

MINUTES OF
THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Wednesday 27th June 2012 at 7.15pm

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

Open Forum: Mr George Phillips – Footpath 14 around the church by the car park. Recently there had been 3 cars parked partially crossing the footpath. He had spoken to Esther Daly and suggested a sign pointing both ways saying footpath. The notice board in the bus shelter is very scruffy. Dog walkers are parking on the Secret Garden and he wants a sign installed assaying no parking. Gravel from some driveways is spilling onto the footpaths in the High Street.

66/12 Apologies - Apologies were received from Cllr Lewcock.

67/12 Declaration of Interest - No declarations were made.

68/12 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 16th May 2012

The minutes of the meeting on the 16th May were accepted after the following amendments:
Open forum line three "sell" should read "offer", 59/12 should read "The council agreed to purchase a tree and plaque in memory of Roger Hampton to be planted on the Park Field. All other references to the Park should read Park Field.

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

69/12 Planning

Applications to discuss

E/2012/0737/FUL – 60 High Street – Single storey side and rear extension, erection of detached garage with studio over, creation of timber walkway.

No objection but consideration should be given to lowering the height of the build.

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

E/2012/0619/FUL – Dogwood Farm – erection of agricultural building to be used for storage of machinery, fertilizer, hay and straw.

No Objection.

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

70/12 Wiltshire Council Report – Cllr Gamble

White Gates – He has asked for this request to be placed on the Devizes Community Area Traffic group's next agenda. Wiltshire Council might ask for the PC to have them made and then WC will install them. **Cricket Ground** – The cricket club are stilling trying to negotiate with the MOD re the purchase of the walled garden. If they want to progress it might be worth contacting Clare parry MP. **Polling Station** – It looks like the church may get the polling station back. The next meeting to make a decision is the 10th of July. The next area board meeting will discuss traffic in the area and will be at Bromham Social Club on the 23rd of July. He asked what the status was at the pub and was advised that Mary Bryant the property owner has said they are reopening but not for food and will be closed Monday and Wednesday.

71/12 Prison update

Cllr Gamble advised that he had been unable to attend the recent meeting attended by Cllr Jonik at the prison re drug culture in the prison. He suggested that the council write to Clare Perry MP and himself re the boundary fence improvements required. Cllr Jonik will write.

72/12 Devizes Area Board update – Cllr Jonik

The next Area Board meeting is on the 23rd of July from 7pm at Bromham social club.

73/12 New Code of Conduct

The clerk presented the two main new codes of conduct forms to the Councillors, one prepared by Wiltshire Council and one by the National Association of Local Councils.

After discussion the council resolved to accept the new code of conduct prepared by the National Association of Local Councils.

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

74/12 Highways issues including Parish Steward visits 18th Jul, 9th Aug, 4th & 26th Sept

Cllr Pinnington met Kevin, our parish steward, on site and he agreed to spray off the weeds along lower road and get the road sweeper to clear away the dead rubbish.

75/12 Vacancies Parish Councillors

The clerk explained that as there had been no applicants for the vacancies the advert had been amended to be open ended to give people more chance to apply.

76/12 Secret Garden and MOD land

Further to Mr Phillips correspondence with the MOD regarding the piece of land identified as the only piece left owned by the MOD if they sell the walled garden to the Cricket club, the council needed to decide whether they would continue with the discussions around this piece of land and to submit a firm proposal to the MOD. After lengthy discussion Cllr Jonik proposed the following response: The council recognises there is a plot of land next to the Secret Garden which is not much use to the MOD. To save them the cost of maintenance perhaps they would consider gifting it to the Parish Council who would maintain it.

Proposed: **Cllr Jonik** Seconded: **Cllr Pinnington** 2 in favour 2 against
As there was not consensus the proposal was not carried and the council will review this subject in 6 months time.

77/12 Trees to fell in the Secret Garden

Cllr Pinnington had contacted at least 5 contractors to quote for taking down the dangerous trees in the Secret garden. He had received only one firm quote which was for £80 plus vat. Discussion to place around the amount of work that will be undertaken for the £80 and Cllr Pinnington confirmed that the trees will be cut down and made safe on the ground but will not be logged. It was proposed that the quote be accepted.

Proposed: **Cllr Jonik** Seconded: **Cllr Moore** 3 in favour 1 abstention

78/12 Tree in memory of Roger Hampton for the Park

Mrs Oram has donated a liquid amber tree which the council will plant in the Park Field in memory of Roger Hampton. Cllr Jonik thanked Mrs Oram for donating the tree.

79/12 Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – report by Cllr Jonik.

A vote of thanks was made to everyone who took part in the organisation and attended the event. A very good day was had by all. Cllr Jonik will place a write up in the News and the clerk was asked to write to Liz Kemp, Fiona Morgan Frise and the fun committee for their hard work. The clerk was asked to place the problem of the crumbling church wall on the next agenda.

80/12 Ongoing matters

Would the clerk please look into the Defra Rural Communities Broadband Fund and the funding for right to build. Also there has been an idea put out about building a small pavilion on the Park Field Could the clerk please write to the Village Hall Committee for an update on any future proposals and what monies are being held by them.

81/12 Audit 2011/12

The clerk presented the audit papers for 2011/12 for acceptance by the parish council before sending for formal audit.

The figures were accepted

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

82/12 To confirm the Financial Statement for May & accounts for payment

The financial statement for May was accepted that the following approved for payment.

Mrs A Whittle – Hours & Exp - £220.44 HM Customs and Excise – PAYE month 4 - £44.40

S Jonik – Jubilee Expenses - £55.49 E Kemp – Jubilee Expenses - £4.98

W Smith – Internal Audit 11/12 - £50.00

83/12 To receive reports from Village Representatives - None

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

**The next meetings,
Wednesday 8th August 2012 at 7.15pm in the Village Church
Wednesday 19th September 2012 at 7.15pm in the Village Church
Wednesday 31st October 2012 at 7.15pm in the Village Church
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