

MINUTES OF
THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Tuesday 7th May 2013 at 7.15pm

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

Open Forum:

Mr G Phillips asked where the minutes were. The clerk explained that for the first time in 12 years as a clerk she had not completed them in time for this meeting, therefore they will be issued and agreed for the first meeting of the new council in July. She expressed her sincere apologies. Mrs Oram reported that she had walked to the golf club via footpath 6 recently which needs cutting back. She also reported again that the pavement from the pub to cows hollow is very narrow. Mr Phillips reported that the banks either side of the road out of the village to the prison are becoming very overgrown especially the prison side. The clerk will write to the prison and highways.

Richard Gamble attended the meeting and said he was very pleased to be re-elected to serve the village again as its Wiltshire Councillor. He will certainly be serving on the Area Board and the Devizes Community Area Transport Group. The issue of a crossing for the village is still on the agenda. Nothing will change for Erlestoke. The first meeting of the new area board is on Monday 20th of May. Ringway's contract ends on the 31st of May when Balfour Beatty take over. He was pleased that the PC received a small grant from Devizes Area Board.

59/13 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Pinnington due to an operation on his foot.

60/13 Declaration of Interest – No declarations of interest where made.

61/13 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 10th of April 2013 and the Annual Parish Meeting on the 17th of April 2013.

Deferred until next full council meeting after next Parish Council election at the end of June 2013.

62/13 Highways issues including Parish Steward

Parish Steward to look at pathways and pavements, hedges and parking issues on the High Street.

63/13 Secret Garden – renewal of boundary fence with MOD land.

Cllr Oram had sought a quote from Bob Jordan to purchase and install the new fence. His quote was £750.00. Cllr Jonik went to Countrywide at Melksham and for £300 he can purchase 50 metres of fencing. This figure includes VAT.

It was resolved to purchase as much wood as possible for £350 plus VAT and see how far it goes. A working party will install it.

Proposed Cllr Moore **Seconded** Cllr Lewcock All in favour

64/13 On-going matters

Play Area Sign re-siting adjacent to The Park Road
Sign now moved

Moles in the Park Field

Clerk to contact re continuing problem on The Park Field and Secret Garden

Emptying of the sludge pit on the park field - on-going

Utilisation of Parish Council land between the car park behind the church and the boundary with the B3098 – response from church.

The church had replied saying they did not have any objection to the proposal to have allotments on the land but would ask for it to be screened.

After discussion is was decided not to take this idea any further.

Proposed Cllr Moore **Seconded** Cllr Lewcock All in favour

Plaque for Rogers's tree and Secret Garden disclaimer sign. On-going

66/13 Audit 2012/13 – to accept the financial report and audit figures for last financial year.

The clerk presented the audit report for Parish Council approval.

The figures were accepted as presented.

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

67/13 To confirm the Financial Statement for April 2013 & accounts for payment

The financial statement was not accepted due to the clerk not completing it correctly but the following were approved for payment.

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses May, June - £549.50 TalkTalk Website - £43.20
Proposed Cllr Moore **Seconded** Cllr Lewcock All in favour

The clerk will prepare a correct set of accounts and resend them to the councillors.

68/13 To receive reports from Village Representatives

Cllr Moore reported that he had mended the fencing around the play equipment.
Cllr Lewcock said he had spoken to the ECCC about attending meetings to work together.
Cllr Jonik thanked Cllrs Oram and Pinnington for all the work they have done for the Parish Council and the village.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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