

MINUTES OF
THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Wednesday 2nd October 2013 at 7.15pm

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

Open Forum: Caroline Culley attended the meeting and introduced herself as the new Good Neighbour co-ordinator for the Devizes Villages.

98/13 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllrs West and Durham.

99/13 Declaration of Interest – No declarations of interest were made.

100/13 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 21st August 2013

The minutes were accepted as presented

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

101/13 Wiltshire Council and Devizes Area Board update – Cllr Gamble

Cllr Gamble advised that he has asked The Devizes Area Board for a metro count of vehicles and speeds through the village to be scheduled for Erlestoke at the earliest opportunity. He also reported that there had been active discussions about the cross roads at West Lavington but unfortunately nothing can be done to make it safer. There is a possible plan to install a pedestrian crossing though on the A360 in the vicinity of the entrance to Dauntsey School. He spoke about Neighbourhood plans and advised that it seems that small parishes like Erlestoke will be able to do a smaller plan stating what the village does and doesn't want.

102/13 Safety of school children crossing the B3098 - Cllr Lewcock will source a larger sign.

103/13 Prison - Cllr Lewcock advised the new mosaic at the prison had been unveiled and well received.

104/13 Vacancies for two Parish Councillors - ongoing

105/13 Highways issues to include Parish Steward Visits – the usual issues to be advised.

106/13 Secret Garden – Cllr Jonik reported that the new fencing installation is almost complete.

107/13 On-going matters

Emptying of the sludge pit on the park field, Plaque for Rogers's tree, Secret Garden disclaimer sign. - On-going.

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

Japanese Knotweed problem in Cows Hollow – the clerk will report this again

SSE re new transformer station in the Park Area – the clerk will try and get an update on this.

Dog fouling signs required for the Park Area. – Signs passed to Cllr Moore

108/13 Changes to precept calculation for 2014/15

The clerk had circulated a number of papers regarding the future changes to the way the precept is paid to the parish council. It was decided that this was a complicated issue that requires a separate meeting. Therefore an extra ordinary meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th October at 7.30pm.

109/13 To confirm the Financial Statement for August and September 2013 & accounts for payment

The accounts were accepted and the following approved for payment.

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses - £294.81, HM Customs and Excise – PAYE - £24.00, WALC – Cllr training - £42.00, Playsafety – Play equipment check - £88.80, S Jonik – Secret Garden Fencing - £419.27

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

110/13 To receive reports from Village Representatives - None

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Next meetings are as follows:
Wednesday 13th November, Wednesday 18th December
from 7.15pm in the village church.
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