

MINUTES OF THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Wednesday 15th April 2015 at 7.15pm

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

Open Forum.

Cllr Jonik had been asked by Mr Sandford to report that Ground force who undertake the groundworks and grass cutting for Aster Housing are not undertaking the work they are contracted for. The clerk will contact Aster Housing.

George Phillips had contacted Cllr Jonik regarding Cllr Lewcock not having expressed an interest in the item at the last meeting regarding the purchase of the small piece of MOD land adjacent to the Secret Garden. The clerk explained that as Cllr Lewcock was only advising the council that he and two neighbours had purchased the land, and the council were not asked for any comment, he did not have to declare an interest.

27/15 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Hunt-Davis.

28/15 Declaration of Interest – None received.

29/15 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 4th March 2015

The minutes were accepted as presented:

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

30/15 Wiltshire Council and Devizes Area Board Update

Cllr Jonik had attended the recent area board meeting. He had spoken to Cllr Phillip Whitehead from Wiltshire Council regarding the school crossing issue in the village. He asked Cllr Jonik to email him the background to the need for a crossing.

31/15 Highways and Footpath issues to include Parish Steward tasks

The clerk advised of the highways meeting taking place on the 30th of April 2015.

32/15 The George and Dragon pub and Asset of Community Value Application

There was still no decision on the planning application or the asset of community value application.

33/15 Vacancy for Councillor

The clerk advised that there had not been any interest as yet in the vacancy.

34/15 Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 22nd April 2015

The clerk advised that everything was in place for the meeting and she would organise the refreshments.

35/15 Fibre Broadband update

Bill Kemp had emailed Cllr Jonik a copy of a reply to an email he had sent to BT where he had asked when fibre optic broadband would be coming to the village. The email advised it would not be coming to the village but residences in the village had recently received a card through the door saying it would be installed in the near future. Confusion.

36/15 On-going matters

Safety of school children crossing the B3098 – *council awaiting a further speed report.*
Neighbourhood Plan for Erlestoke *Cllr Jonik said he would bring the subject of a Neighbourhood Plan up for discussion at the APM next week. The clerk advised him that a*

*meeting was taking place in Great Cheverell on the 30th of April if Erlestoke would like to join Cheverell Magna and Cheverell Parva in preparing a joint plan.
Erlestoke House Gates – no further information.*

37/15 To confirm the Financial Statement for March & accounts for payment

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

A Whittle – Salary and Expenses - £268.98,

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

38/15 Audit 2014/15

The clerk presented the audit papers for 2014/15 which the council accepted.

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

39/15 Correspondence

CPRE – Best Kept Village Competition – the village will not be taking part.

40/15 To receive reports from Village Representatives

No reports received

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next meetings are as follows:

**Wednesday 27th May 2015, Wednesday 8th July 2015, 19th August 2015
from 7.15pm in the village church.**

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