

MINUTES OF
THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Tuesday 11th July 2013 at 7.15pm

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

Open Forum:

Mr G Phillips brought the clerks attention to a few spelling and grammatical errors on all three sets on minutes presented for approval at this meeting.

69/13 Apologies – No apologies were received

70/13 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr Jonik was proposed as Chairman and accepted the position

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

Cllr Moore was proposed as Vice-Chairman and accepted the position

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

71/13 Declaration of Interest Councillors should declare any interest in the items to be discussed

72/13 To approve the minutes of the meetings held 10th April 2013, 7th May 2013 and the Annual Parish Meeting 17th of April 2013

All three sets of minutes were accepted with the spelling and grammar amended.

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

73/13 Appointment of representatives 13/14

It was decided to defer this to the next meeting when there should be more people on the council.

74/13 Planning

Applications for discussion

E/13/00849/FUL – South Farm Pudnell Lane – Removal of condition 2 of planning permission E/10/00589/FUL in respect of one holiday cottage to allow permanent ancillary residential occupation.

No objection

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

E/13/00627/LBC – 15 High Street – Proposed roof refurbishment, addition of 2 roof windows.

No objection

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

75/13 Wiltshire Council and Devizes Area Board update – Cllr Gamble

The issue of a temporary licence application for a property in Lower Road was to be discussed at a specific meeting at Wiltshire Council but the meeting was cancelled. It seems that the Police objected to the licence so it is thought that the applicant had withdrawn the application. Cllr Moore will look into this further and find out what is happening about the proposed party this Saturday. Road works are planned in Worton at the end of July beginning of August when the road will be closed from 7pm to midnight.

The new Police hub at the prison will be a mini police station outside the wire. Pc Lawson and PCSO Nash will be based there. The hub will be opening end of August beginning of September. The main purpose of the hub is to be a visible presence to visitors who may be bringing in drugs and mobile phones.

There will be a formal opening ceremony where the national press will be invited in order to publicise the project.

Devizes Area Board. Simon Jacobs has been elected as the chairman and Laura Mayes as Vice Chairman. The next meeting is on the 22nd of July with health being the main topic for the evening. It's at Bromham hall 6 for 6.30pm.

Cllr Moore reported a lot of noise from Brounckers Court Farm recently and Cllr Gamble advised to make a formal complaint to public health.

76/13 Safety of school children crossing the B3098 – Deferred until August meeting.

77/13 Prison update - None

78/13 Vacancies for four Parish Councillors – two applications received for co-option

The clerk had received two applications for co-option to the council. The clerk read out the two letters of introduction.

The applications were approved and Mr Keith Lewcock and Mr Simon West were duly co-opted to the council.

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

The clerk will advise Wiltshire Council and find out the best way forward for filing the remaining two vacancies.

79/13 Highways issues to include Parish Steward Visits

The clerk was asked to notify Wiltshire Council of the poor roof surface condition by the entrance to the Golf Club and that the kerb stone is broken outside 18 the Park.

She was also asked to advise of the growth of Japanese knot weed in Cows Hollow opposite the milk churn table. She should give Cllr Joniks mobile number as the contact if they need clarification.

80/13 Secret Garden – renewal of boundary fence with MOD land - Defer to August

The clerk was asked to find out the wording that the council asked to be included in the contract for the sale/purchase of the Garden Road by the MOD/Cricket club.

81/13 On-going matters

Moles in the Park Field – Mrs Oram has paid the Mole man and the council will reimburse her. It has been advised that he is asked to return during the autumn. Thanks to Mrs Oram.

Emptying of the sludge pit on the park field, Plaque for Rogers’s tree, Secret Garden disclaimer sign.

On-going.

82/13 To confirm the Financial Statement for May and June 2013 & accounts for payment

The accounts were accepted and the following approved for payment.

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses - £455.30 HM Customs and Excise – PAYE - £94.20
Post Office – Stamps - £25.00 Miles and Francis – Grass cutting - £395.00
LexisNexis – Charles Arnold Baker book – £80.45

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

83/13 To receive reports from Village Representatives

Cllr Moore had circulated the presentation document following attending a meeting about the future plans for Keevil airfield. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Cllr Jonik advised of three footpaths which need cutting back, the one from the golf course to Cheverell, the one to the golf club from the B3098 and the one from the Golf Club wood to Coulston. The clerk will advised Esther Daly.

The issue of parking outside the two Aster Housing bungalows on the B3098 is still on-going. The clerk was asked to write to Aster asking if the bank at the front of the properties could be dug back to provide parking for the tenants, allowing pedestrians to walk along the pavement without having to step out into the road to avoid the land rover discovery.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

**Next meeting is Wednesday 21st August 2013 from 7.15pm in the village church.
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