

MINUTES OF ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church 24th June 2009 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Mr. S. Jonik (Chairman), Mr. A. Pinnington (Vice Chairman) left the meeting at 8.50pm, Mr. M. Gilbert, Mr. K. Lewcock, Mrs. D. Oram & Mrs. A. Whittle (Clerk).

Open Forum:

Mr G Phillips.

1. Mr Phillips firstly suggested that the wording of the following planning application be changed to read the Old Camp Cook House rather than the Erlestoke Barn:
E/09/0558/FUL – Sec of State for Defence - Erlestoke Barn – erection of replacement building.
2. Charles Arnold Baker the writer of the Local Council Administration book has passed away. He also noted that the 9th edition of the book has just been finished.
3. Bad pot holes have appeared at the top of Pear Tree Lane – UC7084 parallel to footpath 10. Esther Daly had it repaired before

Mr R Hampton.

At our last PCC meeting the Vicar brought up the subject of running the nave of the church as a hall. While we think this is a little premature, ultimately we will need to address the problem. There are 2 or 3 ways we can do this.

1. Run the area by the PCC
2. Form a sub committee of the PCC to run the hall area
3. Run the nave area under license from the Diocesan Registrar by a charitable trust perhaps the old hall committee may be able to apply for grant-aided funds not available to the church PCC.

The PCC would like to bring this to your attention for information only at this stage. The first stage of our plans will not create a large enough area at the west end of the nave to be used much but when the second stage, which we call the "heating and seating" is completed the whole area will be available and the matter will need attention.

This will no doubt involve parishioners helping to run things, we need new blood but being on the sub-committee will not involve restriction of being a communicant member of the church as the PCC membership does.

81/09 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllrs Loraine-Smith and Morgan-Frise.

82/09 Cllr Richard Gamble – New Wiltshire Councillor

Cllr Gamble introduced himself to all present at the meeting. He explained that the council is now fully functioning. Lionel Grundy was elected as the councillor for Urchfont and All Cannings. Richard is attached to the highways section. The Devizes Area Board has now been set up and there are three Devizes Guardians and 4 conservatives. The Chair is Laura Mays, Vice-Chair Geoff Odie and Jonathan Gale is the Manager for the board. The first meeting takes place on the 20th of July from 6.30pm at the Corn Exchange in Devizes. The board has a grants budget of £50000 with small grants awarded upto £1000 with match funding up to £10000. Richard is very interested in the traffic and speeding issues in the area. He would be happy to attend the council's next meeting to discuss the council's views on traffic issues. He explained that there is a Community Issue sheet which the council is invited to complete outlining any concerns it may have. Mr Phillips asked if the public can attend the area board meetings and will there be an open forum for public questions. Cllr Gamble advised that the draft agenda does not list an open forum but is was of the opinion that the idea was that there would be one.

83/09 Declaration of Interest – No declarations of interest were made.

84/09 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th April 2009

It was agreed to take forward Mr Phillips suggestion to change the wording to Old Camp Cook House on planning application **E/09/0558/FUL – Sec of State for Defence - Erlestoke Barn – erection of replacement building.**

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

Cllr Gilbert asked that the wording at 67/09 be changed to Dauntsey School not Golf Club

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

Its was resolved to accept the minutes following the above amendments

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

85/09 Planning - Decisions Received from Wiltshire Council

E/09/0385/FUL – Creation of Ramp and steps for disabled access – The Church - Permission

E/09/0430/FUL – Demolish Badgerland Cottage and construct replacement dwelling – Refusal

86/09 No right of way across the Secret Garden - update

The clerk advised that she was still working on this with the Solicitor. She was advised that a number of private residents will need to be written to personally with the new documentation.

87/09 Sub Station – decide on siting of new station

Cllr Jonik explained that he and the clerk had met on site with Geoff Roberts from the SEB to advise him of the outcome of the vote taken by the residents of the Park area which is to install the new station by the new car park and the boundary fence. The clerk also advised she would find out about having a street light installed on the car park as part of the sub station installation.

88/09 Clerks update

Open day Vicarage Lane Nursery – Easterton – Friday 3rd July 12.30 – 4pm.
Wiltshire Council local development framework – statement of Community Involvement Preliminary Consultation document had been received by the Chairman. It was decided to circulate the document for comment. Cllr Jonik will collate the responses by Wednesday 1st of July.

89/09 Parish Steward visit

The following were to be notified to Paul Bolan.

1. 30mph sign falling over at the east end of the village
2. The hazard sign in the same area is split
3. Lower Road requires weeding
4. Large amount of gravel needs removing from the main road outside the Park Area pillars.

90/09 Setting up a village hall trust with some members of the Parish Council

Further to Mr Hampton’s report in the open forum about the above it was decided to place this on the agenda for August to give everyone time to think about how they see the village hall trust working. Cllr Gilbert felt that the existing Village Hall Committee could align themselves more with the church. It was also noted that St Mary’s Church in Devizes is going through the same process. Perhaps it would be a good idea to talk to them.

91/09 Flashing Speed Signs

It was decided to move this forward to the August meeting.

92/09 To consider items of Correspondence needing a reply - None for comment – all circulated

- 1 Request from Jonathan Gale to attend a meeting
The clerk was asked to invite him to attend a meeting.
- 2 Fun in the Sun 2009
The clerk explained that this event for children happens in Bratton each summer and is finding out if it extends to Erlestoke.
- 3 Devizes Area Board – to appoint a representative from the Parish Council
The council had been asked to appoint a representative from the Parish Council to represent Erlestoke on the Area Board. It was proposed that Cllr Jonik as Chairman represent the council.

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

93/09 To confirm the Financial Statement for May, the accounts for payment in June and the accounts and forms for audit **Action**

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

Mrs A Whittle – Hours & Expenses - £328.80

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

94/09 To receive reports from Village Representatives

Cllr Oram – At the entrance to the woods a large amount of rubbish has accumulated. The clerk was asked to write to the owners the MOD to ask if a rubbish bin can be placed on site.

Cllr Lewcock. Cllr Lewcock will contact all village organisations in his role as Liaison Officer. He reported that the cricket club were very disappointed with the decision of the Parish Council. They still have not been given a reason why they can not use it. Parking around the cricket pitch is not easy due to safety.

95/09 Next meeting – 24th June 2009 – at the Parish Church

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.