

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Reading Rooms on 5 April 2022 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Denis Onley (Chair), Robert Owens, Ian Creese, John Dunlop
District Councillor Tom Holway (from 7.30 pm to 8.00 pm)
Teresa Drew (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Parishioner(s) / Visitor(s): 5

154/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from County Councillor Dan Thomas.

155/2021 VACANCIES FOR SIX PARISH COUNCILLORS - TO CONSIDER AND IF AGREED, APPROVE ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR CO-OPTION ONTO THE COUNCIL

No applications have been received since the last Parish Council meeting. The notice advertising the vacancies can be seen on parish notice boards, Ermington Parish website and the Ermington Parish Magazine.

156/2021 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST(S) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA

Cllr Owens - listed on Parish Church electoral roll (see agenda item 13 (a)).

157/2021 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM - Questions and Comments from Members of the Public to Parish Councillors, County and District Councillors

Parishioner – grass cutting at the playing field is still an issue. Would the parish council liaise with the cricket club and take the grass cuttings to be disposed of responsibly? RESOLVED Cllr Creese will ask the cricket club to spread the grass cuttings between the fence and informal path on the riverbank side of the fence and not near the river bank. **ACTION: Cllr Creese**

A parishioner suggested contacting a local cricket club to ascertain how they deal with their grass cuttings.

Parishioner – steps from Fawns Close to the playing field are in poor condition. Is it possible to have a handrail fitted and the steps repaired? RESOLVED Cllr Holway will assess the situation. **ACTION: Cllr Holway**

Cllr Dunlop – climate emergency and moving away from fossil fuel, are there grants available? Cllr Holway suggested there may be grants available and to approach SHDC.

Parishioner – Ivybridge new supermarket development car parking complaint situation is down to SHDC not planning ahead to plan alternative temporary car parking. Closing the car parks for 6 months, over the Christmas period, will have a significant impact for local traders.

158/2021 EMAILED REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR DANIEL THOMAS

142/21 River Erme erosion A3121

142/21 Potholes in Westlake and Luson. Flooding in Westlake – meeting to be arranged at the end of April 2022,
142/21 Modbury Cross Woodland Planting - wet woodland as a quid pro quo for land that was grubbed up for highways improvements somewhere else in the county.

Devon stands with Ukraine

Devon's local authorities are supporting local residents who want to provide sanctuary to the Ukrainian refugees who have been forced to flee their homes.

[A new website now hosts the latest guidance and information](#) as it becomes available.

Visit devon.gov.uk/supporting-ukraine for further information

158/2021 EMAILED REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR DANIEL THOMAS (continued)

We are now receiving the latest information from the government on the Devon sponsors who have registered, and are carrying out DBS checks on the sponsor families. And Devon's district authorities are using a common approach to assess each sponsor's accommodation, which will help better assess any potential safeguarding risks.

This initial phase of the Homes for Ukraine scheme is designed to supplement the Ukraine Family Visa for people in the UK to support friends and colleagues. We are now seeing several hundred people in Devon being matched and, following permission to travel, we will start to see those families arrive in Devon.

As you will appreciate the situation is evolving quickly, with updated guidance coming through from government daily, but all Team Devon partners are working together to develop a rapid response.

Anyone who is interested in offering accommodation can register their interest via the government website [Homes for Ukraine – Local Sponsorship Scheme for Ukraine](#). The link also contains some frequently asked questions (FAQs) for would-be accommodation providers (sponsors).

Those wishing to offer donations on the ground are advised to make financial contributions, particularly to the **Disasters Emergency Committee**.

Everything you need to know about the spring booster in Devon

Spring COVID-19 booster jobs have started to be offered to people in Devon at greatest risk of COVID-19 infection, many of whom had their first booster six months ago. The groups eligible for the spring booster are:

- people aged 75 years and older
- residents in a care home for older adults
- people aged 12 years old and over who have a weakened immune system

The best time to have the spring booster is around six months after the previous booster, although the minimum interval is three months. You can find your nearest walk-in clinic on [the NHS site finder website](#) or book an appointment via the [National Booking System](#).

Check visitor arrangements at hospitals and care homes

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in Devon some hospitals and care homes have taken the difficult decision to restrict visitors in order to protect vulnerable patients, residents and staff.

If you are planning to visit someone in hospital or in a care home, please ring ahead or check their website to find out about visitor arrangements.

Holiday food support continues for Easter

Supermarket vouchers worth £570,000 have been sent to families of 19,000 children in Devon to help them buy food over the upcoming Easter holidays.

This comes from the government's one-off 'household support fund', which was given to councils to distribute. Over the last year £4.7 million has provided nearly 140,000 supermarket vouchers for families who qualify for free school meals; so their children don't go hungry over the school holidays.

159/2021 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TOM HOLWAY

SHDC is working with DCC & Plymouth CC to set up a Freeport for Plymouth and South Devon. There are issues with car parking whilst the proposed development of Aldi is being built at Ivybridge. The Ringmore Neighbourhood Plan has been undertaken by.

SHDC has granted £10,000 to DEC for Ukraine.

Supplementary Emergency Planning Policy Consultation, aimed to get developers to stop using fossil fuel heating and improving insulation.

Step up scheme – any tenant of social housing who wishes to buy there is help available.

160/2021 SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE

The mobile speed camera is now in place near The First and Last. RESOLVED to place the camera on the A3121 after a period of time.

161//2021 READING ROOMS: Progress report on repairs and maintenance - Cllr Creese

The kitchen units are being installed by Cllr Creese.

The toilet area has been completed.

162/2021 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve minutes and Chair Cllr Onley to sign, the Parish Council Meeting minutes of 1 March 2022 as previously circulated.

163/2021 PLANNING

Reference: 0460/22/FUL

Site Address: Unit A and B, East Way, Lee Mill Industrial Estate, Lee Mill, PL21 9GE

Proposal: Rear extension and internal alterations.

Recommendation: No comment to make

Reference: 4505/21/HHO

Proposal: Householder application for first floor extension including roof alterations, single storey side extension, and new patio area

Site Address: Cowsberry Farm, Burraton, PL21 9JZ

Recommendation: No comment to make

Reference: 0089/22/FUL

Proposal: Replacement Workshop and Welfare Facilities.

Site Address: The Smithy, Ivybridge Road, Ermington, PL21 0LG

Recommendation: Support

Planning Application Withdrawn

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3828/21/HHO 213828

Tree Preservation Order

Application No: 4458/21/TPO

GRANT of CONDITIONAL CONSENT

Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NUMBER: 0059/22/HHO Ermington	DECISION: Conditional Approval
APPLICATION NUMBER: 4182/21/FUL Ermington	DECISION: Conditional Approval
APPLICATION NUMBER: 0597/22/CLP Ermington	DECISION: Cert of Lawfulness (Proposed) Certified

For Information only

Applicant: Mr Paul Inch - Paul Inch Engine Services

Application Number: 0968/22/PDM

Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1 No. dwellinghouse and for associated operational development (Class Q (a+b))

Location: Agricultural Barn known as Heavilands Barn, Adjacent to Hunsdon Road, Westlake, Ivybridge

164/2021 FINANCE

RESOLVED to agree the following:

- i) Bank balances – Business Account as at 9 February 2022 – £45,924.97
Treasurers Account as at 14 March 2022 - £66,955.71
- ii) Banked receipts – Bank Interest (Business Account) 09/02/2022 - £0.38
South Hams District Council - £100.00

iii) RESOLVED to make the following payments:

Description	Gross	VAT	Net
Parish Clerk – March 2022 salary	£645.45		
DB Computer – maintenance of website for February and March 2022	£60.00		
South Hams District Council - Providing 2021/22 Payroll Service for Parish Clerk	£120.00	£20.00	£100.00
DALC membership fee for 2022/23	£201.19	£23.20	£177.99

iv) Grant Request(s) – None

v) RESOLVED to approve the following Financial Statement and Earmarked Reserves

Financial Statement		
Lloyds Bank Business Account bank statement as at 9 February 2022 :		£45,924.97
Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account bank statement as at 14 March 2022:		£66,955.71
Less: any un-presented cheques	001459	-£393.21
Plus: any un-banked cash/cheques	£0.00	£0.00
	Total Funds =	£112,487.47
Earmarked Reserves		
Repairs to Reading Rooms, Ermington		-£20,000
	Total uncommitted Funds =	£92,094.26

(vi) Budget for 2021/2022 was reviewed.

(vii) Cllr Owen verified the bank statements and reconciliations (see minute reference - 148/2021).

165/2021 ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 2023 AND STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL

RESOLVED to adopt the revised Parish Council Risk Assessment for the year ending March 2023 and Statement of Internal Control.

166/2021 REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

- a) Church Liaison = RESOLVED to fit a combination code lock on the fire door from the churchyard to the Reading Rooms. **ACTION: Cllr Creese**
- b) Ermington Park = Claire Cross (parishioner) – RESOLVED Cllr Creese will inform the cricket club they are able to use the Devon Air Ambulance power outlet. **ACTION: Cllr Creese**
- c) Climate Change and Biodiversity – no update.
- d) Road Warden Scheme update – Cllr Thomas is organising a meeting at Westlake to discuss the flooding issue.
- e) Assessment of Parish footpaths = Cllr Owens – Footpath from Higher Keaton to Fernham – following the article in the April Ermington Parish Magazine, to date Cllr Owens has received four responses.

166/2021 REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY: (continued)

Cllr Thomas and Cllr Owens have walked the A3121 to assess pedestrian safety. The main points raised are to lower the speed limit to 30 mph from 40 mph and have a priority sign over Fawns Bridge, a pavement river side from Town Hill to Plantation House and priority crossing on Sequers Bridge. **RESOLVED** Cllr Owens will write an article for the next edition of the Ermington Parish Magazine. **ACTION: Cllr Owens**

167/2021 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE PARISH CELEBRATION(S) – June 2022

Cllr Owens has emailed the Village Fund to confirm the Parish Council agreed to allow the Village Fund to use a Devon Air Ambulance power outlet. The Parish Council are awaiting confirmation from the Village Fund that they agree the terms of use.

168/2021 REVIEW OF ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE

No amendments.

169/2021 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Some of the correspondence listed below can be viewed on the parish website:-

Email from Parishioners – in connection with an objection to Planning Application 4701/221/FUL - Budlake Barn
Parish Councillors RESOLVED not to make any further comment.

Emails from Parishioner – 23/03/2022 re. number of issues of traffic passing through the village, lack of pavements and parking. *Parish Councillors discussed the content of the email. RESOLVED to ask DCC to vary the no3 bus route to come into the village instead of picking up from Flete. ACTION: Clerk*

Email from Parishioner - Memory Bench - Ermington Playing Fields

Email - Flying high in Ermington – *RESOLVED to host an evening in the Reading Rooms and ask if they would be prepared to have a photo of Ermington on the parish website. ACTION: Clerk*

Parishioner - Next Churchyard Working Party - 20/4/22 - 10.30 am

SHDC - Empty HomesWeek

SHDC - South Hams Garden Waste Service Restarts

SHDC - Step On Grant To Help South Hams Step Out Of Housing Crisis

SHDC - South Hams and West Devon add their support to Ukrainians fleeing conflict

SHDC - Planning for a Simpler Application!

DCC - Temporary Traffic Notice - ROAD FROM SUNNY PARK TO MARJERY CROSS, Ermington (TTRO2244669)

SHDC - Come and see the Ivybridge Regeneration Plans

SHDC - Gold For South Ham and West Devon

DCC - Stagecoach Public Service Bus changes for Exeter WEF 10th April 2022

SHDC - Ringmore community shaping its own future with neighbourhood planning

SHDC - It's Time to Step on

Cllr Holway - South Devon Community Energy - Part time jobs available

Cllr Holway - £500,000 fund opens for grant applications to tackle loneliness and isolation

Cllr Holway - WEA Community Course Provision for Wellbeing in Ivybridge and South Brent

170/2021 TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND VENUE

Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Reading Rooms, on [24 May 2022](#) starting at [7.30](#) pm.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Denis Onley

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(Ermington Parish Council Chair)

Date: 24 May 2022

Agenda and minutes can be viewed on the Ermington Parish website

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

To report highway issues - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>
SHDC website to report issues - <https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/webreportit>