridge PL21 9LA

APPLICANT NAME: Mr & Mrs Gordon Bromfield

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

DECISION: Prior Approval Not required

APPLICATION NUMBER: 4183/18/CLE

LOCATION: Torr Croft Hunsdon Ivybridge PL21 9JR

APPLICANT NAME: Mr K Elliott

PROPOSAL: Lawful development certificate for the erection of an outbuilding.

DECISION: Cert of Lawfulness (Existing) Certified

Appeal Ref: APP/K1128/D/18/3215977 - 2 Erme Bridge Cottages, Totnes Road to School Road, Ermington PL21 9NN

DECISION: The appeal is dismissed.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 0401/19/FUL

LOCATION: Higher Ludbrook Farm Ludbrook Devon PL21 0LL

APPLICANT NAME: Mr and Mrs J E Pinsent

PROPOSAL: Conversion of barn to dwelling (amendments to planning permission 1188/18/FUL)

DECISION: Conditional Approval

129/18 FINANCE

It was agreed to pay the following:-

PAYMENT(S)

Description	Gross	Nett	VAT
Caretaker's cost 17 January 2019 – 16 February 2019 (inclusive)	£12.59	-	-
Clerk's Salary – March 2019	£525.18	-	-
EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – March 2019	£24.00	£22.80	£1.20
South West Water Business – Reading Rooms	£34.58	-	-
SHDC – Providing 2018/19 Payroll Service	£120.00	£100.00	£20.00
Reimbursement to Clerk – 12 x 2 nd class stamps	£7.32	-	-
Devon Association of Local Councils – Planning course 26/03/19	£48.00	£40.00	£8.00
Devon Association of Local Council membership = 01/04/2019 – 31/03/2010	£204.61	£177.47	£27.14

RECEIPT(S) – None

GRANT REQUEST(S) – None

Treasurers Account – Balance £93,777.75 as at 13 March 2019

The Internal Audit of accounts for 2018/2019 will take place on 22 May 2019 by Alison Marshall. **ACTION: Clerk**

Cllr S Martin verified bank reconciliations and signed the original bank statements as evidence.

130/18 CORRESPONDENCE

Emails circulated to Councillors via the Clerk:-

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SHDC - Waste and Recycling Bank Holiday Dates – displayed on notice boards & Ermington Parish website

SHDC – 'It's Time for a Rural Strategy' Campaign

SHDC - Latest on Ivybridge Supermarket Proposal

SHDC - Communities Work with Council to Keep Toilets Open

SHDC - Joint Local Plan

Cllr Holway - As the clocks go forward it's time to plan your summer Have a Field Day picnic

South Devon ANOB - Have Your Say on Bait Digging

Parishioner copied Parish Council correspondence to SHDC - New Waste Disposal / Recycling Contract

Post

Ermington – Election packs – packs left in Reading Room

Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day – 3 September 2019 - noted

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place on [Tuesday 14 May 2019](#) at [7.30 pm](#) in the Reading Rooms, Ermington.

District Councillor T Holway was thanked for attending the meeting and left at 8.07 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

John Kerlake

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(*Ermington Parish Council Chairman*)

Date: 14 May 2019

Agenda and minutes can be viewed on the Ermington Parish website <http://www.ermingtonparish.com/parish-council/archives/>