

MINUTES OF
THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Wednesday 25th June 2014 at 7.15pm

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

53/14 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllrs Morgan-Frise and Moore.

54/14 Declaration of Interest - No declarations of interest were made.

55/14 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 9th April 2014, 14th May 2014 and Annual Parish Meeting 23rd April 2014.

The minutes of the 9th of April and APM of 23rd of April were accepted as a true record of each meeting.

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

The minutes of the 14th of May will have to be approved at the July meeting as only two councillors present at this meeting were at the May meeting and a minimum of three who attended the meeting must sign off the minutes.

56/14 Election of Vice Chairman, Appointment of representatives and confirmation of meeting date calendar.

Cllr Jonik asked for nominations to the post of Vice Chairman. Cllr West said he would be happy to stand if nominated. Cllr Jonik nominated and he was elected to the post.

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

The appointment of representatives was agreed as follows:

Appointment of Representatives	2014/15
Footpaths	Cllr Durham
Police Liaison	Cllr Jonik
HM Prison Erlestone	Cllrs Moore and West
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
Village Hall Committee	Cllr Morgan-Frise

Meetings from now until May 2015

14th May 2014	17th December 2014
25th June 2014	21st January 2015
6th August 2014	4th March 2015
17th September 2014	15th April 2015
5th November 2014	27th May 2015

Annual Parish Meeting

22nd April 2015

57/14 Wiltshire Council and Devizes Area Board Update

Cllr Gamble apologised for not being able to attend the last couple of meetings. He spoke to the council regarding the recent Raves in the area. The Police are not able to bring much resource to the area especially as all the raves have been on a Saturday night when numbers are deployed in the towns. It seems the edge of the plain is a no man's land where no one organisation polices it after the Land Warden goes off duty. He is taking up the issue with the Police on how best to manage the area. He asked what the perception of the issue was in the village. Cllr Jonik advised that it had been brought up at the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Gamble advised that Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant Jo Spencer is liaising with the team. Cllr West said he had joined the team. Cllr Gamble also advised of a planning application received for a solar farm at Marston. The main issue of concern is the traffic volume during construction.

There is no Devizes Area Board meeting on the 28th of July and the next one is on the 29th of September.

Neighbourhood Plan

It was decided by the council to place this on the August agenda when a pack containing all the information held by Cllr Jonik and the clerk will have been circulated.

58/14 Parish Councillor Vacancy

The clerk presented an application received for the vacant post from Justin Hunt-Davis of Brounckers Court Farm
The council approved the application from Mr Justin Hunt-Davis from Brounckers Court Farm.

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

59/14 Planning

Decisions received.

14/03861/FUL – 61 High Street Erlestoke – Conversion of garage into ground floor accommodation for an elderly relative. New windows to the front and NE elevations plus addition of reconstructed stone heads, cills and band course. Addition of a new door to proposed utility room on rear elevation, blocking up of existing bathroom window and introduction of Velux window. **Approved**

60/14 Highways and Footpath issues to include Parish Steward tasks

Cllr Jonik said he would advise Sarah Hanks of the issue of the overgrown verge along the B3098 from the edge of the village to the Prison and the Japanese knot weed in the lane opposite Beech House.

It was reported that the Erlestoke sign had been removed from the Westbury end of the village. The clerk will ascertain its original location and contact Sarah Hanks.

61/14 Blocked drain and water overflow at the water house spring

All drains have been cleared but the problem at the Water House has not been resolved. Cllr Jonik will contact Sarah Hanks and find out what's happening.

62/14 On-going matters

Parking outside Aster properties on the B3098 – Clerk to write to Aster again to clarify ownership.

SSE Substation renewal – nothing to report

Safety of school children crossing the B3098 – ongoing

Garden Road Conveyance – Copy of covenant received - ongoing

63/14 Erlestoke House Gates

Cllr West advised that when the Ministry of Defence moved out of Erlestoke House, now Erlestoke Prison, they removed the main gates and took them with them. Cllr West has found them at Camberley training centre. Cllr West will compile a letter for the clerk to send to try and reclaim the gates for the village.

64/14 To confirm the Financial Statement for May and June 2014 & accounts for payment

The financial statement for May and June was accepted as presented and the following approved for payment.

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses - £219.04 HM Customs and Excise – PAYE Apr, May June - £134.40

HM Customs and Excise – PAYE July - £45.00 Website - £43.20

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

65/14 To receive reports from Village Representatives

Village Hall Committee – The clerk had circulated a letter received from Richard Loraine-Smith regarding the position of the Village Hall Committee. The letter will be passed to Cllr Morgan-Frise for clarification.

Cllr West advised he is attending a meeting about the external supply of drugs at the prison in the near future.

He also advised that a new Parish Liaison Officer is being appointed at the MOD. He also thought that the council may be able to apply to the Landmarc charity for help with grants for village projects in the future.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

**Next meetings are as follows:
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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