

MINUTES OF THE
ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church 28th July 2011 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Mr. S. Jonik (Chairman), Mr. D. Moore, Mr. A. Pinnington, Mr. M. Gilbert, Mrs. D. Oram and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk).

Open Forum: Mr G Phillips commented on the sad loss of Roger Hampton who was a wonderful man. He suggested that may be a bronze plaque could be erected in the church to remember Roger and all the work he did for the church and the village as a whole. Footpath 7 has now had the fingerpost fixed and footpath 6 now has the hedges cut back on both sides by Esther Daly's contractors. He asked for the letter received from Richard Jones to be placed on the next agenda.

85/11 Apologies – were received from Cllr Lewcock, Cllr Loraine Smith and PC Milne.

86/11 Declaration of Interest – No declarations were made.

87/11 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 15th and 29th of June 2011

The minutes from the 15th of June were accepted after the following amendments:

73/11 heading should read Signs for the Secret Garden and Car park (The Park Field)

77/11 heading should read Church request to erect a marquee on the Park Field.

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

The minutes from the 29th of June were accepted after the following amendment:

84/11 heading should read New Sub Station – The Park Field

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

88/11 The sad death of Roger Hampton

The Chairman spoke of the sudden sad death of Roger Hampton. It was noted that his funeral was very well attended with many mourners standing out in the rain in order to pay their respects to the family. After discussion the council agreed that they will consider a fitting memorial to Roger and have asked the clerk to write to the Parochial Church Council regarding the idea of a plaque and to place the item on the September agenda.

89/11 Wiltshire Council – Cllr Richard Gamble – Not Present

Although Cllr gamble was not present the council made comment regarding the car park charges in Devizes and how it is affecting the businesses in the town.

90/11 Prison update – Andy Rogers Prison Governor – Not Present

The council would like Governor Rogers to advise about the landscaping around the boundary which was included in the planning permission. The Governor also stated that there would be no light pollution effect on the village and that it would be down lighting. The council is very pleased with the progress of the project and would like to know when the works will be finished.

91/11 Devizes Area Board – next meeting 3rd October 2011 at Devizes Bowls Club from 7pm

92/11 Highways issues to include Parish Steward tasks – 21st September and 13th October

The clerk was asked to advise of the following issues for the steward: Weeds along the base of the wall in Lower Road and overhanging branches in Lower Road. Can they also check the new sign on Lower Road as it seems to have been hit and is not visible to the traffic.

The condition of the B3098 is now a serious issue with traffic veering into the middle of the road to avoid the rough areas on the road.

The sign installed in the Park warning of children playing is ineffective where it has been installed and should be moved to the other side of the road. The Parish Council gives its authority to have the sign placed on its land.

93/11 White fencing at entrances to the village – to be placed on the September agenda.

94/11 New Erlestoke name Signs at the entrances to the village

It had been suggested that new names signs be purchased for the entrances to the village, subject to cost. The clerk will find out the average cost of decorative signs and bring this to the September meeting.

95/11 Consultation on Wiltshire Core Strategy Development Plan Document

Various comments were received as follows:

1. Youth development is required in the village.
2. Housing. Erlestoke wants and needs more low cost housing to allow the up and coming generations of children to stay in the village. It was felt that the planning and conservation area boundaries should be moved to allow more building.
3. The work undertaken to the church to change it into a community centre as well as a place of worship needs Wiltshire Councils support in order to conclude the project
4. There would be a requirement to improve the road infrastructure if new houses are built
5. Planning on a small scale needs to be easier
6. Environmentally it is impossible to work from home as broadband is very bad in the village. Cable and fibre optic and gas facilities should be extended to all villages.

96/11 Consultation on the proposed submission draft Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document

The council would like assurance that users of the local recycling centres will not be charged.

97/11 To consider items of Correspondence

WALC July Newsletter

Invite to Community First AGM – Wed 14th September 2011

98/11 To confirm the Financial Statement for June & accounts for payment

The council accepted the financial statement for June and agreed the following payments:

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses August - £223.38

HM Customs and Excise – PAYE month 5 - £44.40

Miles and Francis – Grass cutting to 30th June 2011 - £395.00

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

99/11 To receive reports from Village Representatives

Cllr Moore had recently had a discussion with Mr Sandford regarding the speed of vehicles entering the Park area. He had asked for speed bumps or a fence along the Park Field to stop children running out into the path of the vehicles.

Cllr Pinnington asked for a letter to be sent to Mr Sandford and the group of people expressing thanks to everyone who helped to prepare the church and grounds for Rogers's funeral.

Cllr Moore also advised of an increase in activity on the plain over the next few weeks.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

**The next meetings,
Wednesday 7th September
and Wednesday 19th October
at 7.15pm
in the Village Church.**