

MINUTES OF ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church 16th December 2009 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Mr. S. Jonik (Chairman), Mr. A. Pinnington (Vice-Chairman), Mr. M. Gilbert, Mrs. D. Oram, Mr. R. Loraine-Smith and the Clerk. Cllr Gamble joined the meeting at 8.15pm.

Open Forum:

Mrs Oram expressed her thanks to the clerk for organising the programme for the visiting skips for 2010. **Mr Phillips** said that an apology had not been forthcoming regarding the party at the cricket club. Could minute 139/09 be amended by removing the words "purchase and", he also would have liked his letter read out at the meeting. With regards to the local plan could the council find out if the Secret Garden land could be included in the village boundary for building. Perhaps this would be a good opportunity to review the conservation and building boundaries for Erlestoke.

148/09 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllrs Morgan-Frise, Lewcock, Jonathan Gale from Wiltshire Council and Erlestoke Prison Governor Andy Rogers.

149/09 Declaration of Interest - No declarations of interest were made.

150/09 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th November 2009

The minutes for the 4th November 2009 were accepted after the removal of the works purchase and from minute 139/09.

Proposed Cllr Loraine-Smith **Seconded** Cllr Pinnington All in favour.

151/09 Prison update – Andy Rogers Prison Governor – no update as Governor not present.

152/09 Planning –

Decisions Received from Wiltshire Council

E/09/1280/FUL – Erlestoke Golf Club – Two storey extension and alterations. Permission

Applications for comment

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. **AMENDED PLANS.**

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

153/09 Cllr Gamble – Wiltshire Council

Cllr Gamble apologised for not attending the last meeting. He reported that the speed limit review was under way for all A and B roads in Wiltshire including the B3098. The proposal is that where the speed limit is 60 mph on the B3098 this will be reduced to 50mph. As yet the C roads and unclassified roads are not being reviewed. He thanked Erlestoke for contacting all Parish Councils on the B3098 asking for them to support Cllr Gamble in his request for new signage etc on the road. Next financial year new signage will be installed at the Westbury end to begin with. He is trying to get the same signage at the West Lavington end. He is also looking at trying to get the road reduced to a C road to get it off the satellite navigation systems. Community Speed Watch. Speed guns will be available for trained private individuals to speed check. Highways. Parishes will be asked to report any poor re-instatement of the roads by the utility companies. The next Devizes Area Board meeting will be on Monday 25th of January at Lavington School from 6.30pm. The main subject is Youth and providing services for them. They are looking at a shuttle bus service from the villages for 17-23 year olds into Devizes. He reported that there had been 2 consultations recently the first being the new NHS centre in Devizes. The plans will be coming to planning committee in the near future and people are able to make representation at that time. The new site will be at Quakers Wharf off London Road and not as originally planned at Green Lane. The second consultation is regarding the Core Strategy and the new local plan which must be in place by 2011. The driving force is the government's strategy on new housing with a need for 44000 new homes in Wiltshire. The council commented that they would like to review the village development boundary in order to sustain the village as Erlestoke would welcome new housing. The clerk was asked to find out how this could be implemented.

154/09 Devizes Area Board update – Cllr Jonik

Cllr Jonik explained that transport had been the issue at the last meeting. This included the heavy traffic on the B3098 and the speed review on all A and B roads in Wiltshire.

155/09 Clerks update

Progress of New legal notice regarding no right of way to the Secret Garden

This is still an ongoing project with the solicitors due to holidays and time away from the office for both the clerk and the solicitor. It also seems the solicitor is of the opinion that this notice is not required in law. I will clarify this with him in the New Year and if this is correct obtain his decision in writing for the councils records.

Quotes for tree works on the Secret Garden and information from the Wiltshire Council Tree Officer re planning

Again I have been unable to move any further forward with this due to the unavailability of either myself or the tree officer on certain dates. I will endeavour to pull this together in January before the next meeting and have some quotes to show the cost of any works.

The new signage should be installed by the end of January regarding liability etc. The wording is still under review by the solicitor.

Installation of Road Safety signs for the Park Area as agreed last financial year

This has now been completed both with metal signage being installed and slow painted on the road.

Progress of installation of New Sub Station in the Park

I have confirmed in writing to Southern Electric the councils agreement for the sub station to be sited next to the boundary fence and the car park. The SEC is now preparing the legal documents which will be sent to me shortly. Although I have emailed since the November meeting I have yet to receive the formal documentation. I will press for this in January.

156/09 BT Phone Box

Having spoken to BT Cllr Jonik was advised that all that was required to keep the phone box in service in the village was to advise Wiltshire Planning department that the village still required it. Cllr Jonik has now done this and the service will remain.

157/09 Highways

Cllr Loraine-Smith reported that the manhole cover reported recently has now been replaced. The give way sign is still not in place at the end of Lower Road. Wiltshire Council has cleared all the drains. The weeds in Lower Road have been partially cleared. The council asked for a notice to be placed in the News asking for all residents to make sure their property boundary hedges are cut back to the property boundary. If persistent problems occur with any property hedge Wiltshire Council can be asked to cut it back at the householder's expense.

The grit bins need refilling and Cllr Loraine-Smith will get this carried out.

The clerk was asked to contact Sarsen housing regarding footpath 15 in the Park.

158/09 Sub Station update

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159/09 Parish Steward Visit – Tasks for the Steward

Cllr Loraine-Smith will advise that the council still want the weeds cleared along the high street.

160/09 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

The clerk will compile the councillor's responses and forward to Wiltshire Council.

161/09 Finance

To confirm the Financial Statement for November and the accounts for payment.

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

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses - £407.12	Inland Revenue – PAYE - £88.80
Gaigers – final payment on car park - £1089.34	Viking Direct – Stationary – £48.36
Children's Christmas Party – Donation - £50.00	Mazars LLP – Audit 08/09 - £350.75
Proposed Cllr Jonik	Seconded Cllr Loraine-Smith
	All in favour.

162/09 Donation to village Church and Children's Christmas Party

Donation to village church

It was decided to defer a payment until the budget is set for 2010/11.

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

Donation to village children's party

It was decided that the council would make a one off donation to the village children's party of £50.00.

Proposed Cllr Pinnington

Seconded Cllr Jonik

4 in favour 1 against.

163/09 To receive reports from Village Representatives - None received.

Cllr Oram reported that Wiltshire Council has decided to give 5p per mile to The Link across the county.

164/09 Next meeting dates.

The next extra-ordinary meeting is Wednesday 6th January 2010 in the Parish Church commencing at 7.15pm to set the budget and precept for 2010/2011.

Next full meeting Wednesday 27th January 2010 in the Parish Church commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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