

MINUTES OF
THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Tuesday 21st August 2013 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Mr S Jonik (Chairman), Mr D Moore (Vice-Chairman), Mr J Durham, Mr K Lewcock, Mr S West (left the meeting at 8.30pm) and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk)

Open Forum:

PCSO Ollie Nash addressed the council as follows: Between the 1st of July and 21st of August there were 17 incidents in the Erlestoke Area. 5 were for tree branches in the road, 2 related to cattle on the highway, 5 in relation to the prison, 1 suspicious vehicle in the vicinity of the prison, 1 road traffic accident, 1 alleged theft from an address in Erlestoke and 1 theft from a dwelling today and the offender has been arrested. His advice is to drive carefully during inclement weather and if residents could continue to telephone in especially around the prison, vehicle registration numbers, hare coursing incidents etc. Ollie's email is Oliver.Nash@wiltshire.pnn.Police.uk. If wishing to phone in on 101 and leave a message his shoulder number is 6811 – Nash

84/13 Apologies – No apologies were received

85/13 Declaration of Interest – No declarations of interest were made.

86/13 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 11th July 2013

The minutes were accepted as presented

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

87/13 Appointment of representatives 13/14

Footpaths	Cllr Durham
Police Liaison	Cllr Jonik
HM Prison Erlestoke	Cllr Moore
MOD	Cllrs Moore and West
Website	Cllr Jonik
Parish Steward	Cllr Moore
Budget Group	Everyone
General Liaison Officer	Cllr Lewcock
Devizes Area Board	Appointed for each meeting

Meetings from now until May 2014

2nd October 2013	9th April 2014
13th November 2013	21st May 2014
18th December 2013	
29th January 2014	Annual Parish Meeting
12th March 2014	23rd April 2014

88/13 Planning

Applications for discussion

13/02309/FUL – Stokes Marsh Farm Coulston –

Temporary use as a solar farm (for 25 years), with static arrays of photovoltaic panels, ancillary plant, electrical equipment, security equipment and fencing.

After discussion it was decided that each councillor would go away and view the full plans on line and send any comments they wish to make on the application to the clerk to collate before the 19th of September.

89/13 Wiltshire Council and Devizes Area Board update – Cllr Gamble

Cllr Gamble reported as follows: Progress is being made on the Police Hub, carpets are down and it's nearly ready for opening, hopefully in September. The next Devizes Area Board is Monday 23rd September 6pm for 6.30pm at Devizes School. Devizes Community Area Transport Group has a

little budget for micro transport projects. He will ask for the Speed Indication Device to come to Erlestoke. There has been consultation on the 20mph policy. It is assumed all villages are 30mph but Cllr Gamble feels this village should be 20mph and Community Speed Watch would be a good idea.

90/13 Safety of school children crossing the B3098

Cllr Moore said he would get the metro count machine to come to either end of the village to assess volume of traffic and speed. It was also agreed that a second larger sign advertising children crossing is needed and Cllr Lewcock said he would get this organised and installed.

91/13 Prison update - None

92/13 Vacancies for two Parish Councillors

It was suggested that an advert be placed in The News.

93/13 Highways issues to include Parish Steward Visits

The clerk was asked to advise highways about the condition of the road in The Park between the Play area and the garages.

94/13 Secret Garden – renewal of boundary fence with MOD land

Cllr Jonik will purchase everything required to for a work party to install the new fence on Sunday 22nd September.

95/13 On-going matters

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

On-going.

The clerk was asked to contact the DIO again regarding the walled garden sale and the request for a specific clause to be included as no reply has been received to her previous request for the information.

Parking outside Aster properties on the B3098 – numbers 43, 45, and 47.

The clerk has written giving the councils suggestion to dig back the gardens to make parking for the tenants.

Japanese Knotweed problem in Cows Hollow

Clerk has advised Wiltshire Council

SSE re new transformer station in the Park Area

The clerk will chase this up.

Dog fouling signs required for the Park Area.

96/13 Correspondence

Letter from the Church PCC asking for permission to use the Park Field on Sunday 7th of September from 6pm and to ask for a standing permission to use the site even if restricted to a certain number of times per year.

The council resolved to give an open permission to the Church to use the Park Field for events as long as the clerk is notified in advance of the event.

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

97/13 To confirm the Financial Statement for July 2013 & accounts for payment

The accounts were accepted and the following approved for payment.

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses - £279.36 HM Customs and Excise – PAYE - £47.20

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

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Next meetings are as follows:

**Wednesday 2nd October 2013, Wednesday 13th November, Wednesday 18th December
from 7.15pm in the village church.
Erlestoke Village website – www.erlestoke.org**