

MINUTES OF ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

4th December 2008

Present: Councillors, Mr. S. Jonik (Chairman), Mr. A. Pinnington (Vice Chairman), Mr. M. Gilbert, Mr. R.L. Smith, Mrs. D. Oram, Ms F Morgan-Frise and Mrs. A. Whittle (Clerk).

Open Forum:

Mr G Phillips. Mr Phillips asked, as the insurance of the cricket club was not sufficient, why did the chairman not cancel the fireworks event. Cllr Jonik advised that it was not his place to cancel the event. Following discussions about how health and safety law affects the village, Cllr Gilbert suggested that a health and safety officer be invited to a future meeting to explain how the laws can impact on the village and village events. Cllr Jonik suggested this be placed on the agenda for January for further council discussion. Mr Phillips also asked why the draft minutes were not placed on the board directly following the meetings. Cllr Jonik and Cllr Gilbert explained that the clerk is employed by the council for four hours per week. Once these hours have been used then any outstanding tasks are forwarded to the next week. As the meeting takes at least three hours then there are no hours left for producing the minutes straight after the meeting. Mr Phillips also notified the council of a large amount of barbed wire being found in the secret garden.

Mr D Sandford. Mr Sandford asked if there was any news on road humps being installed on Park road.

Cllr Jonik advised that there was a slight amendment to the agenda for the meeting as a new planning application had been received by the clerk in the post that morning. The council agreed to view the application and make response to Kennet District Council.

142/08 Apologies. Apologies were received from Cllr Pat Rugg and PC Landin.

143/08 Declaration of Interest. There were no declarations of interest.

144/08 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd of October 2008

The minutes were accepted following one alteration for the spelling of PC Landin.

Proposed Cllr Morgan- Frise **Seconded** Cllr Loraine-Smith All in favour

145/08 Planning

Decisions received from Kennet District Council

K/59436/LBC – 24 High Street – Rebuild existing outbuilding to form a granny annexe, with glazed link to existing host building, inc other assoc works – **Listed building consent granted.**

Applications for comment

K/59831/F and 59833/LBC – Mr & Mrs J Hunt-Davis – Brounckers Court Farm Lower Road Erlestoke – Conversion of redundant dairy/garages to holiday let. **No Objection**

Proposed Cllr Pinnington **Seconded** Cllr Morgan-Frise All in favour

146/08 Cllr Grundy – Kennet District Council report

Firstly Cllr Grundy congratulated the village on winning its appeal to the Boundary Commission to stay in The Lavingtons division and not move into the White Horse division. He noted that the division will actually be called The Lavingtons and Erlestoke.

Planning. Kennet District Council ceases to exist as at midnight on the 31st of March 2009. The elections for the new Wiltshire Council are not scheduled until the 4th of June 2009. In the interim planning will still be dealt with from the existing Kennet offices at Browfort. The existing planning committee have been asked to put themselves forward to remain on the committee until the elections in June.

147/08 Budget and Precept 2009/10

The clerk presented the following budget for 2009/10.

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Admin</u>	<u>2008/09</u>	<u>to Mar 09</u>	<u>2009/10</u>
Clerks Sal	2208.00	2769.66	2650.00
Office allowance	200.00	205.44	200.00
Computer allowance	100.00	102.72	100.00
Insurance & legal fees	412.00	399.06	650.00
Audit Fees	85.00	98.75	100.00
Expenses	400.00	256.57	
Bank Safe Storage Charge			15.00
Mileage			50.00
Postage			20.00
Stationary			60.00

sundries	208.00	872.27	150.00
Play equipment safety check			90.00
Membership	98.00	120.24	120.00
Grass Maintenance	650.00	787.25	800.00
Web Site	36.00	42.30	43.00
Hall Hire			100.00
Total	4397.00	5654.26	5148.00
	Budget	Projected	Budget
Income	2008/09	to Mar 09	2009/10
Precept	3870.00	3870.00	4120.00
Bank Interest	104.00	258.94	250.00
Grants	104.00	100.00	100.00
Possible SSEB Wayleave	0.00	0.00	200.00
VAT returns	0.00	527.87	300.00
Total	4078.00	4756.81	4970.00

The council resolved to accept the budget and to set the precept at £4120.00, a rise of 3% on 2008/09.

Proposed Cllr Pinnington **Seconded** Cllr Gilbert All in favour

148/08 Ongoing items – update reports

1. Car Park in The Park area – Cllr Jonik

Cllr Jonik explained that the council had been successful in gaining a grant from Kennet DC of £5000 towards the project. He then proposed the following which was accepted by the council:

Erlestone Parish Council will proceed with building a car park on its land in the Park field and will use grants available to fund the project.

Proposed Cllr Jonik **Seconded** Cllr Pinnington All in favour

2. SSEB Sub Station – Cllr Jonik

Cllr Jonik explained that he had now written to the SSEB advising that the council were now in a position to move forward with a legal agreement. As yet he had received no reply.

3. New net for the goal post in The Park Area – The Clerk

The clerk had been asked to obtain quotes for a new football net to be installed on the original goal post in the Park Field. She had been asked to find nets which had smaller holes so that the badgers do not get caught up in them. Having spoken to a number of companies she had only found one company on the internet which can supply the required net. This is at a cost of £163.00 plus VAT for a pair. They are not sold separately.

The council resolved to purchase the pair of nets and asked the clerk to proceed with the purchase. The funds will be taken from the 106 monies.

Proposed Cllr Gilbert **Seconded** Cllr Morgan-Frise All in favour

149/08 Rebound Wall

The clerk was asked to contact GB Sport and Leisure about having the white background board behind the basket ball hoop changed to another colour which would not be so bright.

150/08 Secret Garden

Cllr Pinnington advised the council that he had surveyed the partial fence around the Secret garden. The fence on the boundary with local properties is in a fairly good state of repair. Two sections of fencing need replacing. A quote had been received from Miles and Francis, as a guide for the council regarding the possible cost, to install new fencing, install a five bar gate at the entrance to the garden and to clear brambles etc. The quote is for £827 plus VAT.

After some discussion it was decided that more time needed to be given to this idea but the council did resolve the following:

In principle the parish Council agree to fence and gate the secret garden subject to budgetary constraints.

Proposed Cllr Pinnington **Seconded** Cllr Loraine-Smith Four in favour 2 Against

151/08 Community Hall

Cllr Jonik gave a short resume of the meeting on the 13th of November. The church is looking at installing two toilets, a kitchen and invalid access. They are looking into planning and grants to do the work. There will be more meetings in the future.

152/08 To consider items of Correspondence needing a reply

The clerk had been asked to contact the MOD at Tilshead to ask them to repair the road from the B3098 through to the secret garden. They had replied via email stating they would be visiting the site as soon as possible.

153/08 To confirm the Financial Statement for November & accounts for payment

The council accepted the financial statement for November and agreed the following payments.
Mrs. A Whittle – Hours and Exp Nov and Dec - £550.19 Inland Revenue – months 8 & 9 - £129.63
Playdale Playgrounds – Play equipment - £2985.68 Miles & Francis – Grass Cutting - £317.50
GB Sport & Leisure – Rebound Wall - £6462.50 GB Sport & Leisure – New Seating - £1180.88
Mazars – Audit 07/08 - £58.75 Viking Direct – Stationary and Office Supplies - £164.49

154/08 To receive reports from Village Representatives

Cllr Loraine-Smith. Cllr Loraine-Smith advised the council that highways surveyors had been seen measuring the pavements in the village, hopefully with a view to resurfacing them soon.

Cllr Pinnington. Cllr Pinnington had spoken to the prison regarding the grass cutting in the Park field area and the secret garden. He had been told that unfortunately the prison did not have enough low level prisoners to undertake this work. He also asked about community projects such as providing containers of plants for the entrances to the village or for benches in the secret garden. He will speak to the Governor in the near future to try and take this forward.

Cllr Gilbert. Cllr Gilbert said he was still looking into the overgrown footpaths. The clerk advised that she had emailed Esther Daly who was looking into the problems as well.

Cllr Morgan-Frise. Cllr Morgan-Frise advised the council that she had almost finished her survey on road safety in the park area. She had one last action, a survey to every house in the park. She has looked into the options for road calming but will present these at the January meeting when she will have completed her survey.

Cllr Jonik. Cllr Jonik advised that he had been trying to solve the drain problem on the entrance to the village from the Edington end. Highways have advised that the drains will be sorted by Christmas. Highways will clean the drains from the golf club down through the village. If the problem persists they will schedule the clean through to be done every two months.

155/08 Co-option of a new Councillor

Having already interviewed the three candidates at a previous meeting, the Chairman explained how the voting would proceed. A first vote was taken which eliminated one candidate, leaving two for a second vote. A second vote was taken which was tied at 3 all. A third vote was then taken with the successful candidate being Mr. Keith Lewcock by a vote of 4 to 3 with the chairman using his casting vote. The clerk will notify Mr. Lewcock and Kennet District Council of the co-option. She will also write to the unsuccessful candidates thanking them for applying.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday 15th January 2009 7.15pm.