

MINUTES OF ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church 27th January 2010 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Mr. S. Jonik (Chairman), Mr. M. Gilbert, Mr. K. Lewcock (arrived 7.40pm), Mrs. D. Oram and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk).

Open Forum:

Mr G Phillips. Mr Phillips advised the council that as yet there still had been no apology regarding the party at the Cricket Ground in September. He had however found out that under the Licensing Act of 2003 a licence should have been applied for to allow the party organisers to play music. The telephone number to call to find out if a party requires a licence is 0300 456 0100.

Mr Phillips also reminded the clerk that in her registering the councils land with the land registry not to forget the bus shelter and the access at the top of the Secret Garden.

Cllr Gilbert asked for the clerk to email the MOD again regarding the Secret Garden Road.

04/10 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllrs Pinnington, Loraine-Smith and Gamble.

05/10 Declaration of Interest – None.

06/10 Minutes.

The minutes of the 16th of December 2009 were accepted following 2 slight amendments.

1. 155/09 should read across the Secret Garden
2. 157/09 should read footpath 11 not 15

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

The minutes of the 6th of January 2010 were accepted following a spelling adjustment

Proposed Cllr Lewcock **Seconded** Cllr Gilbert **All in favour**

Cllr Gilbert also thanked the clerk for agreeing to not take a pay rise during next financial year to help with the council's budget position.

07/10 Planning

Decisions Received from Wiltshire Council

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. **PERMISSION.**

Applications for comment - None

08/10 Cllr Gamble – Wiltshire Council

Cllr Gamble was not present at the meeting but Cllr Jonik had spoken to him at the Area Board meeting on Monday regarding the proposed new speed limits for the B3098. He confirmed that the 30mph at Market Lavington will be extended to the Westbury end of Little Cheverell.

Cllr Jonik also reported that he had written to Cllr Gamble regarding the grit bins not being refilled.

09/10 Prison update – Andy Rogers Prison Governor – no report

10/10 Devizes Area Board update – Cllr Jonik

Cllr Jonik reported that the main theme of the Area Board meeting on Monday was youth issues. A presentation was shown made by some of the youths from Devizes. A project is under way to hopefully provide a new skate park in Devizes and a new travel service for 17-23 year olds to access facilities in Devizes on a Friday and Saturday evenings.

11/10 Clerks update

- 1. Progress of New legal notice regarding no right of way across the Secret Garden**
It seems the solicitor is of the opinion that this notice is not required in law. I met with Neil Patterson yesterday morning and we discussed the issue. He has never seen the type of notice before so will investigate and write back giving me instruction as to what to do as necessary by law.
- 2. Quotes for tree works on the Secret Garden and information from the Wiltshire Council Tree Officer re planning**
I haven't been able to move forward on this due to lack of time, 4 hours a week doesn't go very far. I would appreciate a member of the council taking this forward.
I will however continue with the signs for the Secret Garden as I am still awaiting the legal wording from the solicitor. Due to the financial position of the council I will present costings before ordering as we may have to leave this till next financial year 10/11.
- 3. Progress of installation of New Sub Station in the Park**
I have again emailed Geoff Roberts but as yet have not received a reply.
- 4. Registering of land with Land Registry.**
I have completed the forms as far as I can and have passed them to the Solicitor for final signature and submission. I realize this will incur a small charge from the Solicitor but felt it better to get the forms correctly signed and checked first time of submission rather than them coming back for amendment.

5. Correspondence being dealt with.

I received a letter from Mr. Sinnett-Jones regarding the Parish Councils insurance and whether it covers use of the councils land by other organisations. Once I have received a formal up to date written reply to the questions from our insurers I will circulate a copy of the letter and the reply to all Councillors. I will of course then reply to Mr. Sinnett-Jones. I have thanked him for the letter and asked for his patience in the matter.

12/10 Resignation of Cllr Morgan-Frise

Cllr Jonik advised that he had received an email from Cllr Morgan-Frise giving her resignation from the council due to work commitments. The clerk has notified Wiltshire Council and a notice has already been placed on the notice board giving the 15th of February as the closing date for 10 electors to write to Wiltshire Council asking for a formal election for the post. If 10 electors do not come forward then the council will advertise and aim to co-opt to the vacancy.

13/10 The Skips and use of them

The clerk advised that the next plastic and cardboard recycling skip is due in the Park on Wednesday 10th February from 10am to 12.30. She also passed notices for Cllr Oram to place around the village for the 10th of Feb and the following four scheduled dates for the recycling skips of 6th April, 6th July, 5th October and 6th January 2011. The clerk was asked to email Naomi Henderson asking for notices to be sent with the skips to advise the residents what to put in each skip especially for the household waste skips.

14/10 Fly Tipping - Tyres dumped in the Park Area

Following the visit of the house hold waste skip early in January, a number of car tyres have been left in the park area as Wiltshire Council will not take away tyres. If the person who dumped them in the park would like to contact Cllr Jonik or any Councillor the council will help to remove them from site.

15/10 Repairs to new road to Car Park

Cllr Jonik reported that he and Cllrs Oram and Pinnington met a representative from Gaigers on site recently and Gaigers have agreed to repair the kerb stone as required. Therefore the council agreed that the clerk should now send the final payment for all the car park and associated works.

16/10 Highways

The clerk was asked to email highways regarding the cleaning of the road etc around the church wall on the B3098.

17/10 Correspondence and Response – Cllr Oram

Cllr Oram raised the issue of correspondence regarding grants etc, which the clerk may receive, requiring a reply before the next parish council meeting. It was agreed that the clerk would be able to apply for grants with a reply deadline before the next available council meeting after consultation with the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr Jonik Seconded Cllr Gilbert All in favour

18/10 Parish Steward Visit – Tasks for the Steward on the 9th of February.

Cllr Oram and Cllr Loraine-Smith will advise the steward of the usual tasks required. Cllr Oram did comment that a number of residents had been seen removing grit from the grit bin for use on their own property. The clerk was asked to place a notice in the News stating that if any private person is seen to remove grit from the grit bins for their own use the bins will be removed from site.

19/10 To consider items of Correspondence needing a reply

Letter from Lavington and District Swimming Club

The council agreed to display the letter on the notice board

Wiltshire Magazine – information only

Clerks and Councils Direct – information only

Letter from Three Villages Minibus

The clerk was asked to write advising that due to budgetary constraints this year the council will not be able to make a donation to the minibus.

20/10 Finance

To confirm the Financial Statement for December 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 - £88.80

Wiltshire Council – new signs in Park Area - £438.00

Miles and Francis – Grass cutting - £264.50

21/10 To receive reports from Village Representatives

It was felt by the council that a small report from the Parish Council to be put into the village News would be a good way of telling the village what the council has dealt with over the last month or so. This was a task undertaken by Cllr Jonik in the past and he agreed to take this on again.

Cllr Oram was asked to speak to Sarcen regarding footpath 11.

The clerk was asked to find out about the horse signs requested by Mrs Smith on Lower Road.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

The next meeting will be in the Parish Church at 7.15pm on Wednesday 10th of March 2010.