

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
The Minutes of Ermington Parish Council meeting
held in the Reading Rooms on 5 March 2019 at 7.30 pm

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

Also present County Councillor R Hosking
District Councillor T Holway
T Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners present: 9

99/18 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Police Community Support Officer A Potter, Cllrs R Cross and D Webley.

100/18 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.

No declarations were made.

101/18

(a) Police Report for February 2019

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

Ermington

17th, theft of property from a room CR/014648/19

Lee Mill Ind. Est.

1st, shoplifting CR/009925/19

5th, shoplifting, offender arrested and charged to court CR/011050/19

5th, common assault CR/011062/19

10th, drink/driver offender arrested and charged to court CR/0145215/19

11th, public order, threatening words or behaviour, words of advice issued to offender CR/014343/19

(b) Councillor's Reports

Cllr Hosking, Devon County Council

3.99% increase to DCC budget for 2019/20

Reduction in administration of 6.6%

Majority of people were happy with how things were dealt with during recent weather incidents.

Education: Allocated amount of £294 per pupil was below national average and this was being pursued.

Cllr Holway, South Hams District Council

Capital programme confirmed £190,000 for play parks in budget

2019/2020 – Council Tax increase of £5 for a band D property

No increase in car parking charges unless changes agreed with residents

Adopt a council tax reduction for those who have payment issues

AONB management plans adopt 2019/2024 for South Devon and Tamar Valley

Budget consultation on the website

Local Elections: deadline for receipt of nominations 3 April and election on 2 May

Sophie Hosking appointed as Chief Executive

(c) Public Questions

Parishioner – Mr Holliday raised the question of management of the Public Open Space below “The Spires” development. Cllr Kerslake emphasised that the Parish Council had been invited to take on the land under the Section 106 agreement but had declined the invitation after careful consideration of the maintenance costs and liabilities which would arise in perpetuity. The Parish Council said that it was happy to support Mr Holliday’s endeavours to look at alternative arrangements for taking over the management of the land involving local residents and Mr Holliday agreed to pursue this with the assistance of Cllr Holway, Mr Sekula (SHDC/West Devon), Mr Toms and BDW (The Developer).

ACTION: Mr Holliday

Parishioner – disappointed there has been no contact during the last 4 months in connection with flooding at his property, “The First and Last”. Cllr Hosking was given the parishioner’s contact details to arrange a meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

Parishioner – alterations to Ermington/ Ivybridge road near Endsleigh Garden Centre. Asked whether Devon County Council could look into the footpath being upgraded to accommodate new regulations as it has continuous use. In addition, suggested it was an excellent time to adjust the bend where cars were not able to see those approaching at the junction near Endsleigh Garden Centre. Cllr Hosking will assess. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

Parishioner – asked if Devon County Council and the Local Education Authority had given consideration to local schools including Ermington and Ivybridge who might be directed to Sherford schools. The parishioner was hoping that the Parish Council would ask for details of any plans and the timescale involved. Cllr Hosking explained that Sherford has now built its first school and there are more to follow, but a secondary school is not planned yet. Cllr Hosking pointed out that the County consider the number of pupils in a given year and look at the catchment area. Cllr Hosking agreed to ask for an update of the situation. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

Parishioner (Mr Holliday) – enquired if the church could apply for grants as the bells require repair work. Cllr Hosking will enquire. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

102/18 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.

103/18 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORT ONLY

90/18 Brightness of exterior light at Ermington House. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

90/18 Flooding from highways water run-off “The First and Last Bistro” car park. Meeting to be arranged. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

92/18 Flooding in Westlake - insufficient drainage to deal with the amount of surface water. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking/Nick Colton DCC Highways**

92/18 “The Spires” Public Open Space – Arrangements being considered. **ACTION: Mr Holliday**

92/18 “The Spires” Public Open Space – could a deviation from the covenant be covered by indemnity insurance. Cllr Holway confirmed a request could be made to amend the Section 106 agreement.

92/18 Crooked Spire ACV – ongoing. **ACTION: Cllr Martin**

92/18 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**

92/18 Repairs to Erme bridge. DCC Highways advised and is in the list of bridges to be inspected. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

92/18 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**

92/18 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

92/18 Reading Rooms – various items have been removed. **ACTION: Cllr Onley**

92/18 Ermington parish spring clean day update. Cllr Martin asked Cllr Hosking how waste from the spring clean day on 14 April 2019 can be dealt with. Cllr Hosking will seek clarification, also Cllr Holway. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking/Holway**

104/18 CONDITION OF ROAD TO SHEEPHAM FROM THE A131 AT STRODE CROSS TO CROWNHILL CROSS

Some drainage works below Crownhill Cross have recently been completed and also some minor patching in the immediate area. All potholes that meet the criteria for a defect are repaired to specification but admittedly the water run-off is not helping. DCC Highways had done all that can be done to try and remedy the run-off but the area is constructed on bedrock leaving little room for drainage system improvements. DCC Highways has arranged for the system to be cleared whenever it has been possible, in addition to the programmed annual clean.

To place an “unsuitable for HGVs” sign is deemed unnecessary and would be difficult to provide in the current climate, especially as a lot of the larger vehicles are accessing local farms. However, as the parish boundary ends at Crownhill Cross, Nick Colton DCC Highways will speak with his opposite number who looks after Modbury to see if he has any views on the issues raised.

Cllr Hosking and Nick Colton DCC Highways to assess. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking/Nick Colton DCC Highways**

105/18 ALLOTMENTS – Cllr Onley

The owner of land within the village who had been approached does not wish to sell, lease or rent.

The Clerk has been in contact with the owner of a piece of land who wished to explore the idea of their land being used for allotments. It was agreed that the Clerk will pass Cllr Onley's telephone details to them. **ACTION: Clerk**

106/18 ERMINGTON VILLAGE HALL PROJECT (EVHP) – Cllr Kerslake

Cllr Kerslake explained that Devon County Council (DCC) solicitor had decided to seek the opinion of a Barrister who is an expert in the field of town and village greens. This meant that the project was, in effect, on hold. Cllr Kerslake hoped to bring more substantial information to the next meeting.

107/18 FELLING OF TREES ON THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND POS BELOW THE SPIRES – Cllr Dunlop

Cllr Dunlop pointed out the trees which were not to be felled past the first unit have been removed. This is extremely disappointing, as the Council was assured the industrial units would remain screened. Light pollution from the MOT centre is now visible across the playing field, and in addition two floodlights are also clearly visible, which is not necessary. Cllr Holway will assess the situation. **ACTION: Cllr Holway**

108/18 PLAYING FIELD BENCH – Cllr Onley

Two plastic benches could be purchased with the £500 Locality Fund grant received from Cllr T Holway. Cllr Hosking also agreed to provide a grant towards the cost of installing the benches. Cllr Onley to liaise with Cllr Webley on where the benches will be placed. **ACTION: Cllr Onley**

109/18 PROMOTING DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES – letter from Cllr Holway

Cllr Holway requested a Parish Council representative to attend the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance to share ideas and report back to the parish council. Cllr Allis volunteered and the Clerk will inform the Group Development Officer at South Hams CVS. **ACTION: Clerk**

110/18 PLANNING

Reference: 0158/19/HHO

Proposal: Erection of 2 eco cabins to support all year diving facilities.

Site Address: New England Quarry, Plympton, PL7 5BA

Recommendation: Support

Reference: 0393/19/FUL

Proposal: Replacement Dwelling

Site Address: Keaton Lodge, Ermington, Ivybridge

Recommendation: Support

Reference: 0401/19/FUL Proposal: Conversion of barn to dwelling (amendments to planning permission 1188/18/FUL)

Site Address: Higher Ludbrook Farm, Ludbrook, Devon, PL21 0LL

Recommendation: Support

Devon County Council Planning Application at SX 595, 552, Challonsleigh Farm, Smithhaleigh, PL7 5AX Planning Reference DCC/4038/2018.

Recommendation: Objection due to environmental impact on the River Yealm, which is adjacent to site proposed. Extra heavy traffic on A38 slip road which is already heavily congested. The proximity of the proposed site to New England Woods.

New premises licence at Kitley House Hotel, Yealmpton, Plymouth, PL8 2NW. The application is for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises, live music, recorded music, late night refreshment, plays. Licensing Department at SHDC to be informed of representation no later than 15th March 2019 – no representation to be made.

110/18 PLANNING (continued)

Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2580/18/HHO

LOCATION: Rose Cottage Langbrook Westlake PL21 9JX

PROPOSAL: Householder application for repairs and renovation to existing conservatory including slating to roof

DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 4021/18/CLP

LOCATION: Penquit Farm, Penquit PL21 0LU

PROPOSAL : Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed use or development - To create bedroom, living space and shower room in existing garage

DECISION: Cert of Lawfulness (Proposed) Certified

APPLICATION NUMBER: 4142/18/PDM Ermington

LOCATION: Cowsberry Farm Ivybridge PL21 9JZ

PROPOSAL: Notification for prior approval for proposed change of use of 2 no. agricultural buildings to two dwelling houses (Class C3) and for associated operational development (Class Q(a+b))

DECISION: Prior Approval Not required

APPLICATION NUMBER: 4146/18/PDM Ermington

LOCATION: The Workshop Strashleigh Farm Ivybridge PL21 9JP

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

DECISION: Prior Approval Not required

Withdrawn Planning applications

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3989/18/FUL

LOCATION: Land at Hunsdon Road Ivybridge Devon PL21 9JR

PROPOSAL: (Re-advertisement - Amended site address) Provision of temporary dwelling to serve newly formed equestrian business

111/18 FINANCE

It was agreed to pay the following:-

PAYMENT(S)

| Description | Gross | Nett | VAT |
|--|---------|--------|-------|
| Caretaker's cost 17 December 2018 – 16 January 2019 (inclusive) | £22.32 | - | - |
| Clerk's salary – February 2019 | £525.18 | - | - |
| EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – February 2019 | £24.00 | £22.80 | £1.20 |
| DB Computer Repairs - health check to Parish laptop, installed Antivirus, help with Parish website | £80.00 | - | - |
| Hedges & Lawns – 1 cut on 25 February 2019 | £55.00 | - | - |

RECEIPT(S) – Hire of Reading Rooms = £60.00, EDF Credit = £0.41

GRANT REQUEST(S) – The Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul, Ermington - £1,200.00 contribution to the costs of maintaining the churchyard. Approved.

Treasurers Account – Balance £94,366.25 as at 13 February 2019

Business Account - Balance £8,392.13 as at 11 June 2018

Approval for the Parish Clerk to attend a planning event at a cost of £48.00 on Tuesday 26 March, 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm, Exeter – agreed.

112/18 GRASS CUTTING HONEY'S FIELD

The Clerk has spoken to the owner of the field, who agreed the Parish Council could cut the grass during 2019.

113/18 CORRESPONDENCE

Emails circulated to Councillors via the Clerk:-

Devon Communities Together - Understand the new benefits system with training from Citizens Advice Devon
AONB - A Plymouth Sound, Caradon & South Devon National Marin Park
Keep Britain Tidy - Join Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean = *Cllr Martin has actioned*
Devon Communities Together - Opportunity to host a Dutch student for a fortnight in June at your home
SHDC - Free Logs - Tree works in Ermington next week
SHDC - Reminder about changes to Planning Consultations from 1st April 2019
DCC - Highways - Temporary Traffic Notice - Westlake cross to Langbrook Cross, Ermington (TTRO1929385)
SHDC - New premises licence application - Kitley House Hotel, Yealmpton
DCC - Free family fun this half term!
SHDC - Council Tax Changes Offer Help for Working Age People
DCC – Re-use Credit Scheme – Consultation = *Cllr Heaton briefed Councillors on the three options. Councillors agreed to option three - for it to continue to fund under current arrangements.*
SHDC - Looking to the Future
DCC - Chapter 8 training update

114/18 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FORMAT

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 16 April 2019, with the Devon Air Ambulance to be invited to give a talk.

ACTION: Clerk

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on [Tuesday 2 April 2019](#) at [7.30 pm](#) in the Reading Rooms, Ermington.

County Councillor R Hosking and District Councillor T Holway were thanked for attending the meeting and left at 8.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

John Kerlake

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(*Ermington Parish Council Chairman*)

Date: 2 April 2019

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