

**MINUTES OF**  
**THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held in the Parish Church Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 7.15pm**

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

**Open Forum:**

**Cllr Jonik** welcomed James Durham as the new Parish Councillor.

**Mr George Phillips.**

He welcomed the new Erlestoke signs at the entrances to the village. Byway 8 to Imber has had the finger post replaced. Esther Daly is to look into a sign for the footpath in the Car Park. Footpath 6 to Coulston has had a new sign erected on the telegraph pole. Footpath 5 has had the hedge cut back. Footpath 3 to Marston the sign has grown into the hedge. The footpath sign at Marditch Road has been removed and thrown down the slope. He made reference to a number of amendments to the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> of August see 104/12. He also asked how many Cllrs knew of Cllr Joniks proposal at last month's meeting regarding the Secret Garden. He is of the opinion that the proposal was not legal as it was not specified on the agenda. Also under the Road Traffic Act the council can appropriate 1/8<sup>th</sup> of the total area of the garden or 800sq ft. whichever is the lesser for use as a car park. He then expressed his view that it was about time the Parish Council looked into obtaining planning permission on the Secret Garden for a house.

**102/12 Apologies** - Apologies were received from Cllr Gamble.

**103/12 Declaration of Interest** - No declarations were made.

**104/12 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

It was resolved to hold over the accepting of the above minutes due to a number of large changes to the text which need to be made. They will be altered and presented again at the October meeting.

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

**105/12 Wiltshire Council Report** – Cllr Gamble not present

**106/12 Prison update.**

Cllr Pinnington and Jonik attended a meeting at the prison with representatives from the Local Police, the Area Police Inspector, the local area Sergeant, the organiser of the police dogs and from the prison. The meeting was advised that there are irregular dog patrols to help with the issue of items being thrown over the boundary fence. So far incidents have reduced probably due to the dog patrols. Publicity in the form of articles in papers both locally and regionally have appeared to advise against the throwing of items over the fence. Comment was made that the meeting did not want the item to read giving Erlestoke a bad point of view. There is a plan being formulated to put netting over most of the prison with the idea of catching anything thrown over but there is no finance at the moment. It was thought that perhaps trying to tackle the funding issue in stages might help rather than trying to obtain £140,000 in one hit. Finally there has been an increase in security and Police Patrol cars come round at peak times.

**107/12 Devizes Area Board update**

**NHS Wiltshire Update**

Sarah MacLennan, Head of Communications, NHS Wiltshire, and Dr Steve Rowlands, Chairman, Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group, will explain what reforms to NHS Wiltshire are taking place and the regional and local implications they will have.

**Minutes:**

Simon Truelove, Director of Finance for Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Groups, explained the reforms taking place to NHS Wiltshire. This included the following main points:

- Our vision – providing care closer to home, managing and improving health, community-based provision led by GPs and new ways of working and sharing best practice.
- Six key priorities – planned care, unplanned (i.e. emergency) care, mental health, services for people with long term conditions, end of life care, community services and integrated care.
- A diagram to show how the patient would be put first, supported by primary care, community teams, expert providers and tertiary care for specialist services.

- Challenges faced by NHS Wiltshire – an ageing population and disease associated with older people (for instance dementia), long stays in hospital, delayed transfers of care, use of community beds, mental health and limited resources.
- Developing the plan for Devizes – information was gathered from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, Clinical Commissioning Groups, meetings with GPs, stakeholder events and more.
- Finance – investment to bring services where appropriate from acute providers into the community.

This was followed by an extensive question and answer session, assisted by Maggie Rae, Corporate Director of Public Health and Public Protection, Sarah MacLennan, Head of Communications, NHS Wiltshire, Dr Dick Sandford Hill and Dr Helen Osborne.

**Devizes Transport Strategy**

Councillor Gamble will present the Devizes Transport Strategy and request that the area board members agree for it to be used to support the Wiltshire Core Strategy.

**Minutes:**

Councillor Gamble presented the Devizes Transport Strategy to the room. During the presentation a demonstration of the Devizes Traffic Model was run to illustrate the congestion that would occur if the proposals were not adopted, and to illustrate the effect of the Strategy if adopted.

Councillor Gamble said the Transport Strategy had been prepared to provide evidence for the soundness of the Wiltshire Core Strategy at the forthcoming public examination by an Inspector. The Wiltshire Core Strategy lays down the planning policy for the county for the period up to 2026, with sections on each community area, including Devizes. Proposals for Devizes include the provision of 9.9 hectares of employment land and at least 2,150 more houses than there were in 2006. In fact, most of those have already been built or have received planning permission. Councillor Gamble said that, in preparing the Transport Strategy, the consultants had also looked at existing transport issues in the town including congestion, air pollution, public transport needs and other matters.

The Transport Strategy includes measures to improve:

- Walking routes
- Cycle routes and facilities (Councillor Gamble reported Councillor Carter’s concerns for Quakers Walk)
- Public transport, including a feasibility study for a railway station at Lydeaway
- Travel planning for schools, employment and new developments
- Road junctions where current configurations contribute to congestion
- Routes to and from the central car park
- Signage
- On street parking.

Together, the measures described would have beneficial outcomes. Healthy lifestyles would be encouraged, air pollution would be reduced and congestion would be minimised.

The proposals would need nearly £3 million capital, plus £280,000 revenue spending in the first year or so. Revenue costs would drop in later years. There is already about £1.35 million available from developments already completed.

Cllr Gamble reported that Councillor Ody had spoken of his wish for a bypass or relief road. This was not included in the Devizes Transport Strategy because most of the traffic causing congestion was not passing through. In addition, a relief road would cost more than £16 million. The area board confirmed that it would support the principle of safeguarding from development possible routes for a relief road in the forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan.

In summary, Councillor Gamble said the Devizes Transport Strategy was a statement of policies but much detailed design work remained to be done and would be continued through the Community Area Transport Group and other appropriate bodies.

**Resolution**

**The Devizes Area Board welcomed and approved adoption of the Devizes Transport Strategy as a supporting document to the Wiltshire Core Strategy and would work with all relevant parties to prepare detailed plans to implement its policies over the years ahead.**

**108/12 Highways issues including Parish Steward visit 26<sup>th</sup> Sept**

The request for Lower Road to be swept has not yet been done. Also the Lavender plants in the garden of the Old Post Office are over hanging the footpath causing major obstruction. The clerk will contact highways.

**109/12 Secret Garden Projects**

The clerk explained that as she had not received a reply yet from the Planning department to the councils request for clarification on whether planning permission is required for the proposed additions at the Secret Garden, the full project cannot go ahead for the time being. However the sale of any wood on the site can still go ahead. Cllr Jonik explained he will contact David Seabourne and make the required arrangements.

Cllr Pinnington had obtained a costing for replacing the boundary fence between the Secret Garden and the MOD land. The clerk was asked to now apply to the area board for a grant to help with the project.

**110/12 On-going matters**

**Moving of play area sign**

As soon as the decision has been reached over the siting of the sign, Wiltshire Council is ready to move it.

**The Water House**

It was decided to place this issue on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting next April.

**Moles in Park Field**

The clerk will contact the Mole Man.

**Blocked sludge pit in the Park Area**

It was agreed that 3 quotes should be sought for the clearing of the pit.

**111/12 To confirm the Financial Statement for August & accounts for payment**

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

Mrs A Whittle – Hours & Exp - £228.26    HM Customs and Excise – PAYE month 7 - £44.40

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

The clerk was asked to find out the cost for next years grass cutting from Bob Miles.

**112/12 To receive reports from Village Representatives - None**

Cllr Pinnington reported that the refuse bin in the bus shelter has been removed from site.

The clerk was asked to resend the email regarding the new declaration of interest.

Meeting closed at 9pm

**The next meetings,  
Wednesday 31st October 2012  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
All meetings start at 7.15pm and are held in the village church.  
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