

**MINUTES OF ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held in the George and Dragon Public House Skittle Alley**  
**15<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.15pm**

**Present:** Councillors,

Mr. S. Jonik (Chairman), Mr. A. Pinnington (Vice Chairman), Mr. M. Gilbert, Mr. K. Lewcock,  
Mr. R. Loraine- Smith, Ms. F. Morgan-Frise and Mrs. A. Whittle (Clerk).

**Open Forum:**

**Mr George Phillips.** Mr Phillips congratulated the council on the building of the car park as a vital amenity for the village. He is however worried about the drainage on the road. Could there be some lighting on the corner of the car park. The car park will also be better for the visitors to the bonfire night to park on. He still feels that there should be a gate on the secret garden. Could a letter be written to numbers 41, 51 and 53 High Street and the Grange re access across the secret garden.

**Mr J Ryan.** Mr Ryan asked how the village could carry out a Parish Poll. The clerk agreed to find out for the next meeting.

**Mr A Rogers.** Andy Rogers the Governor from the Prison said that the prison will make the gate as and when required for the Secret Garden.

**Cllr Jonik** explained that the trees are due to be cut down and the clerk was asked to write to the Governor about a price for the prison to undertake the work.

**39/09 Apologies.** Apologies were received from the Neighbourhood Police.

**40/09 Declaration of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.

**41/09 To approve the minutes of the meetings held 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

The minutes for the 26<sup>th</sup> of February were accepted without amendment.

**Proposed** Cllr Morgan-Frise                      **Seconded** Cllr Jonik                      4 in favour 2 against

Cllr Loraine-Smith made a proposal to amend the minutes as follows which was seconded by Cllr Pinnington but was not carried by a vote of 4 against. The proposal was to remove "didn't quote to Erlestoke Parish Council specification from item 32/09 – Cinwood Quote for car park.

**42/09 Planning**

**Applications for discussion.**

**09/0385 – PCC – Church of the Holy Saviour – creation of ramp and steps for disabled access**  
(application in circulation file as requested)

**No Objection**

**43/09 Prison Governor – Andy Rogers – re buildings works at the prison**

Andy explained that a letter has been sent to each household in Erlestoke and Great Cheverell regarding building a 124 bed unit. This will increase the number of inmates by 24. It will not be over 2 storeys and will be brick built and have a dark roof. Cllr Jonik asked if he had heard anymore about the traffic speed outside the prison. Andy said he had written to Wiltshire Council stating that he would support any change of speed limit to 30mph past the prison. Andy kindly offered the use of the prison visitor centre for Parish Council meetings if required. Although the prison is expanding there is no provision for and section 106 monies to come to the villages. The clerk was asked to write to the Minister for Rural Affairs regarding the fact that the villages are getting no help even though the prison is expanding.

**44/09 No right of way across the Secret Garden**

The clerk explained that she is still working on the document with the council's solicitors and will report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

**45/09 Problems of Youths in the Park Area at night**

It had been reported that youths were causing a nuisance at night in the Park Area. The Police have been asked to regularly visit the area during the evenings.

**46/09 Car Park and access road in The Park area - update**

Cllr Gilbert asked for a vote of thanks to go to all the people involved in the building of the new car park and especially to Cllr Oram for overseeing the site on behalf of the Parish Council during the works. All are in agreement that the car park looks good and will be an asset to the village. Cllr Oram has raised an issue about the area around the car park. There will be some settlement and some filling in needs to be done on the gravel area and some tidying up needs to be done. The Chair said he would contact Gaigers.

**47/09 Sub Station**

Cllr Jonik explained that the idea of placing the new station by the lower boundary fence is fine but the station has to be at least 3 metres from the barrel drain. Cllr Pinnington stated that residents certainly do not want the new station any closer to their homes than the existing one. It was proposed that Cllr Morgan-Frise will contact each resident of the Park area asking where they feel the station should be sited

**Proposed** Cllr Jonik                      **Seconded** Cllr Gilbert                      All in favour.

**48/09 Annual Electors Meeting – to set the date and venue**

It was decided to set the date for the annual Electors meeting for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 7.30pm in the village church. The clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

**49/09 Consider the request from the cricket club to use the Secret Garden as an overspill car park during the cricket season and for the fireworks in November**

Cllr Jonik stated that the cricket club will park up the side of the pitch as far as they can (badger sets on site) before they use the Secret Garden. Bonfire night they can use the new village car park before using the Secret Garden. They will only use the Secret Garden for parking in extreme circumstances and on special occasions. It was proposed that the council accept this arrangement for the foreseeable future.

**Proposed** Cllr Pinnington                      **Seconded** Cllr Loraine-Smith                      5 in favour 1 abstention.

Cllr Pinnington thanked the cricket club for its change of attitude. He would however be happier if the council accepted the kind offer from the Prison Governor for the prison to make and install a gate on the entrance to the secret garden.

**50/09 To consider items of Correspondence needing a reply**

None - All other correspondence in circulation file

**51/09 To confirm the Financial Statement for January & accounts for payment**

The council accepted the financial statement for February and March and agreed the following payments:

**Mrs. A Whittle** – Hours and Expenses – £345.41                      **Inland Revenue** – Tax - £49.20  
**WALC** – Membership 09/10 - £66.60                      **Community First** – Insurance - £632.22

**Proposed** Cllr Jonik                      **Seconded** Cllr Gilbert                      All in favour.

**52/09 To receive reports from Village Representatives**

**Cllr Loraine-Smith.** Cllr Loraine-Smith had nothing to report on the military but reported that at last he had received an email from Paul Bolan re the footpaths which stated that they would be done within the next 4 weeks.

**Cllr Morgan-Frise.** Cllr Morgan-Frise stated that the drains outside her house are still blocked. Cllr Jonik explained that he had contacted Clarence with the incident number 363266 about the drains outside Mr. Kemps house. Also the broken drain outside the telephone box had been repaired. Cllr Morgan-Frise had also attended the recent Cluster meeting where discussions took place on various points. It was put forward that a meeting will take place with every Parish Council to discuss problems so that the group can voice the parishes concerns via representation to the new Area Boards. The next meeting is in June.

**Cllr Gilbert.** Cllr Gilbert has concerns about the safety of the new entrance to Dauntsey School on the B3098. The clerk was asked to make a complaint to Wiltshire Council highways department about the entrance being dangerous for vehicles passing and using it. The Landlord of the George and Dragon had asked whether he can put notices in the parish notice board. It was felt this was not a problem except the main board is locked. He stated that the railings alongside the B3098 past the church needed painting and the clerk advised Cllr Loraine-Smith to put this on the list for the Parish Steward as rail painting is undertaken by them in August.

The clerk was asked to find out what has happened about the repairs to the MOD road.

**Cllr Jonik.** Cllr Jonik had a complaint about dog fouling in Cows Hollow opposite Beech House. This is a private lane and a sign has been put up but could the council back this up with a message in the News such as Please collect your dog mess and place in the nearest litter bin or take it home.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

**The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009 7.15pm in the Church.**