

**MINUTES OF ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held in the Parish Church 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011 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 (arrived at approx 9pm) and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk).

**Open Forum:**

Mr G Phillips – Mr Phillips advised the council of the following issues:

1. The fence outside Summerdown House keeps being knocked down by vehicles missing the entrance to the Prison. Highways are looking at new signage for the prison.
2. The camp track is being stoned
3. The finance committee should be named Finance Group not committee.
4. A person from the village in his vehicle was hit by a lorry exiting the prison
5. A Prison Officer had hit a post in Lower Road during the bad weather. Cllr Jonik advised that he had spoken to the Police about the road being closed due to wires hanging down across the road and the condition of the road surface.

Cllr Jonik advised of a heating oil leak at 23 High Street which has been cleaned up.

It was also noted that a roof top protest by a prisoner at the Erlestoke prison had recently taken place. The landlord at the Pub had fed and watered the Police as required without charge and donations were given to the village church. The pub has also raised £550 for the church funds from a fundraising weekend recently.

**01/11 Apologies** – Apologies were received from PC Gemma Rutter

**02/11 Declaration of Interest** – No declarations of interest were made.

**03/11 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

The minutes were accepted after the following amendments:

Open forum 3<sup>rd</sup> line from end Esther Daly has put up a new sign post on footpath six .....

138/10 finance committee should read finance group

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

**04/11 Planning**

**Decisions received**

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

Cllr Jonik went to the planning committee meeting to put the council's case forward. It seems there were three possible types of green heating system available to Sarcen Housing, solar, ground source and air source. It seems case studies were put forward for solar and ground heat sources but not for the air source which was being requested. He advised that the property concerned was at a lower ground level than Pound House which would be affected by the noise from the equipment. During the planning committee discussion the councillors were advised that sound checks had been undertaken and the noise was not to be found intrusive for neighbours. The clerk was asked to find out which of the Wiltshire Councillors on the planning committee voted in favour and who abstained.

**05/11 Wiltshire Council update – Cllr Gamble** – not at the meeting

**06/11 Prison update – Andy Rogers Prison Governor** – not at the meeting

Cllr Jonik reported that he had contacted Mike Wilmot at Wiltshire Council regarding the information that Erlestoke House was being demolished on the Prison site. Mike was not aware of it being knocked down although the building is not listed and therefore this council can not do anything about it being knocked down. The clerk was asked to write to the Prison Governor about the situation regarding the remaining parts of Erlestoke House.

**07/11 Devizes Area Board – Cllr Jonik**

The next Devizes Area Board is on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 6.30pm for 7pm venue to be confirmed.

Cllr Jonik advised that at the meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November footpath improvements were discussed and the meeting was advised that the Parish Steward Scheme will continue as usual.

**08/11 Budget and Precept 2011/12**

After lengthy discussion the council accepted the budget as presented and a precept of £5300 for 2011/12.

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

**09/11 Highways and footpath issues and tasks for the Parish Steward**

The council asked the clerk to chase up the information requested from highways about when the frost damage to the entrance to the village at both ends is going to be repaired. The issue of the footpath adjacent to No 15 the Park was discussed as was the footpath between No6 the High Street and No1 the Park. Mr Northern has also asked about the drain outside 1 Lower Road being cleared. The clerk will contact Clarence.

**10/11 To confirm the Financial Statement for November & December & accounts for payment**

The accounts for November and December were accepted and the following approved for payment:  
Mrs A Whittle – Hours & Exp Jan - £214.24                      HM Customs & Excise – PAYE month 9 - £44.40  
HM Customs & Excise – PAYE month 10 - £44.40

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

**11/11 To receive reports from Village Representatives**

**Cllr Pinnington** commented that the Prison Governor has now not attended a meeting for some time. He would like to know what is happening about the landscaping work which was promised as part of the improvements at the prison, outside the fence before the boundary.

**Cllr Gilbert** advised that he had cleared a fallen tree from the footpath towards the golf course. He asked if the obstruction of the permissive path across the golf course (which was agreed when the golf course was first set) could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The clerk was asked to find out the status of the path before that meeting.

**The meeting closed at 9.10pm.  
The next meeting to be confirmed.**