

**MINUTES OF**  
**THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held in the Parish Church Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 7.15pm**

**Present:** Councillors, Mr. S. Jonik (Chairman), Mr D Moore (Vice-Chairman), Mr. A. Pinnington, Mrs. D. Oram, Mr K Lewcock and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk)

**Open Forum: Mr George Phillips** spoke to the council regarding the purchase of the walled garden by the cricket club and they piece of land that will remain in the owner ship of the MOD if the sale goes through. He has written to the MOD asking if they would sell the extra piece of land to the Parish. The clerk was asked to place this on the agenda for the meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June. He also commented that on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 5 cars parked on Secret garden  
**Dean Moore** advised of the Dog mess problem in the Park area. The clerk will supply new dog fouling signs.  
 The clerk was asked to include the website address on the agenda and minutes in future.

**49/12 Apologies** - Apologies were received from Cllr Gamble and The Prison Governor Andy Rogers.

**50/12 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Cllr Moore took the chair for the nominations and vote of the Chairman for the forthcoming year. Cllr Jonik was nominated to continue as the Chairman for 2012/13. He agreed to continue.  
 Proposed: **Cllr Lewcock**      Seconded: **Cllr Moore**      All in favour

Cllr Moore was nominated to continue as the Vice-Chairman for 2012/13. He agreed to continue.  
 Proposed: **Cllr Pinnington**      Seconded: **Cllr Lewcock**      All in favour

**51/12 Declaration of Interest** - No declarations were made.

**52/12 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012 and the Annual Parish Meeting 18th of April 2012**

The minutes of the meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April were accepted following a spelling amendment.  
 Proposed: **Cllr Pinnington**      Seconded: **Cllr Jonik**      All in favour

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2012 were accepted as presented.  
 Proposed: **Cllr Moore**      Seconded: **Cllr Oram**      All in favour

**53/12 Appointment of representatives 12/13**

<b>Footpaths</b>	Cllr Oram and Cllr Jonik
<b>Police Liaison</b>	Cllr Jonik
<b>HM Prison Erlestoke</b>	Cllrs Pinnington and Lewcock
<b>MOD</b>	Cllr Moore
<b>Website</b>	Cllr Jonik
<b>Parish Steward</b>	Cllr Pinnington
<b>Budget Group</b>	Cllrs Pinnington, Jonik, Lewcock and the clerk
<b>General Liaison Officer</b>	Cllr Lewcock
<b>Devizes Area Board</b>	Appointed for each meeting

**54/12 Vacancies for Two Parish Councillors**

The clerk advised that as there had been no applicants for the two vacancies she had prepared new adverts with an open ended closing date.

**55/12 Wiltshire Council Report – Cllr Gamble**

No report as Cllr Gamble unable to attend.

**56/12 Prison update**

Cllr Jonik advised that he had attended a meeting at the prison, at the request of the local police, regarding drug abuse and control at the prison. A resident from Victoria Park was also in attendance as well as the Police and the media. The prison now accommodates 485 inmates which incurs a large number of visitors. Reports are being received regarding drugs being thrown over the boundary fence into the prison grounds. These offences tend to happen over the weekend between 2-4pm which is visiting hours. The Police were asked why they could not increase their patrols over the weekend especially during visitor hours. The Police advised that drug control is not on the list of Police tasks. They suggested that perhaps villagers could report any cars parked in

the village car park to 101. They will then check the number plate to see if the vehicle is registered to a known drug dealer. Cllr Jonik will attend the next meeting when it's called.  
Cllr Pinnington asked for a letter to be sent to the Secretary of State for Justice explaining the village's situation with regards to the prison. The clerk will send a letter.

**57/12 Devizes Area Board update – Cllr Jonik**

The next Area Board meeting is on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May from 7pm at Devizes Sports Club. Cllr Moore said he would try to attend.

**58/12 Highways issues to include Parish Steward visits 30<sup>th</sup> May and 26<sup>th</sup> June**

Cllr Pinnington asked the clerk to forward the contact details for the steward and the clerk was asked to email Richard Gamble regarding the request for White Gates.

**59/12 Suggestion to plant a tree in the Park in memory of Roger Hampton**

The council agreed to purchase a tree and plaque in memory of Roger Hampton to be planted in the Park.

Proposed: **Cllr Pinnington**      Seconded: **Cllr Moore**      5 in favour

The clerk was asked to place this on the next agenda in order to give the councillors time to think about the species of tree to be purchased.

**60/12 Moles in the Park**

The council agreed that the mole man needed to be asked to clear the moles on the Park.

Proposed: **Cllr Oram**      Seconded: **Cllr Lewcock**      All in favour

**61/12 Jubilee Celebrations**

Cllr Jonik explained that all the plans have been agreed for the events on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June as follows: 2pm children's fancy dress parade in the park, 2.30pm street party picnic, 3.30pm dog show, 4.30pm presentation of Jubilee Mugs.

It was proposed that the council agrees that all functions can take place on the Park providing the licence for sale of alcohol is received.

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

**62/12 Trees to fell in the Secret Garden**

A few trees need to come down in the Secret garden due to safety. Cllr Pinnington will apply for 3 quotes for the work.

Proposed: **Cllr Jonik**      Seconded: **Cllr Moore**      All in favour

**63/12 Ongoing matters**

**The Water House**

Cllr Jonik advised that he had spoken to Mr Pidduck whose property adjoins the water house. He has cut down the dead ivy which now shows holes in the roof. The clerk was asked to write to Mr Johnson again asking if they could let Cllr Jonik have a key to the building.

**64/12 To confirm the Financial Statement for April & accounts for payment**

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses - £456.36	HM Customs & Excise – PAYE month 2 - £44.40
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Community First – Insurance - £523.49	Diamond Jubilee Expenses - £204.68
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**65/12 To receive reports from Village Representatives - None**

Meeting closed at 9pm

**The next meetings,  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 7.15pm in the Village Church  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at 7.15pm in the Village Church**

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