

# Ermington Parish Council

All members of Ermington Parish Council are hereby summoned to attend an Ermington Parish Council Meeting on **Tuesday 7 December 2021** at **7.30 pm**, to be held in Ermington Reading Rooms for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

*Teresa Drew*  
Clerk to Parish Council

Date: 1 December 2021

## AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of members' interest(s) in respect of any item on this agenda. Councillors are reminded that any change to their Declaration of Interests must be notified to the Monitoring Officer at South Hams District Council within 28 days of the change
3. Public Open Forum - Questions and comments from members of the public to Parish Councillors, County & District Councillors (**a period of not more than 15 minutes**). After the public open forum members of the public are asked to respect the fact this is a meeting to conduct council business after which the public may not speak – thank you.  
(Standing Orders 3e)
4. To receive report from Devon County Councillor Daniel Thomas, including outstanding items from past meetings:
  - 080/21 Make the footpath safer from opposite Plantation House to the bus stop near Flete House entrance - *PROW Plantation House to Sequers Bridge: Cllr Thomas has emailed Paul McFadden, the local footpaths warden for your Parish, to ask his advice and asked whether he could pass his details onto Cllr Owens.*
  - 080/21 Drains near the new roundabout at Hollowcombe were blocked which caused flooding during a recent rainfall - *Cllr Denis Onley has had a lengthy email from Richard Kingsley Smith at Devon County Council and Cllr Thomas has spoken to Nick Colton, DCC Highways, who has spoken to the design engineer too.*
  - 005/21 Blocked drains on the left-hand side of Town Hill and Chapel Street, grate needs to be removed to assess the Situation - *drains on the list to be dealt with by DCC Highways. The list contains some 500 gullies to be attended to and the list may take up to a year to complete.*
  - 005/21 River Erme erosion A3121 – *Nick Colton, DCC Highways has assured Cllr Thomas that while there are no answers yet, he is aware of a regular string of internal emails being sent.*
  - 005/21 Flooding Westlake – *problem is caused by a single culvert with multiple gullies and grids. In heavy rain, they fill with detritus and block. Nick Colton, DCC Highways has informed Cllr Thomas that a meeting took place some 3 years ago with him, local landowner, Cllr Creese and the former Devon County Councillor Richard Hosking. No tangible progress was made at that stage. RESOLVED a meeting will be arranged with Nick Colton, DCC Highways, local landowner, Cllr Creese and Cllr Thomas to attend a new meeting to kick start matters.*
  - 005/21 Modbury Cross Woodland Planting – *one of the DCC landscape officers is working on a planting plan, Cllr Thomas is waiting for a copy, which he will pass to the Parish Council as soon as he can.*
5. To receive reports from District Councillor Tom Holway
6. Vacancies for six Parish Councillors - to consider and, if agreed, approve any applications received for co-option onto the Council
7. Parish Church, Parish Council and the Community – David Sayle - Rector of The Three Rivers Mission Community
8. Speeding in the Village: Update on flashing speed sign near Ermington Store and More – Cllr Creese  
Mobile speed camera - Cllr Creese.
9. Reading Rooms: Progress report on repairs and maintenance - Cllr Creese
10. Ownership of land currently used for parking vehicles on the right hand side going up Town Hill

11. Resolve to approve Parish Council Meeting minutes of 2 November 2021 (as previously circulated)

12. Planning - Councillors to view planning applications on SHDC website prior to meeting

*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.*

No planning applications received at the time this agenda was issued.

**To ratify the following planning application, discussed at November 2021 meeting:**

Reference: 3510/21/FUL

Proposal: Application for extension and modifications to existing farmhouse, demolition of existing barn/store, erection of new store and annexed accommodation (resubmission of 1064/21/HHO)

Site Address: Brook Farm, Ivybridge, PL21 9LE

Recommendation: No comment

**Planning Decisions**

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2026/21/FUL Ermington

DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3546/21/HHO Ermington

DECISION: Conditional Approval

13. Finances:

i) To note bank balances – Business Account as at 11 October 2021 - £45,923.45  
Treasurers Account as at 15 November 2021 - £71,605.02

ii) Receipt – Bank Interest (Business Account) 11/10/2021- £0.40

iii) Payments – resolve to make the following payments:

Description	Gross	VAT	Net
Parish Clerk – November 2021 salary and home allowance	£606.34	-	-
GoPak Ltd – tables and chairs for Reading Rooms lower room	£2105.30	£350.88	£1754.42
DB Computer – maintenance of website for October and November 2021	£60.00	-	-
Chapman Electrical – replace power outlets in the Reading Rooms lower room and provide certification	£342.53	£57.08	£285.45
Dart Fire Protection – fire extinguishers, signs etc	£393.21	£65.53	£327.68
SLCC - ½ of the total membership cost with Holbeton Parish Council - £171.00	£85.50	-	-
Reimbursement to Clerk - Land Registry Searches for owner of land Town Hill, Ermington	£48.00	-	-
Reimbursement to Cllr Creese for the purchase of heaters, toilet roll holder and adhesive for the Reading Rooms, lower room	£72.96	-	-

(iv) Grant Requests - Citizens Advice South Hams  
Penquit Defibrillator -

(v) To approve the Financial Statement and Earmarked Reserves

(vi) Review Clerk salary increase

(vii) Review budget 2021/2022, to date

14. Receive reports on allocated areas of responsibility:

a) Churchyard liaison = **Cllr Owens**

b) Ermington Park = **Claire Cross (parishioner)**

c) Climate Change and Biodiversity = **Cllr Onley**

d) Road Warden Scheme = **Cllr Creese**

e) Assessment of Parish Footpaths = **Cllr Owens**

Footpath from Higher Keaton to Fernham - parishioners have enquired why it is not on current OS map = **Cllr Owens**

15. Review Protocol on the filming and recording of Parish Council Meetings

16. Correspondence to Note:

Citizens Advice South Hams Annual Report

DCC - Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Newsletter - October 2021

POLLING OPEN: Election of Community Representatives to the South Devon AONB Partnership Committee

DCC - Highways Parish & Town Council Conferences 2021 - Virtual Events

SHDC - Christmas Waste Calendar Dates

SHDC - Is The South Hams Pitch Perfect?

SHDC - Councillor Apologises and Pays for Waste Collection

SHDC - Supporting vulnerable rough sleepers across the District

SHDC - Helping residents to pay essential bills this winter

Consultation: Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service - draft Community Risk Management

Message from South Hams Community and Voluntary Services to Parish Councils

SHDC - Free weekend parking in Ivybridge in the run up to Christmas

SHDC - Council Improves Popular Totnes Walk

SHDC - South Hams is Our Special Place

SHDC - Housing Crisis – Working in partnership with our Residents & Communities

SHDC - Are you ready for winter in the South Hams?

SHDC - Co-mingled collected waste video

SHDC - Housing Crisis Update Report Outlines Steps Taken To Address Local Housing Issues

SHDC - Funding Support for Climate Change and Biodiversity Community Groups

SHDC - Don't miss out on business grant funding - deadline extended

SHDC - Council Wins Bid to Plant More Urban Trees

DCC - Devon Countryside Access Forum - request to Parish Councils

CIr Holway - £120,000 in donations waiting to help

SHDC – for comment - Draft proposed SHDC Grounds Maintenance layer (to enhance biodiversity on Council green spaces)

Parishioner – Grant Request - Penquit Defibrillator

D Butler - NZ Family Seeks Devon Relocation

Parishioner - Interruption to electricity supply

17. To confirm date of Parish Council Meeting and venue – [4 January 2022](#)

*Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 people may film, record, tweet, or blog from parish council meetings. The use of any images or sound recordings is not under the Parish Council's control. The Parish Council kindly ask that anybody intending to record the meeting, inform the Chair prior to the meeting. The Parish Council meetings may be recorded by the Clerk.*

**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>