

MINUTES OF THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Wednesday 8th July 2015 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Mr S Jonik (Chairman), Mr K Lewcock, Mr J Durham, Mr D Moore and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk). Councillor R Gamble Wiltshire Council. Plus 13 residents from the village

Neighbourhood Planning Meeting

Cllr Jonik gave a resume of the idea behind Neighbourhood plans and the reasons why Erlestoke Parish should put one together for its own benefit. Cllr Richard Gamble also spoke specifically on how a plan would affect planning decisions at Wiltshire Council for this Parish. Cllr Jonik asked those present if they want to set up a steering group to look further into the plan. The overall feeling was yes so Cllr Jonik will move forward with setting up a steering group. 5 residents put their names forward on the night they were, Andrew Cooper, Stan Jonik, James Durham, Barry Neeuwissen and Sally Bolt. The clerk will send the planning packs received from Wiltshire Council to each person.

60/15 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllrs Hunt-Davis and Morgan-Frise.

61/15 Declaration of Interest – None received.

62/15 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th May 2015 and 8th June 2015.

Both sets of minutes were accepted as presented.

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

63/15 Wiltshire Council and Devizes Area Board Update

Cllr Gamble advised of the next Devizes Area Board meeting on the 27th of September. The 28th of September meeting will be about older people, dementia care etc and the 23rd of November meeting is about young people.

64/15 Planning

Decisions. 15/03586/TCA – Pollards High Street – Remove Ash Tree – No Objection

65/15 The George and Dragon Public House Asset of Community Value.

Cllr Lewcock gave a presentation on the works being undertaken by the steering group to secure funding to purchase the George and Dragon public house. He advised that £325,000 needed to be found to make a serious bid. He said they are looking at setting up a company which has community status with the chance to purchase community shares. Some pledges of helping with funding have already been received. The group have also looked into Crowd Funding. They will be going to other pubs that are already going through the same process. The full business plan is being formulated at the moment. Any help would be much appreciated. The group consists of Fiona Morgan-Frise, Justin Hunt-Davis and his wife and Cllr Lewcock. The cricket club are trying to help and Mervyn Gilbert has provided some wonderful documents on the pub history.

A question was raised about what happens if the funds cannot be secured before the date specified? In theory the planners can go ahead with approving the change of use.

Finally Cllr Lewcock asked Cllr Gamble to support the village in the project and could he find out if any grant monies are available through Wiltshire Council.

66/15 Highways and Footpath issues to include Parish Steward tasks.

George Phillips had reported that the footpath sign opposite Eddies Farm to Cheverell is covered and can't be seen. Footpath 8 the sign is missing.

There is an issue of the safety of the wall of 1 and 2 the Park which borders Lower Road. This is being taken up with Aster.

Cllrs Moore and Durham reported the erosion of the road at the Stoke Hill Junction with the B3098.

67/15 On-going matters

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor. **ongoing**

Safety of school children crossing the B3098. **Ongoing**

Erlestoke House Gates. **Ongoing**

68/15 Correspondence - None

69/15 To confirm the Financial Statement for May and June 2015 & accounts for payment

The statement was agreed and the following agreed for payment.

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses - £223.18 HM Customs and Excise – PAYE - £45.80

Talk Talk - Website - £43.20

Proposed Cllr Moore

Seconded Cllr Jonik

All in favour

70/15 To receive reports from Village Representatives - None

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Next meetings are as follows:

**Wednesday 19th August 2015, 30th September 2015, 11th November 2015
from 7.15pm in the village church.**

Erlestoke Village website – www.erlestoke.org