

MINUTES OF THE
ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church 19th October 2011 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Mr. S. Jonik (Chairman), Mr. D. Moore, Mr. A. Pinnington, Mr. M. Gilbert, Mrs. D. Oram, Mr Lewcock, Mr Loraine-Smith and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk). Cllr Gamble joined the meeting at approximately 8pm

Open Forum:

Mr G Phillips – The Erlestoke village sign which was outside his property was removed by Wiltshire Council in order to put up a sign for the Prison. He has spoken to Wiltshire Council and advised them that the village is looking into purchasing its own decorative village name signs. He also commented on the noise from a recent wedding reception on the cricket ground.

Mr R Loraine-Smith reported on recent Village Hall Committee matters. He advised that on the 20th of June a meeting of the Village Hall Committee discussed options for the remaining funds held. It was decided to look into purchasing a tent for the village to use for events etc. After discussions with Community First regarding the issues surrounding purchasing, hiring and public liability implications the committee held back on purchasing the tent. Therefore he wished to state that as at the date of this meeting the VH committee had not purchased any tent so any tent advertised for hire does not belong to the VH committee. The members of the VH committee are Richard Loraine-Smith, Chris Hampton, Alan Roberts, Jan Grover, Fiona Frise and Keith Fowler.

115/11 Apologies – no apologies were received.

116/11 Declaration of Interest – No declarations were made.

117/11 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th September 2011

The minutes of the meeting on the 7th of September were accepted as presented.

Proposed Cllr R Loraine-Smith **Seconded** Cllr D Moore All in Favour

118/11 Wiltshire Council – Cllr Richard Gamble

Cllr Gamble spoke to the council regarding the proposed Electoral Boundary changes for this area which would mean Erlestoke would be part of a new constituency called Warminster and Shaftesbury instead of being part of the Devizes Constituency. Cllr Gamble is hoping to put forward an alternative change to the Boundary Commission. The new plan is structured around electorate numbers. He hopes that the Parish Council would write to the Boundary Commission giving its views. Cllr Gamble is hoping to set up a petition against the proposed changes. The clerk was asked by the Parish Council to write expressing the villages concerns about the proposed change for Erlestoke. The change would be totally alien to Erlestoke as they will be represented by an MP based over 40 miles away. The village has no connection with the South Western area. All local and personal links are with Devizes, the village will still be in the Devizes area board area for Wiltshire Council and there is no coherence geographically with Warminster or Shaftesbury. Cllr Jonik had written to Cllr Gamble regarding the road surface on the B3098 through the village. Although he has been advised that the issue has been forwarded to Paul Bollen he will look into it further.

With regards to the removal of the Erlestoke Sign, Mark Stansby is aware of the removal of the sign and has said that a new sign will be included with the new signs when the speed limit changes come into force later in the year and would be at the village boundary. It was expressed by the council that it is very dangerous for the children to cross the road in the village in order to catch their school buses. Could a sign be installed to say children crossing. Cllr Gamble will look into this. Cllr Lewcock asked why Erlestoke can not have the flashing 30mph signs installed when other villages in the area have them. It was suggested that this issue be put forward as an issue to the area board and the Community Transport Group.

119/11 Prison update – Andy Rogers Prison Governor – Not Present

120/11 Devizes Area Board

Cllr Moore gave a short resume of the meeting held on the 3rd of October Tackling Air Pollution together in Devizes. Mandy Bradley, Service Director for Public Protection, gave a presentation about air pollution in Devizes. This included the following main points: • Wiltshire Council's legal obligations – Wiltshire Council had a statutory duty to manage local air quality under part IV of the Environment Act 1995. • Action so far in Devizes – monitoring air quality over the last 15 years, declaration of an Air Quality Management Area in the Shanes Castle

vicinity and extended air quality monitoring at key sites around the town. • Next steps for Devizes – the next step would be to complete air quality monitoring in the form of a 'Detailed Assessment' and report findings to Devizes Area Board and Defra by May 2012. In the longer term, an Air Quality Action Plan would be developed by March 2014. • In the meantime Wiltshire Council was: developing a county-wide Air Quality Strategy and Action Plan, producing a guideline for developers, developing the Core Strategy to reflect the need for consideration of Air Quality, working with local transport groups to improve traffic flows and developing practical measures to encourage green modes of travel. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session, which covered the issues below: • There was the proposal under the localism bill for the capacity to pass EU fines to a local authority – this had not yet been passed as law. Defra had been contacted and confirmed there was no intention at present to pass fines to any local authority and if this was to go ahead it would be via a much prescribed process. • Local reports monitoring air quality were completed on an annual basis. They were published online and reported to Defra. • Air quality monitoring and the Core Strategy – the teams were working together and the Core Strategy would be a living document which could be updated. • Health implications of poor air quality, such as levels of childhood asthma – no local studies had been completed. Decision Mandy Bradley would work with the Director of Public Health to provide further information about the health implications of poor air quality in the local area. A workshop session was then held to collect ideas about how to encourage the use of green modes of travel in Devizes. Feedback would be collated and presented at the next Area Board meeting on 28 November 2011. Tourism David Dawson (Director of the Wiltshire Heritage Museum in Devizes) gave a presentation about tourism in the local area. Member Initiative - Jubilee Celebrations. The Area Board were asked to consider an initiative to provide grant funding to support events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The project was to provide a simple process for awarding grants to support street parties and other similar celebrations. It was commented that a straightforward guide to the insurance implications of such events would be useful. Decision. £6,000 of Area Board funding would be ring fenced for local events to support celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Next meeting 28th November.

121/11 Devizes Community Area Partnership – Next meeting 1st November 6.30pm at Browfort

122/11 Highways issues to include Parish Steward Tasks – none to report

123/11 New Erlestoke name Signs

Firstly it was resolved to award a box of chocolates to each person who had entered a picture for the competition. There will also be a certificate for 1st and for entering.

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

The council then reviewed each entry and made the following decision

1st Caroline West
 2nd Kelly Rose
 3rd joint Emily Hampton and Joe Moore

The council then decided to postpone the decision to purchase the signs due to other urgent budgetary constraints but with council will continue to look into having the white gates installed at either end of the village.

124/11 Possible Memorial to Roger Hampton

Unfortunately the clerk had not received a reply to her first letter to the Rev Southgate and he has now moved to his new diocese. She will resend the letter to Mrs Tye at Bibury Cottage.

125/11 Chairman's report – to include reports on various tasks undertaken by the Chairman

I have spoken to Mark Stansby regarding the following:

- 1) Moving the children's sign in the park to the opposite side of the road. He said we asked them to put it where it is and to move it is not a problem it would cost up to £100.00.

The council resolved to have the sign moved to the other side of the road near the electricity sub station.

Proposed Cllr K Lewcock **Seconded** Cllr A Pinnington All in Favour

- 2) I asked for a zebra crossing by the bus shelter, he said we must wait for the speed limit changes to be implemented which should happen before Christmas because this will affect the traffic entering the village. My concern is the children crossing the road for school and even at 30mph this is a dangerous area and needs a controlled crossing point. He said we must apply to the area board for this and take it through that route.

3) I said we want to fund digital 30mph signs entering the village at both ends he resisted this saying they don't have enough historical data on speed in the village. But again I think this should be on the agenda. Maybe we have to go through the area board on this.

I registered a call with Clarence on the road.

1) I have also spoken to Clarence about the road surface entering the village at both ends Ref 508193. I said cars are swerving to miss the ruts and it is dangerous, if they can't do a proper job can they do a repair before the weather changes. Better put that on the agenda as well.

126/11 To consider items of Correspondence

- WALC AGM – Chippenham Town Hall – Fri 28th Oct 12 noon
- Boundary Commission review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England
- The clerk will respond as per item 118/11
- Wiltshire Council – Replacement of Mobile Skate Park
- ROSPA – Play Area Safety Inspection Report
- Friends of Erlestoke Prison launch – sat 19th Nov at the pavilion Great Cheverell 6.30pm to 8pm
- WALC newsletter for October

127/11 To confirm the Financial Statement for September & accounts for payment

The financial statement for September was accepted and the following agreed for payment.

- Mrs A Whittle – Hours & Exp Oct - £214.84 HM Customs & Excise – PAYE month 7 - £44.40
- Mrs A Whittle – Hours & Exp Nov - £208.74 HM Customs & Excise – PAYE month 8 - £44.40
- Playsafety Ltd – Play Equipment annual check - £86.40
- Viking Direct – Office supplies – £52.90

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| Proposed | Cllr Moore | Seconded | Cllr Pinnington | All in Favour |
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128/11 To receive reports from Village Representatives

Cllr Jonik thanked Cllrs Gilbert, Pinnington and Loraine-Smith for helping him to erect the new signs at the car park and the Secret Garden.

Cllr Oram asked if the lower branches on some of the trees at the Secret garden could be removed.

Cllr Lewcock asked the clerk ton let him have a copy of the Parish and Village boundary maps.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm

**The next meeting,
Thursday 1st December
at 7.15pm
in the Village Church.**