

MINUTES OF
THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Wednesday 23rd January 2013 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Mr S Jonik (Chairman), Mr D Moore (Vice-Chairman), Mr A Pinnington, Mr K Lewcock (left at 7.15pm), Mr J Durham and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk)

Open Forum: Mr G Phillips addressed the council as follows:
Mr Phillips thanked the clerk for circulating the minutes within 2 days of the meeting.

01/13 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Oram.

02/13 Declaration of Interest – No declarations of interest where made.

03/13 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 12th December 2012

The minutes were accepted as presented.

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

04/13 Wiltshire Council Report

Cllr Gamble advised of the proposal to close Norney Bridge at Marston. It looks like the road will be closed or very restricted but it may impact on Lower Road Erlestoke because of diversions. He also advised of the local elections due to take place in May and that the packs for those wanting to stand for the Parish Council will be available early March from the clerk or Wiltshire Council elections department.

05/13 Devizes Area Board – the next meeting is Monday 28th January at 7pm

06/13 Planning

Applications for comment

E/2013/0026/TCA – 7 The Park – Fell conifer in front garden

E/2013/0038/TCA – Tilted Lodge 5 High Street – Crown thin ash tree approx. 10%

The council will accept the Tree Officers recommendation on the above applications

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

07/13 To discuss ideas regarding making it safer for the school children to cross the B3098 in order to catch or alight from the school bus.

The council listed its ideas as follows:

1. 20 mph through the village with children crossing signs erected under the speed/Erlestoke signs on the entrances to the village.
2. Permanent speed indication devices erected.
3. Crossing warning signs on a timer
4. Crossing patrol.

The clerk will write to the area board Manager and the Devizes area transport group outlining the action the Parish Council agrees that the village requires in order for the village children to cross the road safely.

In the interim the council decided to speak to the owner of the Lodge to seek permission to erect a sign on the property boundary wall advising drivers of children crossing the road ahead. If permission is given a sign will be purchased and erected as soon as possible.

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

08/13 Prison update – No report from the prison

09/13 Highways issues including Parish Steward - None

10/13 Secret Garden

Letter to the MOD re garden road

The Chairman will contact the MOD as the clerk has not received a reply to her letters/emails.

Completed work by Dave Seabourne

Dave Seabourne has completed his work at the Secret Garden and his invoice has been presented for payment. The Parish Council sends it's thanks to Dave and would happily stand as a referee for his work if required in the future.

New disclaimer sign

The council agreed that the sign should read

SECRET GARDEN
MANAGED BY ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL.
THE PARISH COUNCIL TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY
FOR LOSS FROM OR DAMAGE TO ANY VEHICLE OR PERSON WHILST
USING THIS AREA.
NO OVERNIGHT PARKING OR CAMPING.
THE SECRET GARDEN IS OPEN BETWEEN DAWN AND DUSK.

14/13 On-going matters

Play Area Sign re-siting adjacent to The Park Road

The clerk will chase this.

Moles in the Park Field

The mole man will be returning to site to complete the task.

Grant applications

It seems the area board has not received the councils grant applications. The clerk will chase this as a matter of urgency.

Emptying of the sludge pit on the park field.

The clerk is still trying to obtain quotes for the work to be undertaken when the ground is drier.

How to utilise parish council land between the car park behind the church and the boundary with the B3098

The clerk has received no reply from the church regarding the suggestion of allotments.

Replacement of the old goal post on the Park Field

Cllr Pinnington to continue looking into this.

Plaque for Rogers tree

The council decided that the plaque should read "In memory of Roger Hampton"

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

Donation of a wooden seat

Mr Dave Sandford has offered the council a wooden seat which he would like placed outside the church boundary fence. The council agreed to accept the donation and agreed the siting of the bench. Cllr Pinnington will liaise with Mr Sandford regarding installing the seat.

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

15/13 To confirm the Financial Statement for December & accounts for payment

The financial statement for December was accepted and the following approved for payment.

Mrs A Whittle – Hours & Exp - £257.99 HM Customs and Excise – PAYE - £44.40

Miles & Francis – Grass Cutting - £395.00 Green Man Woodcrafts - £525.00

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

16/13 To receive reports from Village Representatives - None

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

The next meeting

Wednesday 6th March 2013

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

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 17th April 2013

Starting at 7.30pm in the village church

More details to follow

Erlestoke Village website – www.erlestoke.org