

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Reading Rooms on 25 January 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 8.15 pm*)
Teresa Drew (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Parishioner(s) / Visitor(s): 3

123/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from County Councillor Dan Thomas.

124/2021 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 vacancies can be seen on parish notice boards, Ermington Parish website and in the Ermington Parish Magazine.

125/2021 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST(S) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA

Cllr Owens - listed on Parish Church electoral roll.

126/2021 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM - Questions and Comments from Members of the Public to Parish Councillors, County and District Councillors

A parishioner asked that potholes in Westlake and Luson are repaired as soon as possible. RESOLVED Cllr Creese will speak to Cllr Thomas and DCC Highways. **ACTION: Cllrs Creese and Thomas**

Parishioner asked if FCC, who were dealing with SHDC waste collection, were going to be fined. Cllr Holway stated that it is subject to dispute.

127/2021 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR DANIEL THOMAS, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS

Emailed report from County Councillor Daniel Thomas Daniel.thomas@devon.gov.uk - 07917 877706:

I do like to support Ermington where possible but the date change has stymied me. I am chairing a mediation on a highways issue in another Parish tonight and as I am in the chair, it would be difficult to miss.

Report:

1. Director of Public Health at County Hall is urging the 25-50 age band to get boosted. Quote:

The booster, experts tell us, makes a big difference to our immune system.

It's not a 'nice to have', after the first and second jabs. It's as important, if not more so for the additional protection it gives us against getting seriously ill. So please come forward, if you're eligible for the booster and haven't yet had it.

2. The situation regarding the blanket ban on 20mph zones has dramatically altered in the light of a referendum in Newton Abbot where local people voted against their town being used for a year-long trial. As such, County policy is now going to have to be altered and I am hoping that this will allow us to be a bit more pragmatic around speed and signage.

3. Over the next month, we will be meeting at County Hall to agree on next year's budget. I will send a report for Councillors once I know where we are but I imagine balancing the books without some horrid cuts is going to be an exceedingly tricky exercise.

Local Matters (all ongoing but not without progress)

127/2021 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR DANIEL THOMAS, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS (continued)

110/21 Make the footpath safer from opposite Plantation House to the bus stop near Sequers Bridge - *an email has been sent to relevant officers requesting a site meeting on a safer footpath opposite Plantation House.*

110/21 Drains near the new roundabout at Hollowcombe were blocked which caused flooding during a recent rainfall – *the issue has now been dealt with.*

110/21 River Erme erosion A3121 – *no update from the last parish council meeting.*

110/21 Flooding Westlake - *tomorrow I am meeting Nick Colton DCC Highways, to arrange a number of site meetings across the Division. I will get 2 or 3 dates to offer to Cllr Creese and will invite parishioner Nick Toms Snr. On the back of the photos sent by Cllr Creese, Nick has fully accepted that there is an urgency in getting this satisfactorily resolved.*



110/21 Modbury Cross Woodland Planting - *On footpaths, tree planting and bus parking, I am attempting to establish some proactive dialogue between all 3 departments, as discussed at the last PC meeting. Cllr Owens pointed out that the culvert is blocked beside the footpath.*

Cllr Thomas agreed to ascertain if he has available funds from grants available to him at Devon County Council, which will be used for the purchase of table and chairs in the lower Reading Rooms.

128/2021 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TOM HOLWAY

- £100 grant awarded to the purchase of chairs and tables for the lower Reading Rooms. RESOLVED Clerk to complete the necessary form to obtain the grant. **ACTION: Clerk**
- Deposit of £3000 to buy to rent
- 2 x 2 bedroom homes for rent on the Bloor Homes development at Filham. The landlord is Westward Housing. There are 2 x 1 bedroom flats available to rent at the new development with Bloor Homes. The landlord is Westward Housing. There is also a one bedroom ground floor wheelchair adapted flat. Please note the local connection criteria is First preference Ugborough parish - Bands A - D
Second preference Ivybridge - Bands A - D
Third preference South Hams - Bands A – D.
For more information - <https://www.devonhomechoice.com/>
- Report any issues with waste collection on the SHDC website or to Cllr Holway

Cllr Holway agreed to award some of his Locality Grant, towards the purchase of table and chairs for the lower Reading Rooms.

129/202 SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE – Cllr Creese

The mobile speed camera and batteries have now been delivered to Cllr Creese.

130/2021 READING ROOMS: Progress report on repairs and maintenance - Cllr Creese

The toilet in the lower room of the Reading Rooms is now operational. The kitchen units to be installed.

The new tables and chairs have been delivered for the lower room of the Reading Rooms.

131/2021 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve and Chair Cllr Onley to sign, the Parish Council Meeting minutes of 7 December 2021 as previously circulated.

132/2021 PLANNING

Reference: 2486/21/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of barn to single dwelling following class Q approval (2628/19/PDM)

Site Address: East Burraton, Burraton, PL21 9LA

Recommendation: No comments to make

Reference: 4701/21/FUL

Proposal: Erection of agricultural workers dwelling

Site Address: Linhay Barn, Budlake, Ermington, PL21 9NG

Recommendation: Support – The proposed new 'eco house' will be far more energy efficient than converting the existing stone linhay for which planning approval exists. The linhay, is a prominent historic feature & would be best retained and renovated as an agricultural building. Legally protecting the linhay as an agricultural barn and removing the planning approval to erect a new steel barn seems best.

Standing orders were suspended at 8.05 pm

Owners of the Linhay Barn explained in detail the planning application. They would like the Parish Council to support the planning application.

Standing orders were reinstated at 8.15 pm

132/2021 PLANNING (continued)

The following planning application was discussed but had not been placed on the Agenda. This meant that any decision could not be final. Deferral to the next meeting would mean that the decision would be outside the statutory time limit for response. The rules allowed the Clerk as the Proper Officer to respond under delegated authority in line with discussions at this meeting. The plans would be placed on 1 March 2022 Parish Council Meeting agenda for ratification.

Reference: 0056/22/FUL

Proposal: Change of use from Class E (g) to E (d) to use part of the building for health and fitness. And E (g) to E (a) Display and sale of retail goods and B8 storage and distribution
Site Address: Henlake House, Endsleigh, Ivybridge, PL21 9JL
Recommendation: Support

RESOLVED to ratify the following planning applications:

Reference: 4182/21/FUL Proposal: 18 ground mounted solar panels on two frames of 9
Site Address: Ludbrook Mill, Ludbrook, PL21 0LL Recommendation: No comments to make

Reference: 3828/21/HHO Proposal: Householder application for side and rear extension with PV panels to roof
Site Address: Highlands, Church Street, Ermington, PL21 9NJ Recommendation: No comments to make

Planning Decisions:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3987/21/PAA	DECISION: Prior Approval Required and Given
APPLICATION NUMBER: 4604/21/AGR	DECISION: Conditional Approval
APPLICATION NUMBER: 2830/21/LBC	DECISION: Conditional Approval
APPLICATION NUMBER: 2999/21/FUL	DECISION: Conditional Approval

133/2021 FINANCE

RESOLVED to agree the following:

i) Bank balances – Business Account as at 9 November 2021 - £45,923.81
Business Account as at 9 December 2021 - £45,924.19
Treasurers Account as at 13 December 2021 - £70,279.22
Treasurers Account as at 14 January 2022 - |£69,956.22

ii) Banked receipts – Bank Interest (Business Account) 09/11/2021- £0.36
Bank Interest (Business Account) 09/12/2021- £0.38

iii) RESOLVED to make the following payments:

Description	Gross	VAT	Net
Parish Clerk – December 2021 salary, back pay and home allowance	£938.97	-	-
Parish Clerk – January 2022 salary	£645.45	-	-
Source for Business (South West Water Business) 1 September – 30 November 2021 (estimated)	£30.62	-	-
DB Computer – maintenance of website for December 2021 and January 2022	£60.00	-	-
Reimbursement to Clerk for clear heavy duty strong filing green x 100	£6.89	-	-
Small Job Co. – plumbing the toilet - lower room in Reading Rooms	£50.00	-	-

iv) Grant Request(s) - None

133/2021 FINANCE (continued)

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

Financial Statement			
Lloyds Bank Business Account bank statement as at 9 December 2021 :		£45,924.19	
Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account bank statement as at 14 January 2022:		£69,956.22	
Less: any un-presented cheques	001404	-£7.00	2020/2021 cheque not cashed in January 2021
	001458	-£342.53	
	001459	-£393.21	
Plus: any un-banked cash/cheques	£0.00	£0.00	
	Total Funds =	£115,137.67	
Earmarked Reserves			
Repairs to Reading Rooms, Ermington		-£20,000	
	Total uncommitted Funds =	£94,394.93	

(vi) The budget for 2021/2022 was reviewed.

134/2021 REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

a) Churchyard liaison = Cllr Owen has sent an email to the Ermington Parish Church Vicar to obtain confirmation that the church agrees with the plan for disabled access to the Reading Rooms top room to the churchyard. Cllr Onley circulated ideas for the replacement door.

b) Ermington Park = Claire Cross (parishioner) Claire and Cllr Onley have arranged for two picnic benches to be installed in the park, which were paid for by SHDC. RESOLVED Cllr Onley will write an article for the next Ermington Parish Magazine. **ACTION: Cllr Onley**

c) Climate Change and Biodiversity = 30 x 30 initiative from the UK government to protect 30% of the UK's land by 2030. Existing National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and other protected areas already comprise approximately 26% of land in England. An additional 4% – over 400,000 hectares, the size of the Lake District and South Downs national parks combined – will be protected to support the recovery of nature. There is a programme for a catchment river plan but the Environment Agency (EA) seem to say they cannot do continuous testing and therefore we are still not getting test results for the river Erme. RESOLVED Cllr Onley will contact the South Devon AONB. **ACTION: Cllr Onley**

d) Road Warden Scheme update = increase of litter around the parish. RESOLVED Cllr Creese will speak to the parish contact who arranged the litter picking around the parish last year. **ACTION: Cllr Creese**

e) Assessment of Parish footpaths = Cllr Owens – Footpath from Higher Keaton to Fernham - parishioners have enquired why this footpath is not on current OS maps. Cllr Owens circulated a recent email from DCC to parish councillors prior to the meeting in response to getting the footpath reinstated on the definitive footpaths map. RESOLVED Cllr Owens will write an article for the next Ermington Parish Magazine. **ACTION: Cllr Owens**

135/2021 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE PARISH CELEBRATION(S) – June 2022

If parishioners have any ideas, please contact Parish Councillors.

136/2021 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

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

Cllr Holway - Unauthorised Flue at Crooked Spire Inn", The Square, Ermington - Enforcement No: 015360

Thank you letter from Citizens Advice South Hams from EPC grant

SHDC - Appeal Start Notification Letter - 2 Erme Bridge Cottages, Totnes Road to School Road, Ermington, PL21 9NN

Cllr Holway - Scam Information - Nhs Covid Pass 05/01/2022 12:59:35 [410328]

SHDC - Find the Broadband Champion for your area?

SHDC - Alleged Multiple Breaches of 0434/18/AGR Case ref: 026827

SHDC - Would up to £5,000 cash help you move to a smaller home? Enhanced scheme hopes to ease the local housing crisis

SHDC - Broadband Champions Step Up to Support Communities

DCC - Road works information

SHDC - New financial help for local hospitality and leisure businesses

AONB - News release: Life on the Edge project secures lottery funding

SHDC - The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the South Hams

SHDC - Changes to Waste and Recycling Dates in the South Hams this January

SHDC - Second home owners to pay their fair share for local services

DCC - Temporary Traffic Notice - Langbrook Cross to A379, Ermington (TTRO2243726)

SHDC - District Council Supports Communities and Businesses to Reduce Carbon Footprint

SHDC - Home Scheme To Cut Bills and Carbon Is Still Available

SHDC - Popular Rewilding Proposals Progress to Executive

SHDC - New jobs and prosperity on the horizon

Devon Communities Together - Stacking Chairs Available

SHDC - Addressing homelessness in the South Hams is more than helping people who are sleeping rough

DCC - Temporary Traffic Order - Various Roads in South Hams, Devon (TTRO2243812)

Devon Communities Together - Supporting people in your community with energy advice

Cllr Holway - The Talking Forest - Half term handicrafts, theatre and filming with a Climate Change theme

SHDC - Survey finds Sherford is a top choice for families

QuayPhysio Fitness & Wellbeing, Kingsbridge - Advertising in Ermington Parish Magazine

DALC - Buckingham Palace Garden Party | 25 May 2022 | Nomination Form – RESOLVED to nominate parishioner Nick Toms. **ACTION: Clerk**

Cllr Holway - 2 x 2 Bed new build Houses Bloor Homes scheme Ivybridge - Devon Home Choice

1st Ivybridge Brownies - Room Hire

edf business electricity to Reading Rooms – direct debit change to £11.00 on 13 February 2022

Received 23 January 2022 after the agenda was issued = Ermington Primary School - Request from Ermington School Friends Association - Since the pandemic started, there have been many changes at the school, one being that parents are no longer allowed into the top playground to drop off and pick up their children and this is where our noticeboard is, on the wall of the school building.

This has meant it has been tricky to communicate with parents who do not read electronic communication, and thus has affected our funding raising efforts.

We wondered whether the parish council would be willing/able to fund a new notice board to go in the carpark area between school and preschool? This could be used to advertise parish events too. Most parents pass or congregate in this area at school pick up time.

If the council don't have the funds, are you aware of any grants we could apply for?

RESOLVED Cllr Holway will grant £200 towards the noticeboard. RESOLVED Clerk to send the necessary form and Cllr Holway's contact details to the Ermington School Friends Association. **ACTION: Clerk**

137/2021 TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting to be held in the Reading Rooms will take place on [1 March 2022](#) at [7.30](#) pm.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Denis Onley

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(Ermington Parish Council Chair)

Date: 1 March 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>