

MINUTES OF
THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Wednesday 13th November 2013 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Mr S Jonik (Chairman), Mr D Moore (Vice-Chairman) 7.40pm, Mr K Lewcock, Mr J Durham and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk)

Open Forum. Police Report. Apologies that there will be no Officer available to attend your Parish Council meeting this month, however here is an update of events in your area. Between 01 Oct 13 and 01 Nov 13, we have had 6 reports made to Police, none of which cause a concern for public safety. These included; a report of an RTC in which a male was stuck on the shoulder by a passing van whilst riding his bike. The male sustained minor injuries and the incident is being looked into by justice Traffic. A report of males shooting in the area of the golf club, although it was later ascertained by the caller that the males had consent to be on the land to shoot. One report of a fire in the roof of the workshop at HMP Erlestoke on 24/10/13. This was attended and dealt with by the Fire Service. If you or your parish have any concerns which you wish to pass to police, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us. Wiltshire police, in partnership with our communities, is sending out the clear message that criminal activity will not be tolerated. If you or your community have any information, or want to talk to someone in confidence, you can call any of these numbers: Wiltshire Police: 101. Crime Stoppers: 0800 555 111

114/13 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr West and Cllr Gamble.

115/13 Declaration of Interest – No declarations of interest were made.

116/13 To approve the minutes of the meetings held 2nd and 17th October 2013

The minutes were accepted as presented

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

117/13 Wiltshire Council and Devizes Area Board update

The next Area Board meeting is Monday 25th November at the Devizes Sports Centre 6 for 6.30pm.

118/13 Safety of school children crossing the B3098

Cllr Lewcock had sourced a large board to place the new sign on. He and Cllr Jonik will arrange to have the wording added and erect the sign.

119/13 Prison

Cllr Lewcock advised that the prison were having some issues due to 2/3rds of the probation service being privatised next year.

120/13 Highways issues to include Parish Steward Visits

Cllr Moore reported a street light not working in the Park and the drain is blocked again outside the Kemps residence on the High Street.

121/13 Secret Garden

Cllr Jonik reported that the new fencing installation is almost complete.

Cllr Lewcock asked if we had received a copy of the clause added to the deeds for the purchase of the Walled Garden and Garden Road. The clerk reported that she had not despite requesting it. The clerk was asked to write again to both the chair of the cricket club and the MOD asking for a response within 28 days or the council will again consult its solicitor over the matter.

122/13 On-going matters

Emptying of the sludge pit on the park field –

Ongoing project to get quotes.

Plaque for Rogers's tree-

The quality of the sign which arrived was not suitable so the clerk has ordered a new plaque and mounting post from another company for delivery within 2 weeks. The clerk will then install the plaque.

Secret Garden disclaimer sign-

Dispatched but not received so 2nd sign ordered for delivery early next week

Parking outside Aster properties on the B3098-

The clerk has asked for a site meeting with Aster properties

Japanese Knot weed problem in Cows Hollow-

The clerk advised Wiltshire Council again after the last meeting.

SSE Substation renewal –

No further information at present

Vacancies for 2 Parish Councillors.

An application had been received from Ms Fiona Morgan-Frise to become a Parish Councillor. The council voted unanimously to approve her application. The clerk will write and inform her sending the relevant paperwork.

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

123/13 To confirm the Financial Statement for October 2013 & accounts for payment

The accounts were accepted and the following approved for payment.

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses - £312.62, HM Customs and Excise – PAYE - £24.20,

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

124/13 To receive reports from Village Representatives - None

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Next meetings are as follows:

**Wednesday 18th December 2013, Wednesday 29th January 2014, Wednesday 12th March 2014
from 7.15pm in the village church.**

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