

# Ermington Parish Council

All members of Ermington Parish Council are hereby summoned to attend an Ermington Parish Council Meeting on **Tuesday 4 April 2023** 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: 28 March 2023

## 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*
  - *Safety of unusual dips and cambers on new roundabout at Kitterford Cross*
  - *Tree planting and weed killing near Hollowcombe roundabout*
5. Report from District Councillor Tom Holway
  - *Ash trees in Ermington Play Park*
  - *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 21 February 2023 (as previously circulated)
8. River Erme Pollution – Cllr Dunlop
9. Community Speed Watch
10. Ermington Environmental Group - Erme Climate and Biodiversity Plan
  - Ermington Parish Council website – link request (approximate maximum cost of £200)
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.*

Reference: 0324/23/HHO

Site Address: The Roost, Clickland Farm, Ermington, PL21 9JY

Proposal: Householder application for construction of single storey extension to rear of property including in-roof solar panels to the southeast facing roof slope

Reference: 0429/23/FUL

Site Address: Strashleigh Farm, Ivybridge, PL21 9JP

Proposal: Provision of manege

Reference: 0907/23/PIP

Site Address: Land West of Park Hill Cottages, Chapel Street, Ermington

Proposal: Application for Permission in Principle for the erection of up to 2no dwellings

### **Planning Decisions**

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3377/22/FUL Ermington

LOCATION: Ludd House Strode PL21 0LZ

PROPOSAL: Proposed installation of solar panels & erection of two outdoor sheds

DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 0065/23/FUL Ermington

LOCATION: Land At Sx 605561 Beech Road Lee Mill

PROPOSAL: Creation of new agricultural access (resubmission of 2498/22/FUL)

DECISION: Conditional Approval

## 11. Planning (continued)

### Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3961/22/FUL Ermington

LOCATION : Tesco Central Avenue Lee Mill Industrial Estate Lee Mill PL21 9PE

PROPOSAL: Proposal to install Timpson's Pod & 12x Ramraid Bollards DECISION: Refusal

### Planning Application Withdrawn

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3508/22/HHO 223508 Ermington and Ugborough LOCATION: Woodcock Barn Burraton PL21 9JZ

PROPOSAL: Householder application for conversion of existing garage to habitable room, link extension to connect to existing property & addition of PV panels

DECISION: Withdrawn

### To ratify the following planning application recommendation:

Parish Council being consulted as a neighbouring parish.

Reference: 4436/22/FUL

Proposal: Extension of residential curtilage, new garage, fenestration improvements & external alterations to dwelling

Site Address: Waye Farmhouse, Ermington, PL21 9NU

RECOMMENDATION: See comment below

See comment -

*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 highways, installing bat and bird boxes*

## 12. Finance

(i) To note bank balances – Business Account on 9 February 2023 = £45,990.78  
Treasurers Account on 13 March 2023 = £65,833.29

(ii) Receipt – Bank Interest (Business Account) 09/02/2023 = £23.42

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

Description	Gross	VAT	Net
Parish Clerk – February 2023 salary	£721.20	-	-
March 2023 salary	£721.20	-	-
DB Computer Repairs – February and March 2023 maintenance charge for parish council website	£80.00	-	-
Reimbursement to Clerk – purchase of A4 lever arch file	£5.60	£0.93	£4.67
Providing 2022/23 Payroll Service for Parish Clerk	£120.00	£20.00	£100.00

(iv) Grant Request – None

(v) To approve the Financial Statement and Earmarked Reserves

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

(vii) Internal Audit – Monday 17 April 2023

(viii) Ermington Environmental Group no hire cost for use of the Reading Rooms for meetings

## 13. Reports on allocated areas of responsibility:

- Church Liaison = **Cllr Owens**
- Ermington Park = - **Cllr Onley**
- 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**
- Community Speed Watch - publishing dates on the village Facebook page = **Cllr Dunlop**

## 14. Coronation of King Charles III – Saturday 6 May 2023

15. Parish Council Risk Assessment for year ending March 2024 and Statement of Internal Control

16. Financial Regulations requirement: 2.2 *Every six months and at each financial year end, a member other than a cheque signatory shall be appointed to verify bank reconciliations (for all accounts) produced by the RFO. The member shall sign the original bank statements, (or similar document) as evidence of verification. This activity shall on conclusion be reported, including any exceptions, to and noted by the Council.*

17. Review Ermington Parish Council Operation London Bridge Policy

18. eDF Fixed business contract ends on 24 May 2023 – Reading Rooms

19. Correspondence to note: Brixton Parish Council - Planning guidance from River Yealm Water Quality Working Group

20. Agree Annual Parish Meeting format, date and time

21. To confirm date of the Annual 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/lvybridge/Overview>

or the contact form: <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/your-area/teams/lvybridge/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>