

MINUTES OF ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church 26th May 2010 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Mr. S. Jonik (Chairman), Mr A Pinnington (Vice Chairman), Mr. M. Gilbert, Mr R Loraine-Smith, Mrs. D. Oram, Mr K Lewcock, Mr D Moore and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk).

Open Forum:

Mervyn Gilbert thanked everyone who helped with the tidying at the Secret garden. He also asked for the play area sign to be moved at the entrance to the Park area as it is visible from Park Lodge. George Phillips reported that he is still following up the pothole problem in Pear Tree Lane with Jonathon Gale. Had the clerk heard about the councils insurance yet? He suggested that if the council is taking away the sign at the Secret Garden, the new sign should say no parking or camping. He then read out a letter from Wiltshire Council which confirmed that the parish Council was correct in its view of the boundary fence and the title deed at the Secret Garden. The council stated some time ago that a boundary fence only needed to be erected on site if the original plan to build a school on the site was progressed. Please note the council has no intention of trying to build anything on the site.

61/10 Apologies – Cllr Gamble sent his apologies.

62/10 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr Jonik was re-elected to be chairman.

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

Cllr Pinnington was re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

Proposed Cllr Oram **Seconded** Cllr Loraine-Smith All in favour

63/10 Declaration of Interest – No declarations of interest made.

64/10 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th April 2010 and the Annual Parish Meeting on the 21st of April

The minutes of the 14th of April were accepted as presented.

Proposed Cllr Pinnington **Seconded** Cllr Loraine-Smith **All in Favour**

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting 21st of April were accepted as correct but will be signed off at the Annual Parish Council meeting April 2011.

Thanks were expressed to the clerk for the concise minutes and the refreshments at the APM.

65/10 Appointment of representatives and meetings calendar 10/11

Footpaths	Cllrs Gilbert and Oram
Police Liaison	Cllr Jonik
HM Prison Erlestoke	Cllrs Pinnington and Lewcock
MOD	Cllrs Loraine-Smith and Moore
Website	Cllr Jonik
Parish Steward	Cllrs Loraine-Smith and Oram
Cluster Group	Cllrs Oram and Moore
Budget Group	Cllrs Pinnington, Jonik, Lewcock and the clerk
General Liaison Officer	Cllr Lewcock
Devizes Area Board	Appointed for each meeting

Meetings Calendar 10/11

Start at 7.15pm. The Parish Church

Annual Parish/Electors Meeting

Start at 7.30pm - The Parish Church

Wed 26th May 2010	Wednesday 20th April 2011
Wed 7th July 2010	
Wed 18th August 2010	
Wed 29th September 2010	
Wed 10th November 2010	
Wed 22nd December 2010	
Wed 2nd February 2011	
Wed 16th March 2011	

Proposed Cllr Moore **Seconded** Cllr Pinnington **All in Favour**
 1 Signed Date

66/10 Planning

Decisions Received from Wiltshire Council

E/10/0299/FUL – 6 High Street – Removal of Porch and erection of Oak Porch – Permission

E/10/0331/TCA – 56 High Street – Tree Works - Permission

Applications to discuss

E/10/0574/LBC – The Old School House 34 High Street – Replacement of two modern softwood windows with hardwood windows of the same size. Installation of secondary glazing

No objection

Proposed Cllr Pinnington **Seconded** Cllr Gilbert **All in Favour**

E/10/0589/FUL – South Farm Pudnell Lane – Proposed change of use and conversion of existing outbuildings into two holiday cottages.

No objection

Proposed Cllr Pinnington **Seconded** Cllr Jonik **All in Favour**

67/10 Cllr Gamble – Wiltshire Council - Cllr Gamble not present

68/10 Prison update – Andy Rogers not present

69/10 Devizes Area Board update

Cllr Jonik reported as follows:

The P C T is now looking at refurbishing Southgate House and redeveloping Green Lane. The St Monica's trust is now in consultation with Wiltshire Council about the green lane site. Grants were awarded for a skate park in Rowde of £3168 and £5000 to All Cannings Church towards installing water, kitchen and toilets. The next meeting dates are 19th July and the 4th of October, venues to be advised.

70/10 Audit 09/10

The clerk presented the audit figures as follows:

Balance brought forward from 08/09	19979
Annual Precept	4120
Other receipts	9865
Staff costs	3304
Other costs	26454
Balance carried forward 09/10	4206

These figures were accepted.

Proposed Cllr Jonik **Seconded** Cllr Pinnington **All in Favour**

The clerk was asked to look into short term investment for the council's monies.

71/10 ROSPA inspection report on the play area in the Park – update

The bench has now been fitted in the Park Area with thanks to Allen, Stan and Peris. The working group will now meet to arrange the other works required.

72/10 Clerks Report.

The clerk reported that she had received information about a biking event taking place around the village boundary with the MOD land over the bank holiday weekend from the 29th of May.

73/10 Signage – Purchase of signs for car park and Secret Garden

The clerk presented two draft notices for the Secret garden and the car park in the park area. The council agreed to accept the car park sign which will read; Car park provided by Erlestoke Parish Council. The Parish Council takes no responsibility for loss from or damage to any vehicle whilst using this car park. No over night parking or camping.

Proposed Cllr Jonik **Seconded** Cllr Moore **All in Favour**

The clerk was asked to revise the sign for the Secret Garden and bring it to the next meeting.

74/10 Parish Steward 15th June visit

Cllrs Oram and Loraine-Smith advised that the Parish now has a permanent Parish Steward who will walk the village with Richard and Doreen to view the issues around the village. He will also carry letters from Wiltshire Council which he can deliver to any property whose hedge is seen to encroach on the highway or footway. Cllr Gilbert asked if the steward can remove the Japanese Knotweed which grows in Cows Hollow.

75/10 to consider items of Correspondence needing a reply - None

76/10 Finance

The council accepted the Financial Statement for April and agreed the following payments:

A Whittle – salary May - £218.70	Inland Revenue – Month 2 - £44.40
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Community First – membership - £36.00	WALC – Membership - £65.17
S Jonik – expenses for fitting seat - £29.71	

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

77/10 to receive reports from Village Representatives

Cllr Jonik asked if a vehicle had been stolen in the village a few weeks ago. He was advised that a vehicle was stolen from Lower Road which belonged to Mr C Arnold. He asked if anything had been done about installing slow for horses road signs on Lower Road.

It was also commented on that the PCSO had disturbed the parking arrangements on the Lower Road Junction recently.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

The next meeting will be in the Parish Church at 7.15pm on Wednesday 7th July 2010.