

Ermington Parish Council

All members of Ermington Parish Council are hereby summoned to attend an **Ermington Parish Council Meeting** on **Tuesday 7 April 2026** at **7.30 pm** to be held in **Ermington Reading Rooms** with the purpose of transacting the following business.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Teresa Drew
Clerk to Parish Council

Date: 30 March 2026

AGENDA

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence – Cllr Cliff Summer
2. Declarations of Interest(s) 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. Resignation of Parish Councillor – John Dunlop
4. To suspend the business of the Parish Council to allow the following reports from: -

Devon County Councillor Dan Thomas Report
South Hams District Council Alison Dewynter Report
5. Rural England Prosperity Funding and A3121 Speed Reduction Project – Cllr Onley
- Grant funds: A3121
6. Resolve to approve the Parish Council Meeting minutes of March 2026 (as previously circulated)
7. Public Open Space Land below “The Spires “
8. Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and South Hams District Council Assets within the parish.
9. Finance

(i) To note bank balances –

Lloyds Bank Comm Inst Access Account Bank Statement on 13 February 2026: £15,019.36

Lloyds Bank Community Account Bank Statement on 13 March 2026: £3,365.66

NatWest Bank Business Reserve Account on 27 February 2026: £71,285.13

(ii) Receipts – £9.95 bank interest Lloyds Bank Comm Inst Assess – February 2026
£51.91 bank interest NatWest Business Reserve – February 2026

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

Description	Gross	VAT	Net
Parish Clerk – March 2026	£695.18	-	-
HMRC	£173.80	-	-
David Brett – maintenance of parish council website March 2026	£50.00	-	-
eDF – electricity Reading Rooms 1 – 28 February 2026	£32.88	£1.64	£31.24
South Hams District Council - Providing 2025/26 Payroll Service for Parish Clerk	£120.00	£20.00	£100.00

(iv) To approve the Financial Statement and Earmarked Reserves

(v) To review spending and income to date, against budget 2025/2026

(vi) Grant request – Modbury Caring
Ermington Village Fund £750

(vii) Cllr Sumner's report on verification of bank reconciliations

10. Church Tower Clock (Great War Memorial) has broken down again – clarification required on maintenance

11. Additional Parish Council Cheque signatories

12. Internal Audit to take place Tuesday 28th April 2026 at 9.30 am

13. **First Public Open Forum** - This open forum (a period of not more than 15 minutes) is for questions and comments on Devon County Council and SHDC Councillors reports, and any other subjects **NOT INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA**. A further open forum will be provided later in the meeting where questions can be asked about Parish Council reports and any other business contained in this agenda. After the public 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 until the second public forum - thank you.

14. 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: 0577/26/ARC

Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4 (Slates), 5 (External Attachments) & 6 (Doors/Windows) of planning consent 1521/23/LBC

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

Reference: 0427/26/FUL

Proposal: To replace the existing fire tower, which is at its end of life, with a new tower in the existing location

Site Address: Fire Station, Ermington Road, Ivybridge, PL21 9ES

Reference: 0350/26/FUL

Proposal: Erection of agricultural general-purpose building

Site Address: East Worthele Farm, Ivybridge, PL21 9JU

Reference: 0539/26/FUL

Proposal: Erection of Stable Building and proposed track and change of use of land to equestrian

Site Address: Higher Preston Barn, Ermington, PL21 9FQ

For information only:

Application Number: 0652/26/PDM

Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a residential dwelling (Class C3) & for associated development (Class Q (a+c))

Location: Barn Adjacent Orchard Barn Ermington

Application Number: 0692/26/PDM

Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 2no dwellinghouses (Class C3) & for associated development (Class Q (a+b))

Location: Land Known As The Orchard, Westlake

To ratify the following planning application recommendation:

Reference: 0271/26/HHO

Proposal: Householder application to replace nine roof lights with like-for-like conservation style windows

Site Address: Burbilan, Chapel Street, Ermington, PL21 9ND

Recommendation: Support

15. EPC Standing Orders against NALC Model Standing Orders 2025 – Cllrs Messham and Sumner

16. Future of the Reading Rooms and condition of the building – quotes from Surveyors on the condition of the building

17. Ermington Parish Magazine – Cllr Messham

18. Community Action Programme – Cllr Grafton

19. Four Rivers Dementia Alliance – Cllr Grafton

20. Update of Ermington Cricket Club proposal for a building on the Playing Field, Ermington

21. Review of Ermington Parish Council Operation London Bridge Policy and Co-Option Policy
- Adopt EPC IT Policy

22. Reports on allocated areas of Parish Councillors' responsibilities:

- a) Ermington Parish Church liaison = Cllr Messham
- b) Community Speed Watch report = Cllrs Owens and Messham
- c) Road Warden Scheme, maintenance of the speed cameras and pothole team = Cllrs Savery and Creese
- d) Assessment of Parish Footpaths = Cllr Owens
- e) Meet Your Councillor's Clinic – 24 January 2026 = Cllr Sumner
- f) Feedback from the Ermington Environmental Group = Cllr Williams
- g) Ermington Primary School liaison = Cllr Toms

23. **Second Public Forum** – Questions and Comments from members of the public to Parish Councillors with reference to Parish Council business INCLUDED IN THIS AGENDA ONLY – specifically around allocated areas of responsibility and finance (a period of not more than 15 minutes)

24. Hire Charge of Portable Toilet on Ermington Playing Field 2026: Brandon Hire Station

Account Name: Ermington Parish Council

Annual price review from 1 April 2026 - hire rates will increase by 4.6% to £47.07 per week

In 2025 the weekly hire was £45.00.

25. Correspondence to note (some of the correspondences listed below can be seen on the parish council website):

DAA Ermington Landing site - Annual re survey - Wednesday 18th March 2026

DCC Highways - 260315 Beech Road Lee Mill ORD2600274

SHDC – Oil Heating Payments

Devon Rural Archive - Ermington Oral History Exhibition - 26 March 2026

SHDC - Community Asset Transfer Policy Update

26. Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 20 May 2026 in The Hub at Ermington Store and More commencing at 6.00 pm

- Annual Parish Meeting - Guest Speaker

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