

MINUTES OF ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church 10th November 2010 at 7.15pm

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

Open Forum:

Lise Griffith from the Wiltshire Good Neighbour Scheme addressed the council as follows:
Wiltshire Good Neighbours is a new and exciting service that is being funded by Wiltshire Council and provided by Community First in partnership with Age UK Wiltshire and Age Concern Salisbury. The service aims to meet the recognised need of those in rural communities like ours who need a little help and support in accessing the services which allow them to maintain their wellbeing and help them to continue living independently and free from social isolation. To this end, the first four Good Neighbour Co-ordinators have been appointed to deliver the service in their local communities, with more to follow next year. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Good Neighbour Co-ordinator for the Bratton, Edington, Coulston and Erlestoke area. My name is Lise Griffiths, and my initial aim is to make contact with all of the groups that are working in our community to support them in identifying those who might benefit from this fresh and innovative service that will provide information and sign posting support to those people needing a little extra assistance. I will be undertaking home visits, referring people on to services or sources of local support as well as following up to ensure any issues have been resolved. If you feel you or someone you know would benefit from the service offered by Wiltshire Good Neighbours, please don't hesitate to call me on 07541 353401 or email lgriffiths@communityfirst.org.uk

Mr G Phillips addressed the council on the following issues:

Esther Daly has put up new signs on footpath 6 and Marditch Road has had one post reinstated with two still to done. The hedge at the Dolls House has been cut back. The spring water house was taken over by Roger Hampton's relative on the 31st of December 1945.

125/10 Apologies – No apologies were received

126/10 Declaration of Interest - Declarations were made as follows:

Cllrs Oram and Pinnington declared an interest in planning item E/10/1419/FUL as near neighbours to the property.

127/10 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th September 2010

The minutes were accepted after the following amendments:

Open Forum paragraph 3 line 7 should read "the residents or Parish Council"

117/10 – state of building item 12 should read "there is a tee off before Pudnell going west to Coulston".

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

128/10 Planning

E/10/1419/FUL – 3 The Park – Retention of air to water heat pump

Following discussion the council resolved to comment as follows: Although the Council has no objection to the siting of the unit, neighbours have complained that the unit is noisy and the Councillors would ask for the abatement of the noise to be taken into consideration during the planning process. The council has asked Cllr Gamble to bring the application before the planning committee if the planning officer is mindful to approve the application.

Proposed Cllr Jonik **Seconded** Cllr Moore 5 in favour
2 abstentions - declaration of interest

129/10 Wiltshire Council update – Cllr Gamble

Cllr Gamble apologised for missing the last few meetings. He commented that a village resident Adrian Hampton had recently been voted top performer for Wiltshire Council. One of the consultations ongoing is the Local Transport Plan which can be found on the Wiltshire Council website. Contributions are very valuable. The next Area Board meeting is on Monday 29th of November. Wiltshire Council has been advised that its grant from central government is to be reduced by more than 28% over the next four years. The main reduction will be in 11/12 when they will lose between 10% and 15% and the remainder will be over the following 2 years. The council are looking at reducing the procurement budget and managerial staff by 25%. He commented that the Parish Council will be setting its precept soon and perhaps they need to look at taking on services that Wiltshire can not provide.

Cllr Loraine-Smith commented that the surfacing on the road crossings in Devizes are becoming very worn out

