

MINUTES OF ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church 4th November 2009 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Mr. S. Jonik (Chairman), Mr. A. Pinnington (Vice-Chairman), Ms. F. Morgan-Frise, Mr. M. Gilbert, Mr. K. Lewcock, Mrs. D. Oram, Mr. R. Loraine-Smith and the Clerk.

Open Forum:

Mrs Doreen Oram asked for the council to invite Nina Wilton to a specially arranged meeting to instruct the council on the code of conduct. The council agreed and the clerk will arrange this. Mr Roger Hampton asked what response the council had received from the village regarding the future of the telephone box? Cllr Jonik explained that 8 had replied wanting to keep it and sponsor it as a working box and 8 wanted to adopt it for £1 as a non working box. Mr George Phillips explained that BT would have to apply for planning permission to remove the box as it is listed. Mr Bill Smith made a representation regarding the box. Cllr Jonik stated that the council will take on board everyones comments re the box when they discuss it under item 140/09 on the agenda. Mrs Smith from Lower Road addressed the council regarding the speed of traffic travelling along Lower Road. Could a sign be erected stating horses on the road. The parish council will apply to highways and people concerned about this should report any incident to the police. At this point PC Gemma Rutter from the NPT Devizes Rural South team arrived with a colleague. She explained that she and PCSO Nina Marsh are the team covering Erlestoke. She produces a monthly news letter which can be emailed. The best way to contact her is via email on gemma.rutter@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk. She will send the newsletter to Cllr Jonik who will put it on the website. Gemma reported that there had been one incident of crime which was damage to the ladies toilet at the pub.

131/09 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Richard Gamble and Jonathan Gale from Wiltshire Council.

132/09 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Oram declared a prejudicial interest in item 139/09 and Mr Phillips letter and also planning application E/09/01381/FUL – HMP Erlestoke.

Cllr Pinnington declared an interest in planning application E/09/1280/FUL.

133/09 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd September 2009

The minutes for the 23rd September 2009 were accepted.

Proposed Cllr Morgan-Frise

Seconded Cllr Oram

All in favour.

134/09 Planning –

Decisions Received from Wiltshire Council

E/09/1190/FUL – Mr & Mrs Puddick – 56 High Street – Single Storey Extension, conversion of garage to studio, creation of balcony on existing flat roof – **Permission**

Applications for comment

E/09/1280/FUL – Richard Gobardansingh – Erlestoke Golf Club – Two Storey Extension and alterations to existing golf club house to include hotel and function facilities. Extension to car park and associated landscaping.

The council request that the following be taken into consideration:

The access from the B3098 needs to be viewed in respect of the expected rise in volume of traffic entering and exiting the site. The access exits onto a stretch of road with a shaded wooded area in both directions.

Proposed Cllr Jonik

Seconded Cllr Morgan-Frise

6 in favour 1 against.

E/09/1381/FUL – HMP Erlestoke – Construction of new accommodation block and support wing for 124 prisoners, together with replacement of existing disused boiler house to provide for new development, new access road from within the existing prison and additional 25 car spaces to the existing staff car park.

No Objection

Proposed Cllr Pinnington

Seconded Cllr Gilbert

All in favour.

135/09 Prison update – Andy Rogers Prison Governor

Andy advised the meeting that 2 prisoners had spent the day weeding the car park. He commented on the traffic speeding in Lower Road and stated that his officers had been asked to be considerate when travelling through the village but he would remind them of this. He advised that Princess Anne will be visiting the prison on the 7th of December and he had asked Cllr Jonik as Chair of the council to attend. He commented that the planning application is a replacement for Wren unit with Silbury Unit. He also advised that the prison budget had been reduced for next year by £600,000.

136/09 Cllr Gamble – Wiltshire Council - Cllr Gamble was not able to attend the meeting.

137/09 Devizes Area Board update – Cllr Jonik

Cllr Jonik explained that the next Devizes Area Board meeting is on the 23rd of November at Devizes School from 6.30pm. The main topic will be Transport issues.

138/09 Clerks update. No update this month

139/09 Secret Garden - to include letter received from Mr G Phillips re gating the garden

As Cllr Oram had declared a prejudicial interest the council voted for Cllr Oram to remain seated at the table but to take no part in any discussion or decision on the matter of Mr Phillips letter.

Proposed Cllr Morgan-Frise **Seconded** Cllr Jonik 6 in favour

The clerk had received a letter from Mr Phillips offering the council a sum of money to purchase and install gates at the Secret Garden. In view of the resolution passed at the 23rd of September meeting (118/09, Following lengthy discussion it was proposed and accepted that any further discussion regarding the future use of, fencing of or changes to the Secret garden will be dealt with at the Annual Parish Meeting next April/May 2010) it was resolved to thank Mr Phillips for his generous offer but the council has to decline his offer at this time.

Proposed Cllr Morgan-Frise **Seconded** Cllr Gilbert 3 in favour, 1 abstention and 1 declared interest.

The clerk made her apologies to Mr Phillips as the minute 118/09 had been omitted from the original draft minutes and only included on the minutes given out at this meeting.

140/09 BT Phone Box – Invitation by BT to adopt the red telephone kiosk due to plans to remove the telephone equipment from the kiosk.

After discussion it was resolved to put this item on the agenda in December and that Cllr Jonik will undertake further research into the options available.

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

141/09 Highways

The clerk reported that she had written to Cllr Gamble as requested at the September meeting regarding the heavy vehicles using the B3098. She had also written to all the Parish Councils on the B3098 asking them to write to Cllr Gamble as well. Each council has now written and Cllr Gamble has passed the letters on to the appropriate person in highways.

142/09 Skips

The clerk explained that she had spoken to the clerk of Great Cheverell who had agreed that the skips being in the two villages on the same day was a good idea. Both clerks have now advised Naomi Henderson. The amenity skip will be in the village on the 10th of February.

143/09 Parish Steward visit – Tasks for the Steward

The clerk was asked to write to Paul Bollen with a list of tasks not completed by the Parish Steward recently. The clerk was asked to obtain a list of the tasks the steward is authorised to undertake. At the next visit the village would like the drain cover outside Beech House replaced, the B3098 through the village weeded and the salt bins re filled ready for the winter.

144/09 To consider items of Correspondence needing a reply

Wiltshire Council – Core Strategy – Planning for Wiltshire’s Future –
to be circulated for reply by 31st December 2009

145/09 Finance

To confirm the Financial Statement for September and October and the accounts for payment.

The council agreed the financial statement and the following for payment.

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses - £406.56 Inland Revenue - £44.40

Playsafety Ltd – Play equipment check - £82.80

146/09 To receive reports from Village Representatives

Cllr Morgan-Frise attended the Cricket Club AGM on behalf of the council and Cllr Lewcock, and told the club that they are definitely part of the village and have the villages support.

Cllr Lewcock reported that the pub is still struggling but business is picking up.

Cllr Loraine-Smith advised that fly tipping had taken place at Crosshill Wood. The clerk will advise Clarence.

Cllr Oram advised of a problem with footpath 11 through the Park. Cllr Gilbert said he would speak to the property owner concerned.

147/09 Next meeting date is 16th December in the Parish Church commencing at 7.15pm with the open forum.

The meeting closed at 9.27pm.