

MINUTES OF
THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Wednesday 17th December 2014 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Mr S Jonik (Chairman), Ms F Morgan-Frise, Mr K Lewcock, Mr J Durham & Mrs A Whittle (Clerk)

Open Forum:

Mr Ian Rose addressed the council from the Devizes Community Area Partnership regarding a scheduled forum event for Parish Councils to discuss undertaking a neighbourhood plan.

Cllr Gamble wished the Parish Council a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He advised that the next Devizes Area Board meeting is to be held on Monday 26th January 2015 at the Devizes Sports Centre. He also advised of a clear out of office furniture, cleaning equipment etc at Browfort House in Devizes. Further information is available from Wiltshire Council

94/14 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Moore and Cllr Hunt-Davies.

95/14 Declaration of Interest – None received

96/14 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th of November 2014.

The minutes of the 5th of November 2014 were accepted as a true record.

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

To approve an amendment to the minutes of the 17th of September 2014.

The amendment is to item 78/14 and the recording of the proposal vote. It should read proposed by Cllr Moore, Seconded by Cllr Morgan-Frise, 3 in favour and Cllr Jonik declared an interest and did not vote.

This amendment was accepted.

Proposed Cllr Lewcock **Seconded** Cllr Morgan-Frise 3 in favour and 1 abstention

97/14 Wiltshire Council and Devizes Area Board Update

Cllr Jonik gave a short resume of the items discussed at the last Devizes Area Board meeting.

He had been advised that there may be funding available through the Devizes Community Area Transport Group to help with funding school crossings. The clerk was asked to write and obtain further information.

98/14 Highways and Footpath issues to include Parish Steward tasks

The footpath from the golf club to Coulston is still overgrown and impassable. The clerk will ask Sarah Hanks if this can be cleared.

99/14 Vacancy for Councillor

The clerk is awaiting information from Wiltshire Council before the Parish Council can advertise for co-option.

100/14 On-going matters

Parking outside Aster properties on the B3098 – no further information,

SSE Sub station renewal - ongoing

Safety of school children crossing the B3098 – see 97/14 re DCATG,

Lower Road Wall – scheduled for engineer to visit,

Neighbourhood Plan for Erlestone – Cllr Jonik will attend the forum meeting on 4th of February 2015

Erlestone House Gates – No further information from Simon West

101/14 Budget and Precept 2015/16 –

This item was postponed until the January meeting so all Councillors can be present.

102/14 To confirm the Financial Statement for November 2014 & accounts for payment

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

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses - £219.24, HM Customs and Excise – PAYE - £44.80,

Proposed Cllr Lewcock **Seconded** Cllr Morgan-Frise All in favour

103/14 Correspondence

Email from Sally Willox – Community Youth Officer for Devizes Area Board – clerk to respond.

Copy letter received from John Clarke OBE of Westbury to MOD re Erlestone Woods – for information.

104/14 To receive reports from Village Representatives

Cllr Lewcock advised that the cricket club were in the process of preparing an agreement with the Devizes Archery Club to use the ground during the week and on Saturdays when the cricket club is not playing.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

**Next meetings are as follows:
Wednesday 21st January 2015, Wednesday 4th March 2015
from 7.15pm in the village church.
Erlestoke Village website – www.erlestoke.org**