

Ermington Parish Council

All members of Ermington Parish Council are hereby summoned to attend an Ermington Parish Council Meeting on **Tuesday 6 December 2022** 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: 29 November 2022

AGENDA

1. Accept apologies for absence
2. Declarations of members' interest(s) in respect of any item on this agenda. Members are also 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. Vacancies for six Parish Councillors - to consider and, if agreed, approve any applications for co-option onto the Council
4. Report from Devon County Councillor Dan Thomas

*Public footpath gate entrance opposite Plantation House & A3121 Speed limit (variation of DCC policy)
Potholes in Westlake and Lusson and flooding in Westlake
DCC Review of Bus services to Ermington*

5. Report from District Councillor Tom Holway

*Ermington House Nursing Home - complaints regarding external lights
Fume/Air quality test around Ermington Primary School*

6. 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.
7. Resolve to approve the Parish Council Meeting minutes of 1 November 2022 (as previously circulated)
8. Devon Wildlife Trust - Landmark Tree for Ermington
9. River Erme Pollution
10. Ermington Environmental Group – draft plan

11. 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.

Planning Application Ref: 3076/22/HHO Description: Householder application for proposed first floor extension
Address: 2 Erme Bridge Cottages Ermington PL21 9NN

Reference: 3614/22/FUL Proposal: Erection of general purpose agricultural buildings (Retrospective)
Site Address: Churchlands Farm, Ivybridge, PL21 9JP

Reference: 3810/22/FUL Proposal: Erection of a new agricultural livestock building 1
Site Address: Coyton Barton, Ivybridge, PL21 9LD

Reference: 3377/22/FUL Proposal: Proposed installation of solar panels & erection of two outdoor sheds
Site Address: Ludd House, Strode, PL21 0LZ

Reference: 3811/22/FUL Proposal: Erection of a new agricultural livestock building 2
Site Address: Coyton Barton, Ivybridge, PL21 9LD

Reference: 3962/22/ADV Proposal: Advertisement consent to install 3x Fascia & 4x Graphic sign
Site Address: Tesco, Central Avenue, Lee Mill Industrial Estate, Lee Mill, PL21 9PE

Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2941/22/CLP Ermington
APPLICATION NUMBER: 3134/22/FUL Ermington

DECISION: Cert of Lawfulness (Proposed) Certified
DECISION: Conditional Approval

11. Planning (continued)

To ratify the following planning application recommendation:

Reference: 2880/22/F

Recommendation: - No comments to make - *Ermington Parish Council have declared a climate emergency and under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006 we are obligated to encourage biodiversity and enhancements for nature. As such we welcome any action that can be taken to help the natural environment and wildlife in this time of climate crisis. Any new planning development offers an opportunity for parishioners to help the Parish Council with this requirement.*

We will always assess any proposed planning application in terms of the contribution to climate change.

Steps we wish applicants to take include the following, although this is not an exhaustive list and we would also welcome other solutions:

Incorporating energy efficiency, high standards of insulation, and low carbon systems for heating, cooking and lighting, together with renewable energy generation including PV solar, wind turbines, and electric vehicle charging points.

The use of locally sourced low carbon building materials and the use of building locations and designs to minimise carbon use and include the recovery and reuse of water and building materials.

Ensuring adequate drainage to reduce the risk of flooding and the use of permeable surfacing materials to hard landscape areas. N.B. The use of traditional soakaways in areas of known flooding risk will not normally be supported.

Mitigating carbon use by actions to support wildlife, such as; planting berry and fruit-bearing trees, planting hedgerows instead of fencing, maintaining hedgehog high-ways, installing bat and bird boxes.

12. Finance

(i) To note bank balances – Business Account on 10 October 2022 = £45,932.30
Treasurers Account on 15 November 2022 - £74,320.03

(ii) Receipt – Bank Interest (Business Account) 10/10/2022 - £1.95
Hire of Reading Rooms - £40.00

(iii) Payments – resolve to make the following payments:

Description	Gross	VAT	Net
Parish Clerk – November 2022 salary	£721.20	-	-
DB Computer Repairs – November 2022 maintenance charge for parish council website	£40.00	-	-
DB Computer Repairs – setup new HP laptop – transfer of data etc	£55.00	-	-
Reimbursement to Clerk – purchase of HP 15.6" laptop	£579.99	£96.67	£483.32
Reimbursement to Clerk – purchase of Microsoft 365 Personal (1 year subscription)	£59.99	-	-
Ermington Village Fund – revenue loss at firework evening November 2022 (see minute ref 052/2022)	£250.00	-	-
SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) – ½ of the cost of annual membership (shared with Holbeton Parish Council)	£88.50	-	-

(iv) Grant Request – Citizens Advice South Hams

(v) To approve the Financial Statement and Earmarked Reserves

(vi) Review spend and income to date, against budget 2022/2023

13. Internal Auditor for 2022/2023

14. Reports on allocated areas of responsibility:

- Church Liaison = **Cllr Owens**
- Ermington Park
- Climate Change and Biodiversity = **Cllr Onley**
- Road Warden Scheme = **Cllr Creese**
- Assessment of Parish Footpaths = **Cllr Owens**
- Footpath from Higher Keaton to Fernham = **Cllr Owens**

15. Repairs to the top floor room of Ermington Reading Rooms

- Update on the four replacement upvc windows – **Cllr Creese**

16. Maintenance of the Ermington Village Telephone Box which stores the village defibrillator

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

18. Correspondence to note:

Free Landmark Tree for Ermington – Devon Wildlife Trust
Pre Planning Consultation Cellnex COM-0024526 – *no comment*
SHDC - South Hams garden waste service subscriptions are now live
Parishioner - River Erme volunteers
SHDC - New South Hams Sport and Community Development Officer
Neighbourhood Watch Network - FREE 'Stand up against street harassment' bystander webinar
Libraries Unlimited - Libraries provide vital support to local communities in Devon
SHDC South Hams Climate Change and Biodiversity Newsletter November 2022
DCC - Devon Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy Consultation
The Ramblers - Don't Lose Your Way: Volunteer to save lost paths today
South Hams CVS - Query about cost of living projects in Ermington parish – *actioned by the Clerk*
DCC - Five ways to protect under 5s this winter and its Stress Awareness Week
Parishioner - Christmas Fair, Reading Room toilet access request – *access granted*
SHDC - Affordable homes in South Brent
SHDC - Cost of Living Community Action Fund South Hams
SHDC - Christmas Recycling and Waste Collections in the South Hams

19. To confirm date of the next Parish Council Meeting

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 Clerk may record the Parish Council meetings.

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>