

MINUTES OF ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church 18th August 2010 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Mr. S. Jonik (Chairman), Mr A Pinnington (Vice Chairman), Mr. M. Gilbert, Mrs. D. Oram, Mr K Lewcock (arrived at 8.05pm), Mr D Moore and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk).

Open Forum:

Mr G Phillips – George reported that he had spoken to Esther Daly about footpath 6 (opposite Turners). She is now looking into putting up a sign. The pump house is now almost invisible due to plant growth. Cllr Jonik said he would speak to Mr Johnson. He also reported that footpath 5 is overgrown through the wood on the golf course parallel to the 8th fairway.

Mr M Gilbert asked if there was any progress on the horse sign for Lower Road. He also reported that the bus shelter needs painting. It was agreed this would be undertaken by a working party.

Mr D Oram reported that the gate on the play area does not now self close due to the children swinging on it. Mr Pinnington will look into this again.

97/10 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Loraine-Smith.

98/10 Declaration of Interest - None

99/10 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th July 2010

The minutes were accepted as presented.

Proposed Cllr Moore **Seconded** Cllr Pinnington All in favour

100/10 Planning

Applications for discussion

E/10/O999/TCA – 1 The Park – Fell yew tree - **No Objection.**

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

101/10 Cllr Gamble – Wiltshire Council – Not present.

102/10 Prison update – Andy Rogers Prison Governor - Not present.

103/10 Devizes Area Board update – Cllr Jonik – no update but next meeting on 4th October

104/10 Signage – Purchase of signs for car park and Secret Garden

This is till on going and the clerk will update at the next meeting.

105/10 Parish Steward Update from the Chairman

Cllr Jonik explained that the system for the Parish Steward had recently changed. He explained that the council will no longer be required to have a Parish Steward rep as the list of tasks for the village will be drawn up by the Steward himself on a walk around the village. The remit for the steward programme has changed probably due to budget constraints and the stewards will now be undertaking tasks where there is a health and safety issue for Wiltshire Council. If the Parish Council has a specific task they would like the steward to see if he could undertake this request will be sent via the clerk not the parish council reps as before.

106/10 Update on the repairs to the play equipment

Cllr Pinnington reported that the gates on the play area had been looked at but he will look again following Cllr Orams report in the open forum. He had put on rubber stoppers as required by the inspection report. He has contact a company called Redlynch who have kindly agreed to supply free of charge some repair equipment for the rubber matting that is lifting around the swings. He will purchase some quick set cement for securing the goal posts. The working party will also rub down, prime and repaint the goal posts and basket ball hoop. Thanks were given to Bob Miles for repairing the timber as required.

107/10 to consider the village car park being used to raise money via a hand car wash

The council asked the clerk to write to Gemma and Emma saying that the council is happy for the girls to use the car park for a car washing event to raise money to go to Tanzania. Could there leaflet sat that the Parish Council accept no responsibility for damage to either cars or persons involved in the event.

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

108/10 To consider items of Correspondence needing a reply

Community First AGM – 6th Oct 5pm The Corn Exchange
WALC – Newsletter July
Wiltshire Council – Grants available to improve countryside access

109/10 To confirm the Financial Statement for July & accounts for payment

The council accepted the financial statement for July and agreed the following payments.
Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses August and Sept - £451.22
HM Customs and Excise – PAYE month 5 - £44.40
HM Customs and Excise – PAYE month 6 - £44.40
W Smith – Internal Audit - £50.00
Erlestoke Parochial Church Council – heating etc - £50.00

110/10 To receive reports from Village Representatives

Cllr Jonik asked the clerk to write to The Prison Governor regarding attending the Parish Council meetings. It was thought perhaps he wasn't receiving the agenda via email.
The clerk was asked to write to highways regarding the B3098 surface leaving the village towards Westbury. Cllr Jonik said he would advise the clerk of the street light numbers which are either not working or working intermittently in Lower Road.
Cllr Lewcock said he had spoken to the landlord at the pub about siting his notice boards further back on the pavement.
Cllr Moore asked if he was expected to attend the cluster group meetings or any MOD meetings. Cllr Jonik said he would advise Cllr Moore when he received an email about the next cluster group meeting and the clerk will send any contact details she has for the MOD.
Cllr Pinnington gave his apologies for the next meeting on the 29th of September.

The meeting closed at 8.28pm.

**The next three meetings will be held in the Parish Church from 7.15pm
on
Wednesday 29th September, Wednesday 10th November**