

MINUTES OF
THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Wednesday 12th March 2014 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Mr S Jonik (Chairman), Mr K Lewcock, Mr J Durham and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk)

10/14 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllrs Moore, West, Morgan-Frise and Prison Governor Andy Rogers.

11/14 Declaration of Interest – No declarations of interest were made.

12/14 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd January 2014

The minutes were accepted as presented.

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

13/14 Wiltshire Council and Devizes Area Board Update

Cllr Gamble attended the meeting and advised of the next Devizes Area Board meeting on Monday 24th of March at Bromham Social Club starting at 6.30pm. The council are trying very hard to mend the potholes on the counties roads. Sarah Hanks is the new contact for highways issues and will be contacting the council to walk the village and learn of the highways issues affecting its residents. Cllr Lewcock asked what was happening about upgrading the broadband in the county. Cllr Gamble advised that as far as he was aware things will get underway late in 2014.

14/14 Highways and Footpath issues to include Parish Steward Tasks.

The clerk was asked to contact Sarah Hanks about various items including blocked drains outside Mr Kemps and the Waterhouse.

15/14 On-going matters

Emptying of the sludge pit on the park field – it was decided to leave this for now as on inspection the sludge level has fallen.

Parking outside Aster properties on the B3098 - Ongoing

SSE Substation renewal – No further information at present

Vacancy for 1 Parish Councillor - 1 vacancy still stands

Safety of school children crossing the B3098

The metro count has recently been installed in the village. The speed count for the Westbury end of the village may be lower than expected due to the line being placed by the property on the main road with the scaffolding on the side. It was decided to wait for the results before any further action is taken.

Garden Road Conveyance – The Clerk wrote formally to the chair of the cricket club asking for a copy of the deed of sale that includes the covenant asked for. There has been no reply. The council asked the clerk to write to Wiltshire Council, Clare Perry MP and Michael E Russell. MRICS. FAAV. who came to the parish council meeting where the covenant was discussed and agreed. The clerk agreed to contact Mr Dorgan personally.

16/14 Erlestoke House Gates – Cllr West was unable to attend the meeting so this will go forward to the April meeting.

17/14 To confirm the Financial Statement for January and February 2014 & accounts for payment

The accounts were accepted and the following approved for payment.

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses - £304.59, HM Customs and Excise – PAYE - £24.00,

Grant Thornton – Audit 12/13 - £30.00

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

18/14 To receive reports from Village Representatives

The clerk reported that a report of a handbag being stolen from a car parked in the vicinity of the Secret Garden had been reported to her.

Cllr Jonik advised he had received all Mrs Orams' old council's files and will sort them into order before the clerk takes them to the records office at Chippenham.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Next meetings are as follows:

**Wednesday 9th April 2014, Wednesday 14th May 2014, Wednesday 25th June 2014,
Wednesday 6th August 2014, Wednesday 17th September 2014, Wednesday 5th November 2014,
Wednesday 17th December 2014
from 7.15pm in the village church.**

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