

Ermington Parish Council

All members of Ermington Parish Council are hereby summoned to attend an Ermington Parish Council Meeting on **Tuesday 4 February 2025** 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 February 2025

AGENDA

1. Accept apologies for absence – Cllr Dunlop
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. Parish Council has one co-option vacancy - to consider any applications and vote on their co-option.
4. Report from Devon County Councillor Dan Thomas
 - *Ermington Mill Industrial Estate - review car parking provision*
 - *A3121 Speed Restriction (40 mph to 30 mph) update*
5. Report from District Councillor Alison Dewynter
6. Update on the speeding and traffic issues and line painting a pedestrian walkway on highway near the shop in Ermington Village
7. Public Open Forum - Questions and comments from members of the public to Parish Councillors, County & District Councillors Fifteen minutes designated for public participation, with a member of public speaking for not more than 5 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.
8. Resolve to approve the Parish Council Meeting minutes of 7 January 2025 (as previously circulated)
9. 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.*

To consider the following planning application(s):

Reference: 3807/24/FUL Proposal: Provision of stables
Site Address: Strashleigh Farm, Ivybridge, PL21 9JP

Application: 3564/24/TPO Received: 6 November 2024
Proposal: G002: Common Ash - x 6 - Sectional dismantle & fell trees marks with

Permission Granted:

Application: 3564/24/TPO
G002: Common Ash - x 6 - Sectional dismantle & fell trees marks with orange paint. Ash Dieback Health Class 40%-25%
T1785: Common Ash - Sectional dismantle and fell
T1958: Common Ash - Sectional dismantle and fell
Location: Woodland South Western edge of Wadland Wood, Ermington

Planning Decision:

Planning Application: 2344/24/OPA Outline Planning Application Decision: Conditional Approval
Description: Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for provision of a permanent agricultural worker's dwelling
Site Address: West Hill Top Farm, Westlake, PL21 9GU

Planning Application: 3594/24/FUL Full Planning Decision: Conditional Approval
Description: Installation of Styrene Extract and Plant including, 630mm Flue
Site Address: Princess Yachts, Central Ave, Lee Mill Industrial Estate, PL21 9ER

9. Planning (Continued)

Cremator Planning Application - Reference: 3703/24/FUL

Proposal: Change of use from a Tech Company (Class B2) to a Pet Cremation Unit (Sui Generis)

Site Address: Unit 8A, Ermington Workshops, Ermington, PL21 9NT

Attendance of EPC to make representation at SHDC Planning Committee = Cllr Sumner

10. Finance

(i) To note bank balances –

Lloyds Bank Business Account bank statement as at 9 December 2024: **£26,813.03**

Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account bank statement as at 15 January 2025: **£2,728.09**

NatWest Bank Business Reserve Account as at 31 December 2024: **£70,391.81**

(ii) Receipts – £20.55 bank interest Lloyds Bank Business Bank Instant
£83.21 bank interest NatWest Business Reserve

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

Description	Gross	VAT	Net
Parish Clerk – January 2025 salary	£667.60	-	-
HMRC – Parish Clerk	£167.00	-	-
HMRC – Parish Clerk	£107.19	-	-
Source for Business – water bill for Reading Rooms 2 August 2024 – 7 January 2025 (DD payment)	£48.69	-	-
DB Computer Repairs – maintenance of parish council website January 2025	£45.00		

(iv) To approve the Financial Statement and Earmarked Reserves

Financial Statement		
Lloyds Bank Business Account bank statement as at 9 December 2024:	£26,813.03	
Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account bank statement as at 15 January 2025:	£2,728.09	
NatWest Bank Business Reserve Account as at 31 December 2024:	£70,391.81	
Less: any unrepresented cheques:-	-£250.00	001588
	-£48.70	001594
	-£650.00	001596
	-£107.19	001597
	-£48.49	DD
Total Funds =	£98,828.55	
Earmarked Reserves		
Repairs to Reading Rooms, Ermington	-£500	
A3121 - speed reduction from 40 mph to 30 mph etc.	-£10,000	
Total uncommitted Funds =	£88,328.55	

(v) To review spending and income to date, against budget 2024/2025

(vi) Recommendations from the servicing of fire extinguishers in the Reading Rooms – replacement failed fire extinguishers at a cost of £239.90

11. Travel Survey = Cllr Grafton

12. Ermington Cricket Club Pavillion and Toilets = Cllr Sumner

13. Reports on allocated areas of responsibility:

- a) Ermington Parish Church liaison = Cllr Owens
- b) Community Speed Watch report = Cllr Owens
- c) Road Warden Scheme and maintenance of the speed cameras = Cllr Creese
- d) Assessment of Parish Footpaths = Cllr Owens
- e) Ermington Primary School liaison = Cllr Grafton
- f) Feedback from Meet Your Councillor's Clinic on 25 January 2025 and actions = Cllr Sumner
17 parishioners attended the clinic:
 - 19% Transport (7% heavy vehicles, 7% bus services & 5% parking)
 - 16% Parish Buildings (8% sell Reading Rooms & 8% for public toilets)
 - 14% War Memorials (7% for Cenotaph & 7% for clock to both be EPC responsibility)
 - 15% Roads (8% potholes & 8% road signage though the Questionnaire made clear this was not an EPC responsibility, but respondents clearly want strong action by EPC)
 - 12% Development (5% allotments, 4% investigating generating local electricity from the Erme & 3% more local jobs)
 - 10% Footpaths (6% on Sports Field, 4% gates between Church and Square)
 - 10% Grass cutting (7% Sports Field & 3% Honey's Field)
 - 4% Other miscellaneous
- g) Feedback from South Hams Dementia Awareness Forum on 15 January 2025 = Cllr Grafton
 - Four Rivers Dementia Alliance Annual General Meeting Monday 3rd February 2.00 pm at Ivybridge Rugby Club

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

SHDC - Premises Licence Full Variation - Tesco Stores, Lee Mill, PL21 9PE The application proposes to include the kiosk within the petrol filling station within the ambit of the Premises Licence for the main store. The existing hours, activities and conditions relating to the main store are applied for on exactly the same basis as currently exists and do not change.

SHDC - Council on the lookout again for its community heroes

Email from the planning applicant - Goodman's Pet Cremations LTD

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service - Fire service consultation- Automatic Fire Alarms

DALC - Smaller Council Meeting - Devolution White Paper

SHDC - Council gives much needed housing project a major boost

Parishioner - Village Fund meeting - Monday 27 January 2025

15. To confirm date of the next Parish Council Meeting

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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/>