

MINUTES OF THE
ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church 1st December 2011 at 7.15pm

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

Open Forum:

Mr G Phillips. The clerk read out Mr Phillips letter that he had sent to the Boundary Commission regarding Erlestokes inclusion in the new Warminster and Shaftesbury constituency. He then advised that the Boundary Commission will publicise and representation by the end of March when people will then have the opportunity to respond to other peoples comments.

He advised that a tree had fallen across foxholes but that Esther Daly has had it removed. Pear Tree lane is now free of pot holes due to Wiltshire Council highways trialling a new machine for repairing pot holes and they chose Pear Tree to trial it.

Ms F Morgan Frise. Fiona addressed the council regarding the Queens Diamond Jubilee next year. She advised that a group of people from the village in conjunction with the church have got together to organise a garden fete for the event. It was felt that the group should include a representative from each interested party. Fiona explained that she was the rep from the fun committee, Liz Kemp is the rep from the church and perhaps the Parish Council would like to put forward a rep.

Mr M Gilbert advised that the railings on the MOD land at the entrance to the village from the Devizes end have been hit.

129/11 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllrs Moore and Lewcock.

130/11 Declaration of Interest – No declarations were made.

131/11 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th of October 2011

The minutes of the meeting on the 19th of October were accepted after the following amendments:
128/11 – added – Cllr Pinnington asked if a group wanted to hold an event on the Parish Council land would the Parish Council insurance cover the event as it's on its land. The clerk and the chairman both advised that yes it would cover it as long as the council has given its permission for the event to take place.

Proposed Cllr A Pinnington **Seconded** Cllr R Loraine Smith All in Favour

132/11 Wiltshire Council – Cllr Richard Gamble

Cllr Gamble had checked further into the required repairs to the B3098 through the village and had been told it is in the schedule as it needs a road closure and it was implied that it would be done in the foreseeable future. He will check for clarification and try and get a date for the diary. The traffic order for the reduced speed limit to 50mph is due to be published in the New Year for implementation in June 2012. Devizes Area Board on the 23rd of January is a young people's event. He then asked, if the high vehicle diversion through Great Cheverell could be diverted elsewhere, the B3098 could become unsuitable for heavy and high vehicles – Would the council support this? The council agreed in principle that it would.

133/11 Planning

Application to discuss

E/2011/1437/TCA – 39 High Street – fell 1 Leylandii and 2 silver birch trees

No Objection

Proposed Cllr A Pinnington **Seconded** Cllr R Loraine Smith All in Favour

134/11 Erlestoke Prison issues

The clerk was asked to contact the prison Governor regarding the following issues: When is the landscaping taking place that was part of the recent planning permission, the council were assured that there would be no light pollution and the lights on the northern boundary are shining outside the boundary, the prisons boundary along the B3098 needs work to cut back the schumach and nut trees as they are now overhanging the road.

135/11 Devizes Area Board and Devizes Community Area Partnership

Cllr Jonik gave a short report which included the following items. A full set of minutes is available on the Wiltshire Council website. Councillor Mayes provided information about a household survey that was taking place to help Wiltshire Council and its partners to understand local people's priorities and needs. Copies of the survey were available to complete or take away at the meeting.

The survey could also be completed online: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/whatmatterstoyou. A speed indicator device programme review was taking place. If any parish would like to use a speed indicator device, please contact the Community Area Manager, Richard Rogers, on 07771 547522 or Richard.rogers@wiltshire.gov.uk. Councillor Mayes highlighted that Wiltshire Council had been working with the NHS and residents on a major review of the services available to older and vulnerable people living in the county. The result of the review would be a new form of service delivery tailored to the needs of the individual concerned and helping them to remain in their own homes. Exciting funding opportunities for young people had come up in the Devizes community area. Funding would be allocated to groups of young people and their projects by public vote at the Devizes Area Board meeting on 23 January 2012 at Devizes Sports Club. This meeting might start at an earlier time than usual, confirmation to follow. The application process could be accessed at: www.sparksite.co.uk. The deadline for applications was Tuesday 13 December 2011. Funding had also been ring fenced for Diamond Jubilee celebrations in June 2012. If a parish wished to submit an application to receive funding for a celebration, please contact Richard Rogers, as above. A question was raised about the lack of Xray facilities in Devizes. Maggie Rae commented that facilities had been promised to the town and the NHS must be held to account. The Health and Social Care Forum were working to follow up this issue. NHS Update and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Maggie Rae, Corporate Joint Director of Public Health and Wellbeing, gave a presentation about public health in Devizes. This included: • Definition of public health • The health and social care Bill – the Government expected the Bill to be passed before the end of the parliamentary session, i.e. Easter • Timetable for a year of transition in NHS provision in 2012-13 • What the NHS support system would look like on a national and local level • Provision at the local level would be made through clinical commissioning groups once Primary Care Trusts were closed. There would be an event in February 2013 when data from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment in Devizes would be looked into in greater depth. Councillor Gamble spoke about his concerns over the problems experienced by non-emergency patients and visitors attending the main hospitals in Swindon, Bath or Salisbury owing to the considerable distances involved travelling from Devizes, the limited or difficult public transport services and the over-reliance that is thus put on Link schemes. These are matters that he felt should be considered and addressed by the NHS.

136/11 Highways issues to include Parish Steward tasks

Cllr Jonik had formally requested to have the 30 mph sign at the Westbury end of the village moved to the parish boundary by the golf club.

137/11 Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations June 2012

After the discussion in the open forum, Cllr Loraine Smith advised that he had found the application papers for the grant funding through the Devizes Area Board which is specifically for any Diamond Jubilee events planned. Cllr Jonik agreed to be the Parish Councils rep on the group trying to organise a village event. He would organise a meeting before the January Parish Council meeting to ascertain what event will take place and what possible costs are involved. Then the clerk will be able to apply to the board for help with funding.

138/11 Memorial to Roger Hampton - Postponed until the January meeting.

139/11 Village hall and Fun Committee

Cllr Loraine Smith, as chairman of the Village Hall committee reported that the hall committee and fun committee were two separate groups and that no funds from the village Hall committee would be issued to the Fun committee without full discussion and a vote.

140/11 Clerks report

The clerk reported that she had spoken to Mark Stansby regarding moving the play area sign and that it was now in his schedule of works.

141/11 To consider items of Correspondence - None

142/11 To confirm the Financial Statement for October & accounts for payment

The statement for October was agreed and the following agreed for payment:

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses December and January - £202.64 and £202.64

HM Customs and Excise – PAYE month – 9 and 10 - £44.40 and £44.40

S Jonik – Competition expenses - £21.70

It was agreed to hold an informal get together on the 4th of January at 7.30pm at Cllr Joniks home to discuss the budget and precept for 2012/13. No formal agreement will be made at this meeting. Any formal agreement will take place at the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 11th January 2012.

143/11 To receive reports from Village Representatives

Cllr Pinnington asked if a heading could be added to the agenda each month such as matters ongoing so that the clerk can give a report on each of these items. This was agreed and the clerk will include it on the January agenda.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

**The next meeting,
Wednesday 11th January 2012
at 7.15pm
in the Village Church.**

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