

MINUTES OF THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Wednesday 4th March 2015 at 7.15pm

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

14/15 Apologies – No apologies were received.

15/15 Declaration of Interest – None received.

16/15 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 21st of January 2015 and 11th February 2015

The minutes were accepted as presented:

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

17/15 Wiltshire Council and Devizes Area Board Update

The next Devizes Area Board meeting will take place on the 23rd of March 2015.

18/15 Highways and Footpath issues to include Parish Steward tasks

The clerk was asked to advise Sarah Hanks that the drains through the High Street are still blocked.

19/15 Proposal of Change of use of George and Dragon Public House

The Parish Council noted that it seems the pub has been shut since the 23rd of February 2015. It was decided to canvas the village for its views on the future of the pub. Please see attached.

20/15 Asset of Community Value Application

Cllr Morgan-Frise reported that she had sent in her application and that she would send a copy to the clerk so she could send in an application from the council. She also reported that she would look into the places for help with finding funding, such as the Plunkett Foundation, should the pub become an asset of community value and the village decides to bid to purchase the property.

21/15 Access to the Secret Garden

Cllr Lewcock reported that a number property owners whose property borders the recently advertised MOD land below the Secret Garden, managed to purchase the land at auction.

22/15 Vacancy for Councillor

The clerk advised that there had been no response to the poster placed on the noticeboard. She will include the vacancy in her report for The News.

23/15 On-going matters

Parking outside Aster properties on the B3098 – *no further information.*

SSE Substation renewal – *no further information.*

Safety of school children crossing the B3098 – *council awaiting a further speed report.*

Lower Road Wall – *engineer due at if he's not already been.*

Neighbourhood Plan for Erlestoke

Cllr Jonik reported on his recent attendance at the Devizes Community Area Partnership meeting regarding Neighbourhood Plans. It was decided to make a short presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting to ask if anyone would like to be involved in forming a working group to look into the viability of preparing a plan in the village. Cllr Lewcock agreed to email round the village plan.

The council decided to take forward the plan through stage one.

Proposed Cllr Moore **Seconded** Cllr Hunt-Davis All in favour

Erlestoke House Gates – no further information.

24/15 To confirm the Financial Statement for January and February & accounts for payment

The statement was accepted and the following accounts agreed for payment:

A Whittle – Salary and Expenses - £223.18, HM Customs and Excise Feb and March - £91.60
Cheverell Magna Parish Council – Clerks CiLCA training part cost - £37.03, Erlestoke PCC –
Donation for use of church - £170.00.

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

25/15 Correspondence - None

26/15 To receive reports from Village Representatives - None

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Next meetings are as follows:

Wednesday 15th April 2015, Wednesday 27th May 2015, Wednesday 8th July 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

The George and Dragon Public House Questionnaire.

You may be aware there has been a planning application submitted to Wiltshire Council for change of use of the pub from commercial to residential.

Following a recent Parish Council meeting to discuss the application the Parish Council would like to receive some feedback from the village on your views for the future of the building and its facilities.

In the first instance, the council would like your comments on the following questions.

The results will be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 22nd April from 7.30pm in the village church.

We would like to welcome you all to the meeting.

Would you support the pub if it became a community facility? Yes
No

What extra facilities would you like the pub to provide e.g. café, library and what times would you like it to be open?

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Would you be prepared to help/volunteer and contribute in some way if the pub became a community facility, or would you be part of any action group to take any ideas forward?

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If you would like to be involved please leave your details below:

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This questionnaire will be collected from your residence on Saturday the 14th of March.
If you are going to be out please leave the form where it can be collected
or deliver to 55 High Street.

Your views are very important to your Parish Council.