

MINUTES OF ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the upstairs room of the George and Dragon public house
15th January 2009 at 7.15pm

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, Mr K Lewcock and Mrs. A. Whittle (Clerk).

Open Forum:

Mr George Phillips addressed the council on various points.

1. He felt that the minutes of the meeting on the 4th of December did not accurately report his comments regarding the fire works night and the insurance cover issue. The minutes were reported as follows: Mr Phillips asked, as the insurance of the cricket club was not sufficient, why did the chairman not cancel the fireworks event. What he actually meant was, as the insurance of the Cricket Club was not sufficient why did the chair of the council not cancel parking on the Secret Garden for the fireworks event.
2. Could it be shown on the minutes, where the meeting was held
3. Was there any news on the request for works to the MOD road – the clerk replied that she had not received any correspondence
4. Could the council have any other business on the agenda. The clerk and the Chairman advised that this was not seen as good practice by a Parish Council as any item to be discussed must be listed on the agenda.

01/09 Apologies. No apologies were received.

It was agreed at this point of the meeting that a planning application received by the clerk on the morning of this meeting be included on the agenda for discussion at item 04/09.

02/09 Declaration of Interest. There were no declarations of interest.

03/09 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th of December 2008

The minutes were accepted without amendment.

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

04/09 Planning

K/59916/TR2 – Mr S West – 78 High Street

Fell two groups of Lawson cypress conifers. Replacement planting proposed

No Objection

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

E/09/0008/F – Erlestoke Prison

Siting of modular building to provide additional classrooms

The council does not formally object to the plan but would like it noted that if there is to be any outside lighting could it be a dark skies lighting system.

Proposed Cllr Jonik **Seconded** Cllr Gilbert 5 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention

05/09 Cllr Grundy – Kennet District Council report

Cllr Grundy addressed the council saying that the council was quite due to Christmas and the New Year. With regards to the new Wiltshire Council, there will not be a huge amount of change from day one. Kennet have agreed to start re-branding and a number of officers have transferred over from the 1st of January. Planning will stay the same as now. After the 1st of April our only councillor until June will be Cllr Rugg.

Cllr Jonik asked the clerk to record a vote of thanks to Cllr Grundy for all his hard work for the Parish and his advice of the years. We are sorry that he won't be standing for The Lavingtons and Erlestoke but wish him well for the future.

06/09 Ongoing items – update reports

1. Car Park in The Park area – Cllr Jonik. At the last meeting it was agreed that 3 quotes should be obtained in order to move forward with this project. Cllr Jonik had also written to Mr Wilmott to ask if the car park is built will the council have to reapply for planning for the village hall in September. As yet he had not received a reply. Two quotes had been received at this point and its was agreed that an extra ordinary meeting of the council should be held on the 28th of January at 8pm to which all quotes should be brought for consideration.
2. SSEB Sub Station – Cllr Jonik. Cllr Jonik advised that he still had not received any reply.

07/09 Traffic survey and possible traffic calming in the Park area

Cllr Morgan-Frise advised that she had completed her traffic survey and her recommendation would be that the council set up a road safety panel with the new Wiltshire Council. The council agreed to circulate the survey and put this item on the agenda for the 28th extra ordinary meeting.

08/09 Reported problems in the Park – The Clerk

Reports had been received regarding older children playing on the cone climber and other equipment in the park Area. The council agreed to place this on the agenda for September so that councillors can report on the play equipment use during the summer.

The clerk also reported that she had been contacted regarding the issue of dog mess in the Park Area. She advised that she had passed the information onto the dog warden at Kennet District Council to deal with.

09/09 Erlestoke Prison Shop

The clerk had been asked to find out the status of the shop at the Prison. She had been reliably informed that the shop had planning permission and would be reopening on site in the near future. Any confusion about the shop closing and moving was due to the prison being given the use of a piece of land at Easterton. The clerk was asked to contact the prison regarding the prison newsletter title. The name is causing confusion in the area as people think the newsletter is a new publication from the Parish Council.

10/09 Skips

The clerk advised that she was arranging this with Kennet District Council.

11/09 Health and Safety in the village

The clerk was asked to contact Katie Fielding at WALC and ask for her advice on someone coming to a meeting to outline how the Health and Safety laws may apply to the village.

12/09 To consider items of Correspondence needing a reply

WALC newsletter September – Effective Parish Council Meetings

Kennet DC – Wiltshire Councils Development Control Services - Meetings

13/09 To confirm the Financial Statement for December & accounts for payment

The council accepted the financial statement for December and agreed the following payments.

Mrs. A Whittle – Hours & Exp Jan & Feb - £472.38 Inland Revenue – months 10 & 11 - £79.00

Community First – Insurance Rebound Wall - £40.24 CPRE – Membership - £29.00

14/09 To receive reports from Village Representatives

The clerk was asked to place an item on the next agenda of appointing a village representative for the Secret Garden.

Cllr Gilbert advised that he will photograph the problems on the footpath next to 46 High Street and take any issues up with Esther Daly.

Cllr Loraine-Smith advised that the Parish Steward was due in the village on the 13th of January but did not attend due to weather issues. The flooding was also reported to Clarence. The bank is encroaching onto the footpath in Low Hollow and the 30mph sign had been pushed over.

Cllr Oram reported that the hedge outside “The Dolls House” on the High Street needed cutting back. She asked if a notice could be placed in the news asking parishioners to cut back there hedges before the spring.

Cllr Gilbert advised that the drains at the top of the village were blocked again. Cllr Jonik said he would deal with this.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday 26th February 2009 7.15pm.