

MINUTES OF
THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Wednesday 21st January 2015 at 7.15pm

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

Open Forum:

Cllr Moore reported the increased sightings of strangers to the village trying to access the prison boundary fence, presumably to throw drugs or mobile phones over the fence. Cllr Moore was asked to email Cllr Gamble concerning this and the clerk was asked to write to the new prison Governor advising of the situation.

01/15 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Durham.

02/15 Declaration of Interest – None received

03/15 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th December 2014.

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Morgan-Frise **Seconded** Cllr Jonik 3 in favour, 2 abstentions as not meeting 17/12/14.

04/15 Wiltshire Council and Devizes Area Board Update

Cllr Gamble advised the council of the agenda for the Devizes Area Board meeting on Monday 26th of January at 6pm at Devizes Sports Centre. He also advised that the board has grant money available to award before April.

05/15 Highways and Footpath issues to include Parish Steward tasks

The Clerk advised she was meeting Sarah Hanks on the 22nd of January in Great Cheverell but would ask her to look into the following matters in Erlestoke: The wall in Lower Road and the drains in the High Street being blocked again. Also the condition of the footpath from the village to Cheverell around the golf course.

06/15 Budget and Precept 2015/16

The clerk presented a draft budget. After discussion the budget was formally accepted.

Further to the acceptance of the budget the following precept was agreed for 2015/16. £6155.37. This includes £120.99 housing benefit grant and £6034.38 precept from the village. A rise of £6.18 per year per band D house i.e. 12p per week.

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

07/15 Vacancy for Councillor

The clerk advised that the notice of vacancy has been posted on the parish council noticeboard. The parishioners have until the 12th of February to request a formal election by writing to the Returning Officer with ten elector's signatures. Should no request be made the parish Council will be able to advertise for co-option.

08/15 On-going matters

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

SSE Substation 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 Erlestoke – Cllr Jonik will attend the forum meeting on 4th of February 2015

Erlestoke House Gates – No further information from Simon West

09/15 To confirm the Financial Statement for December 2014 & accounts for payment

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

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses - £231.79, HM Customs and Excise – PAYE - £48.00, Miles and Francis –

Grass Cutting - £395.00, Post Office Ltd – Stamps - £53.00

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

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Next meetings are as follows:
Wednesday 4th March 2015, Wednesday 15th April 2015
from 7.15pm in the village church.

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 22nd April 2015
From 7.30pm in the village church
Erlestoke Village website – www.erlestoke.org