

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

**Held in the church
12th February 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:

The residents of the Park area asked for the following questions to be put to the council regarding the proposed community car park.

1. How will cars get back out of the car park when it is full? Will there be an area to turn round rather than reversing out?
2. Who will give right of way in the Park area?

Cllr Jonik explained that the answers will be given in due course but not at this meeting.

Mr Roger Hampton. Roger Hampton advised the council that the church had received its licence to disperse water and waste into the barrel drain from the Environment Agency and Kennet District Council.

Mr George Phillips. George Phillips thanked the Chair for placing the minutes on the website. He also thanked the clerk for adding the venue for the meeting to the minutes and for minuting his comment regarding the Secret Garden. He also made comment about the planning application for the prison being added to the agenda for the last full meeting at very short notice. It was agreed that the council would review its standing orders to accommodate any late planning applications in the future.

20/09 Apologies No apologies received

21/09 Declaration of Interest No declarations of interest made

22/09 To approve minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting held on the 28th January 2009

The following additions were made. *Typing in italics has been added.*

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.*

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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 minutes were then accepted.

Proposed Cllr Loraine-Smith **Seconded** Cllr Oram All in favour

23/09 Review the situation with grants and quotes, if acceptable

Agree the building contract for the car park & road & agree the timescales for the project
Firstly the clerk advised that she had not yet received any news on the extra grant funding applied for from Kennet District Council.

Cllr Morgan-Frise advised the council that the Village Hall Committee had met and voted to allow the Parish Council a grant of £5000 towards the car park project and £1500 maximum towards any archaeological dig required.

At this point the Chairman clarified that at this moment in time the council had funds of £13000 towards the car park build and a maximum of £1500 from the Village Hall committee towards any archaeological dig.

Cllrs Jonik and Lewcock had spent a number of hours preparing a new specification for the project. The council felt that they only had 3 options open to them:

1. cancel the project now due to lack of funding
2. ask the builders to quote on a fixed price of £13000
3. go back to each builder with the new detailed specification and ask for firm quotes based on this specification.

The council was unanimous in accepting option three to approach each builder with the new specification.

Proposed Cllr Pinnington **Seconded** Cllr Morgan-Frise All in favour.
1 Signed Date

Further to the change of specification and the uncertainty of the funding situation it was proposed to resubmit the revised specification to all of the listed builders so that the Parish Council can obtain the best quote for the village.

The builders are, Gaigers, Bodmans, Cinwood, Patons, Whittaker and Dyke.

Proposed Cllr Lewcock **Seconded** Cllr Pinnington All in favour.

The builders must respond to the clerk by the 25th of February so that the council can view the quotes at its meeting on the 26th of February.

The council expressed its thanks to Cllrs Lewcock and Jonik for preparing the new specification and plans.

Cllr Lewcock advised that the council may wish to purchase a signs to place in the car park stating that cars are parked at the owner's risk. The clerk agreed to discuss this with Mark Stansby at highways.

24/09 Review the latest information on the sub station in the Park

Cllr Jonik notified the council that he had received two plans showing possible sites for the new sub station in the park area. The first diagram shows the new sub station adjacent to the old sub station and the second shows the new station placed at the end of the proposed car park next to the boundary fence of the play area. The clerk was asked to place this item on a future agenda for discussion.

25/09 Ratify payment of £43.70 for detailed maps of the Park Area

The council were asked to agree the payment of £43.70 to Cllr Lewcock for the purchase of ordinance survey maps for the new specification for the car park.

Proposed Cllr Jonik **Seconded** Cllr Lorraine-Smith All in favour.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

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