

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY
ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held in the upstairs room of the George and Dragon Public House
28th January 2009 at 7.45pm**

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 Roger Hampton. Mr Hampton addressed the council regarding the alterations to the church and the installing of a waste pipe under the Parish Council ground from the church to the main waste pipe, the barrel drain, with Environment Agency approval.

The clerk was then asked to read out a letter received from Mr David Sandford regarding the new community car park to be sited in the Park Area. The clerk was asked to note the following response from the council. The planned community car park will be for the use of the village as a whole not just the residents and visitors to the Park Area.

Mr Andy Rogers – Erlestoke Prison Governor. Mr Rogers asked to attend tonight's meeting and briefly addressed the council about the prison and then took questions from both the councillors and the public. Mr Hampton asked why the banks along the side of the road are not cleared for visibility of the fencing and boundary. He responded that this is something he intends to look into. Mr Hampton also asked if the old house will be demolished and replaced. Mr Rogers explained that this could happen in the future to allow for better accommodation but any works would have to go before planning. Cllr Jonik and other members of the council asked if anything can be done about the lighting on site which causes light pollution in the village at night. Mr Rogers explained that he has applied for a capital grant to amend the lighting. Mr Rogers said he would be very pleased to attend any future Parish Council meetings if the council so wished.

Mr George Phillips asked that it be minuted that the proposed car park will not be sold to any other organisation.

15/09 Apologies. No apologies received.

16/09 Declaration of Interest. There were no declarations of interest.

17/09 Receive final quotes and decide on the builder for the Car Park

Four quotes had been obtained, they are as follows:

Bodmans - £20900 plus VAT, **Gaigers** - £16750 plus VAT, **Whittaker builders** - £18000 inc VAT
Pattons builders - £15660 or £13850 plus VAT depending on final specification but without the price for tarmac.

The level of specification varied but it was agreed that Gaigers quote was the most comprehensive. The clerk was asked what monies were available for the project. She explained that the council could apportion £3000 from the section 106 monies, Kennet had awarded the council a grant of £5000 towards the project and Cllr Loraine Smith felt that the village hall committee would be prepared to put £5000 towards the project. This gave a total of £13000. Cllr Loraine-Smith also said that the Village Hall Committee would probably pay for any archaeological dig required.

After lengthy discussion Cllr Jonik proposed that the council ask Cllr Grundy at Kennet District Council for his help with a possible further grant for the shortfall required.

Proposed Cllr Jonik Seconded Cllr Oram All in favour

The clerk will correspond with Cllr Grundy.

Further to this Cllr Morgan-Frise proposed that the council accept Gaigers builders as the choice of builder for the project subject to full funding being secured.

Proposed Cllr Morgan-Frise Seconded Cllr Oram 5 in favour, 1 abstention, 1 against

Cllr Lewcock expressed his reservations on appointing a contractor on the basis of the information and plans provided. Cllr Loraine-Smith also stated that he wished to get further quotes.

The Chair stated that the council gone to each builder with the only information available due to time constraints.

The council agreed to hold a further extra ordinary meeting to review the situation with grants and quotes on the 11th of February 2009.

18/09 Decide on the way leave agreement for the soil pipe from the church

The clerk explained that she had spoken to the councils solicitor who had advised that the council would need to have an easement agreement drawn up for the council and the church to sign not a way leave agreement.

Cllr Gilbert proposed that the Parish Council grant the Parochial Church Council an easement over Parish Council land to connect a soil pipe from the church to the barrel drain as long as they comply with the environment agencies rules to discharge.

Proposed Cllr Gilbert Seconded Cllr Pinnington All In Favour

The clerk will now proceed with this as soon as possible.

19/09 Decide on the type of road control in the Park.

Cllr Jonik advised that he had spoken to Mark Stansby, the Senior Traffic Management Engineer at Wiltshire County Council regarding the Parish Councils options for traffic control in the park area. He explained various options from play area signs to an advisory crossing area to rumble strips. Cllr Pinnington proposed that subject to monetary constraints the council request slow be painted on the road in two places and two signs saying play area be erected.

Proposed Cllr Pinnington Seconded Cllr Oram All in Favour

The council asked the clerk to take this forward and ask Mark for his professional advice as to where to place the slow markings and the play area signs.

The meeting closed at 10pm

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

