

MINUTES OF
THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Wednesday 31st October 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:

Mrs Doreen Oram. Mrs Oram asked the Parish Council to write to Wessex Water supporting the residents of the original 15 houses in the Park in the request to Wessex Water for an isolation stop cock on each house.

Mr George Phillips. Mr Phillips noted his approval of the Lavingtons and Erlestoke remaining in the Devizes constituency. He noted the theft of a mower from the cricket club and that the purchase of the walled garden by the cricket club is almost complete. Footpath 14 around the church and car park will not have a sign erected to show its position and a small fence around the car park was suggested to stop cars parking over the footpath.

Mr Allen Pinnington. The grass under the old football goal posts is wearing away again and the posts are not very secure. He asked for the replacement of the post to be placed on the next agenda.

113/12 Apologies - Apologies were received from Cllr Durham, Andy Rogers the prison governor and Cllr Moore had advised he would be arriving late.

114/12 Declaration of Interest - No declarations were made.

115/12 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 8th August 2012 and 25th September 2012

Both sets of minutes were accepted as presented.

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

116/12 Wiltshire Council Report

Cllr Gamble expressed his thanks to the council for the support given over the proposed change of constituency boundaries. He suggested the council could write and thank the boundary commission for deciding to leave Erlestoke in the Devizes constituency. On Monday 19th of November from 3-8pm at the Cheese Hall in Devizes the proposed Devizes Transport Strategy will be on show for comment. The next area board is on the 26th of November 2012. The bus stop outside Victoria Park has been seriously damaged. Cllr Lewcock then spoke to Cllr Gamble about the fact it took 3 months for a reply to his email to highways about the children crossing the main road to get to the school bus pick up point and the speed of traffic through the village making the crossing dangerous. They had suggested white gates be erected but nothing else. It seems that only a death will make the council sit up and take notice. Firstly Cllr Gamble apologised for the length of time for the reply to be sent. He then asked the clerk to write to Richard Rogers at the Area Board asking for Erlestoke to have the speed indication devices (SID) put up in the village. He also suggested the council look at the suggestions of Ben Hamilton Ballie Associates in Marlborough, who suggest taking away all signage can make drivers slow down. It was decided to place this item on the agenda in December for the council to decide what action it wants to take to try and make the children safer when crossing the road.

117/12 Prison update - None

118/12 Devizes Area Board – The next meeting is the 26th November 2012

119/12 Planning Applications

Application for discussion

E/2012/1305/TCA – 4 Park View – Fell 3 fir trees, 1 willow, 1 cypress and crown reduce by approx. 50% 1 holly tree.

No Objection

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

120/12 Highways issues including Parish Steward

Cllr Jonik will place a notice in the News asking residents to cut back their boundary hedges to their boundary line.

121/12 Secret Garden Projects

- **To clarify if planning permission is required for the amenity/ parking area**

The clerk reported that she had received a letter from Wiltshire Council Planning department advising that planning permission is not required for the planned works.

- **to include update on clearing of felled trees and agreed works for picnic area etc.**
Cllr Jonik will no organise a site meeting with all Councillors and Dave Seabourne to finalise the details of the works required.

- **The council’s legal position re access to the garden over Garden Road if the road is purchased by Erlestoke and Coulston Cricket Club.**

The clerk had received an email from the chairman of Erlestoke and Coulston Cricket Club advising that yes the club is also purchasing the garden road with the walled garden but any access arrangements over the garden road will remain in place.

The council then asked the clerk to write to the MOD as follows: Proceed to make enquiries to the MOD over why the Parish Council was not notified of the possible sale of the Garden Road as the Parish Council is an adjoining land owner. Raise concerns over lack of discussion with the Parish Council and seek clarification of the status of the situation.

Proposed: **Cllr Lewcock** Seconded: **Cllr Jonik** 4 in favour 1 abstention

122/12 On-going matters

Moving of play area sign

The new site for the sign has been agreed and will be moved as soon as possible.

Moles in Park Field

The clerk has spoken to the Mole Man and he promises to come out as soon as possible.

Blocked sludge pit in the Park Area

It was agreed that 3 quotes should be sought for the clearing of the pit and the clerk will now proceed with obtaining the quotes.

Grant applications

The clerk advised that she had sent in an application the area board for monies towards the projects at the Secret Garden

123/12 To confirm the Financial Statement for September & accounts for payment

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

Mrs A Whittle – Hours & Exp - £466.38 HM Customs and Excise – PAYE month 8&9 - £88.80
Playsafety Ltd – Annual Check - £86.40 Mazars LLP – Audit 2011/12 - £144.00

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

124/12 To receive reports from Village Representatives

Cllr Oram asked for the idea of allotments on the Park Field below the car park to be placed on the agenda for December.

Finally as the precept and budget for 2013/14 has to be set at the December meeting the council decided to start the next meeting on the 12th of December at 6.15pm, an hour earlier than usual.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

The next meeting

Wednesday 12th December 2012

This meeting will commence an hour earlier at 6.15pm

to allow for the setting of the council’s budget and precept for 2013/14.

Future meetings

Wednesday 23rd January 2013

Wednesday 6th March 2013

All meetings start at 7.15pm and are held in the village church.

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