

ERMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Ermington Parish Council Meeting held in the Reading Rooms on 3 December 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Denis Onley (Chair), Josie Allis, Jeremy Walding and John Dunlop
County Councillor Richard Hosking (*from 7.45 pm to 8.00 pm*)
District Councillor Tom Holway (*from 7.30 pm to 8.45 pm*)
Teresa Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners present: 5

Cllr Onley informed those present that Cllr Susan Martin had resigned with immediate effect. On behalf of the Councillors, Cllr Onley wished to thank Cllr Martin for her work and support to the Parish Council.

99/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Police Community Support Officer Andy Potter and Cllr Claire Cross.

100/19 POLICE MATTERS

PSCO A Potter emailed the following Crime Report for November 2019 which was read out by Cllr Denis Onley:

Ermington

28th Oct. allegation of a sexual assault [individuals known to each other] CR/099961/19
Overnight 12th /13th Nov. vehicle interference, attempt made to break into vehicle CR/103162/19
25th Nov. suspected drunk driver arrested CR/106410/19

Lee Mill Ind. Est.

9 x shopliftings
29th Oct. theft of property from a vending machine
30th Oct. theft of property from a vending machine
10th Nov. theft of fuel from a lorry
14th Nov. drunk driver arrested
Overnight 18th/19th Nov. burglary non-dwelling

- Parking at Ermington Primary School – PSCO A Potter visited the area at the time of school drop-off and pick-up and did speak to the driver of a vehicle parked on double yellow lines, at the entrance to Fawns Close. At the time of his visit only two vehicles were observed parked on double yellow lines.

PSCO A Potter advised that parking problem issues should be reported to Devon County Council via their website, which may result in parking enforcement officer(s) being sent to the location at the relevant time. He also visited the school and has asked to include an item on the matter of parking, in the school newsletter to parents.

- Motorbike noise – night-shift will try to be in the area at the relevant time to obtain the registration number.

101/19 REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOSKING, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS:

TAP had been replaced Community Grants, Crowdfund Devon and Making the Connection, as sources for grants.

The Libraries summer reading challenge has successfully, book loans increased by 4%.

Amendments to parking restrictions at the Green Lane, Wrangaton junction could now proceed as the duplicated National Cycle Network route 2 along the A3121 has been removed.

The planned resurfacing of highways has been paused in order to deal with the pothole repairs.

Speed watch link - <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/on-the-road/speed-watch/get-involved-with-speed-watch/>

101/19 REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOSKING, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS (continued):

84/19 Flooding from highways water run-off at "The First and Last Bistro" car park. **Awaiting the outcome of the work being carried out by South West Water to ascertain if it will resolve the problem.**

84/19 Ideas to restrict the width of the road near "The First and Last Bistro" to see if it would slow down traffic. **The area is within a 20 mph zone, no further ideas identified.**

84/19 Blocked drains on the left-hand side of Town Hill and Chapel Street. Grate to be removed to assess the situation. **Ongoing**

84/19 River Erme erosion A3121 - aerial survey is due this year. When completed an assessment of movement of riverbank will be confirmed. **Ongoing**

84/19 Playing field application to be a Village Green. Cllr Hosking has made an enquiry to the Devon County Council Solicitor and she has not made a decision. **Ongoing**

93/19 Flooding Westlake – being assessed by Cllr Hosking & DCC Highways. **Ongoing**

102/19 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TOM HOLWAY, INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PAST MEETINGS

Cllr Holway reported on the following: Plymouth schools admissions consultation
SHDC heating & insulation grants
Climate Change Working Group Meeting to take place on 5 December 2019.

No update at present in connection with Erme House issues raised by parishioners.

Locality money has been assigned to Ermington School for a camera and there is money available for organising the Village Fun Day.

85/19 Reinstatement of path around the playing field owned by SHDC by the river. **Still being pursued.**

85/19 Industrial Units – light pollution, may be practical to install alternative lighting. PSI has not been done and the lights are remaining switched on. **Still being pursued.**

86/19 Parishioner – height of hedge on the Ivybridge road bordering "The Spires" is above the South Hams District Council's 2.5 metres height planning stipulation. **SHDC Enforcement Department are writing to appropriate householders in "The Spires".**

103/19 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO THE PARISH COUNCIL, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE (A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 15 MINUTES)

Cllr Walding – there have been a lot of comments on social media about environment issues in connection with the proposed gas plant planning application within the parish. Cllr Holway was aware of the planning application, but needed time to read the information before he would comment.

Parishioner pointed out during the recent wet weather there has been a constant puddle opposite the thatched cottage on the A379 (driving from Ermington to Yealmpton). Cllr Hosking asked for issues to be reported on <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

Also, the drainage work on the road from Ermington to Sheephams is not effective when it rains. Cllr Hosking will discuss with Nick Colton DCC Highways. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking.**

Amanda Burden from Luscombe Maye described the work which is being applied for in connection with planning reference: 2760/19/LBC - the proposal is for repairs to a listed building consent, alteration and extension of farmhouse, conversion and conservation of traditional stone barns into 3 no. residential dwellings with landscaping and wildlife enhancement at Strashleigh Farm, Ivybridge, PL21 9JP. Cllr Onley thanked Mrs Burden for informing the Council of the detailed of the proposed plans, which will be discussed later in the meeting.

104/19 NIGHT SITE FOR “DEVON AIR AMBULANCE” (DAA) – CLLR ALLIS & TOBY RUSSELL COMMUNITY LANDING SITES DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Mr Russell explained that community landing sites are assessed to ensure there are no hazards. Currently there are 133 operational sites and 80 being assessed.

A 50 x 50 metre area is required for night landing, lighting and the area needs to be near to people. Pedestrian access is also beneficial. The Air Ambulance electronically control the lighting on the site. The playing field in Ermington is large enough, there is access to it and there is no livestock within the site where the helicopter will land.

Cllr Allis and Toby have discussed the playing field area and the costs implications. An electrical supply is being sourced and the cost of the new lighting can be covered by the DAA. The cost to the Parish Council would currently be £2,700 - £2,800. The DAA would consult with the residents who live near the playing field. Work and costings still have to be carried out before the project can be formally submitted to the Parish Council at the January 2020 meeting.

Cllr Onley stated that in principal the Parish Council agreed to the proposal but pointed out that SHDC own the playing field.

Mr Russell stated that the lighting column and the electricity supply would need ownership.

Cllr Onley enquired on the timescale if the proposal was agreed. Mr Russell stated it could take from 6 months to a year to have a site operational.

Cllr Walding suggested involving the Village Fund in the discussion as they host various events in the playing field.

Agreed to discuss the proposal as an agenda item at the January 2020 meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

105/19 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA

Members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the meeting.

Cllr Onley and wife declared an interest in the Devon Air Ambulance – agenda item 6.

106/19 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of Ermington Parish Council meeting held on 5 November 2019 (as previously circulated) were agreed and signed by the Chair.

107/19 PLANNING - COUNCILLORS TO VIEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS ON SHDC WEBSITE PRIOR TO MEETING

Reference: 3446/19/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of shippen/workshop garage into a separate dwelling.

Site Address: Thornham Bridge, Ivybridge Road, Ermington, Devon, PL21 0LG

Recommendation: Support

Reference: 3441/19/HHO

Proposal: Householder application to replace en-suite skylight windows with traditional flush sash window on front elevation (Revision to planning approval 1963/19/HHO)

Site Address: 6 Church Street, Ermington, PL21 9NJ

Recommendation: Support

Reference: 2760/19/LBC

Proposal: Listed building consent for repair, alteration and extension of farmhouse, conversion and conservation of traditional stone barns into 3no. residential dwellings with landscaping and wildlife enhancement

Site Address: Strashleigh Farm, Ivybridge, PL21 9JP

Recommendation: Support

107/19 PLANNING - COUNCILLORS TO VIEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS ON SHDC WEBSITE PRIOR TO MEETING (continued)

Reference: 2759/19/FUL

Proposal: Repair, alteration and extension of farmhouse, conversion and conservation of traditional stone barns into 3no. residential dwellings with landscaping and wildlife enhancement

Site Address: Strashleigh Farm, Ivybridge, PL21 9JP

Recommendation: Support

Reference: 1119/18/FUL

Proposal: READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans received) Demolition & reinstatement of chimney to include stainless steel flue

Site Address: Crooked Spire Inn, The Square, Ermington, Devon, PL21 9LP

Recommendation: Object – stainless steel flue is protruding and it is not in keeping with a conservation area

Devon County Council Planning Application at SX 595, 552, Challonsleigh Farm, Smithhaleigh, PL7 5AX Planning Reference DCC/4038/2018

Recommendation: Objection due to environmental impact on the River Yealm, which is adjacent to site proposed. Extra heavy traffic on A38 slip road which is already heavily congested. The proximity of the proposed site to New England Woods.

Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3011/19/FUL

LOCATION: The Shippen, Cowsberry Farm, Burraton PL21 9JZ

PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing barn following Class Q approval and construction of new dwelling

DECISION: Refusal

108/19 FINANCE

The following Parish Council's expenditure agreed:

Description	Gross	Nett	VAT
Clerk's Salary – November 2019	£540.94	-	-
EDF Energy – monthly Direct Debit – November 2019	£24.00	£22.80	£1.20
South West Water Business – for services at Reading Rooms	£37.75	-	-
DB Computers – new Parish website and instruction and on to update	£600.00	-	-
SLCC/ALCC – Membership	£80.50	-	-
Mr P Davies – assisting the Clerk locking/unlocking the Reading Rooms	£10.00	-	-

RECEIPT(S) – None

GRANT REQUEST(S) – South Hams Citizens' Advice – agreed £200

Draft budget for 2020 to be circulated prior to January 2020 meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

108/19 FINANCE (continued)

<u>Ermington Parish Council - Bank Reconciliations</u>			
County area: South Hams			
Prepared by (Name and Role): Teresa Drew - Parish Clerk/RFO			
Balance per bank statement as at 09/05/19: Business Account		£22,588.58	
Balance per bank statement as at 13/11/19: Treasurers Account		£81,904.93	
			£104,493.51
Less: any un-presented cheques (negative numbers)			
	001297	-£66.00	
	001325	-£50.00	
		-£116.00	
			-£116.00
Add: any un-banked cash/cheques	N/A	£0.00	
			£0.00
		Total:	£104,377.51

109/19 REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- a) Churchyard Committee – no meeting since the last Parish Council meeting. **Cllr Dunlop**
- b) Footpath from Higher Keaton to Fernham & parish footpath surveys – ongoing. **Cllr Walding**
- c) Crooked Spire ACV – to be removed from future agendas.
- d) Ermington Park - tree planting & play equipment. **Cllr Cross**

110/19 DCC HIGHWAYS A3121 WORKS – Cllr Onley

The plans were displayed and are held by Cllr Onley.

Link for feedback - A3121 Safer Road Fund –

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/safe-travel/road-safety/safer-roads/capital-schemes/>

111/19 ERMINGTON PARK - PLAY EQUIPMENT REVAMP CONSULTATION

Agreed Cllr Cross will consult with SHDC on idea for the playing field play equipment. **ACTION: Cllr Cross**

112/19 REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE 2020 – Cllr Walding

Agreed that Cllrs Dunlop and Walding will organise next year's laying of the Parish Council poppy wreath at the parish Remembrance Day service.

113/19 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Emails circulated to Councilors via the Clerk:-

South Devon AONB - Invitation - South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership

Josh - what3words – ask Josh to attend Annual Parish Meeting in 2020 – **ACTION Clerk**

DCC - Temporary Traffic Notice - A379 Edmeston Farm to Fancy Cross, Devon (TTRO1932735) – notice boards

SHDC - General election - South West Devon constituency - Notice of Election – notice board & parish website

The Rural Bulletin - Election Special

SHDC - Now Open - Consultation notification: the Plymouth and South West Devon Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

DCC - [URGENT] Temporary Traffic Notice - Road from Sunny Park to Marjery Cross, Ermington (TTRO1932763) – notice board

Possible article for Parish Magazine - Free Energy Saving Advice to Help Tackle Fuel Poverty from Devon Communities Together – editor of parish magazine

SHDC - Parliamentary General Election - 12 December 2019 - Publication of Statement of Persons Nominated – notice board

SHDC - Help spread the word

SHDC - Consultations on Hold

113/19 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE (continued)

Parishioner - Ermington Cricket Club at the Riverside Ground/Ermington Playing Field
Citizens Advice South Hams

Emails circulated to Councilors via the Clerk:-

DCC - Leafleting for Engaging Rural Micros
Peter Crone - Peaking Generation Plant
DCC - The Devon Countryside Access Forum is seeking new members
IDALC -Devon and Cornwall Police Rural Crime Seminar
SHDC - South Hams Awash with Excellence
SHDC - South Hams parking permits
SHDC - Consultation on school admission arrangements 2021/2022 – *notice board & editor of parish magazine parish*
Parishioner - Tallet Meadow – *a site visit by Cllr Allis*
Devon Communities - BBC Countryfile Magazine wants to know about villages that survive/thrive
DCC - A379 Road from Modbury Cross to Sequers Bridge Proposed Vehicle Prohibition & No Waiting at Any Time reference
IMR/B16913-5775/5790

114/19 TO CONFIRM DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on [Tuesday 7 January 2020](#) at [7.30 pm](#) in the Reading Rooms, Ermington.

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Denis Onley

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(*Ermington Parish Council Chair*)

Date: 7 January 2020

Agenda and minutes can be viewed on the Ermington Parish website <http://www.ermingtonparish.com/parish-council/archives>