

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held in the Parish Church 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012 at 7.15pm**

**Present:** Councillors,  
Mr. S. Jonik (Chairman), Mr. A. Pinnington, Mrs. D. Oram, Mr D Moore, Cllr. R. Gamble

**Open Forum:**

**Jasper Dorgan and Anita Webster – 4 Villages Link**

Jasper explained the social network issues for residents. This is one of 43 link schemes in Wiltshire which are small independent charities helping local people to get to where ever they need to go. The service is free but they welcome donations. They rely on donations, are looking for more volunteers. Can Erlestoke Parish Council make a donation to the project? The clerk will add this to the next agenda.

**George Phillips** – George noted two small amendments to the minutes at item 4/12 and the Open Forum. Regarding the selling of the walled garden, does this include the woodland between the Secret garden and the Erlestoke homes on small patch of land that is still owned by the MOD. The bin in the bus shelter was abused by books containing adult material and adults relieving themselves. Can the council discuss the issue of opening up the front of the bus shelter?

**17/12 Apologies** - No apologies were received.

**18/12 Declaration of Interest** - No declarations were made.

**19/12 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

The minutes of the meeting on the 11th of January were accepted as presented.

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

**20/12 Resignation of Cllr Loraine-Smith**

A vote of thanks was expressed for Richards's efforts and work over the years. The notice has been placed to see whether an election is requested. If no applications are made the council will be able to co-opt 2 Councillors via local advert.

**21/12 Wiltshire Council issues and report – Cllr Richard Gamble**

**22/12 Highways issues to include Parish Steward tasks**

The road closure dates published are for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Can the wooden fence by the lake entrance be repaired by the MOD?

Cllr Gamble advised that Hamilton-Bailey will talk on village traffic issues in the area. Kennet Valley Hall in Marlborough will be the venue but not sure on date yet.

The white gates for slowing traffic. Now Erlestoke is on the list but Wiltshire may require £500 for match funding. AGENDA APRIL.

**23/12 Safety of children crossing the road to get the school bus**

**24/12 Erlestoke Prison issues**

The prison lights on the hill are still an issue in the village. Could the council write to Clare Perry on this matter? Cllr Pinnington will find out the planning application and email the key points on these plans.

PC Milne asked if Stan Jonik will sit on a committee to combat drug trafficking in the prison.

**25/12 Devizes Area Board and Devizes Community Area Partnership**

Devizes Area Board – Erlestoke Cricket Club were awarded £3500 from the board towards the purchase of the walled garden. The speed limit changes now going through and 50mph will be the maximum both sides of the village. C rated roads will start to be looked at this spring (Now).

Wheelie bins are being left outside properties all week, should they be put around the back of the houses? There is no rule on where the bins are to be kept.

The next area board meeting is at Bromham starting at 6.30pm on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March with a presentation about Neighbourhood Plans which could be important for Erlestoke. Maybe Erlestoke should have a village/neighbourhood plan and put this forward or a long term plan.

**26/12 Annual Parish Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

The annual Parish Meeting will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April at 7.30pm in the church.

**27/12 Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations June 2012**

It was resolved that the council would apply for a grant from the area board of £1500 towards the costs of the village Jubilee celebrations.

Proposed Cllr Moore Seconded Cllr Jonik 3 in favour, 1 against

**28/12 Grant applications**

Repairs/resurface base of swings – defer to next meeting.  
Can the clerk obtain 3 quotes for repairs?

**29/12 Matters ongoing**

**Moving of play area sign**

The clerk advised that she was awaiting a date for the sign to be moved.

**Sub station**

The clerk advised she had heard nothing more and would speak to Southern Electric before the next meeting. Still no further news as yet.

**The Water House**

The clerk was asked to write to Brian Johnson at Stokes Marsh Farm Coulston regarding the buildings condition and the conservation team at Wiltshire Council regarding the building being a listed building. Have written to Mr Johnson and Wiltshire Conservation team and am awaiting their replies.

**Memorial to Roger Hampton**

Wrote to Mrs Tye who confirmed the request was going on the agenda for last Thursdays PCC meeting and she would contact me after the meeting. I haven't heard anything yet.

**30/12 To consider items of Correspondence**

Three Villages Minibus grant request – deferred until April meeting

**31/12 To confirm the Financial Statement for January & accounts for payment**

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

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses Feb and March - £405.28

HM Customs and Excise – PAYE month – 12 - £44.40

**32/12 To receive reports from Village Representatives - None**

**The next meetings,  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012  
at 7.15pm  
in the Village Church.**

**Annual Parish Meeting  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012  
at 7.30pm  
in the Village Church.**