

MINUTES OF THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Wednesday 2nd September 2015 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Mr S Jonik (Chairman), Mr D Moore (Vice-Chairman), Mr K Lewcock, Mr J Durham, Ms F Morgan-Frise (joined the meeting at 8.30pm) and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk).

71/15 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr R Gamble – Wiltshire Council.

72/15 Declaration of Interest – None received.

73/15 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th July 2015.

The minutes were accepted as presented.

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

74/15 Wiltshire Council and Devizes Area Board Update

Cllr Jonik advised he had attended the recent meeting regarding Public Transport. He said there are 3 categories of bus service: Inter town which receives high funding from Wiltshire Council, Inner town and Villages which also receives high funding and is where they are looking at saving the £3 million required. Cllr Jonik will follow the progress of this review.

75/15 Planning

Applications for Comment:

15/07912/FUL – South Farm – Proposed change of use of cottage no1 from ancillary living accommodation to ancillary living accommodation or holiday cottage. **No Objection**

15/06992/VAR – Stokes Marsh Farm – Alteration of internal underground cable running between the solar arrays and the substation to enable the re-routing of the project cable connection. **No Objection**

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

76/15 The George and Dragon Public House Asset of Community Value.

Cllr Lewcock gave a resume of the situation regarding the raising of funds for the possible purchase of the George and Dragon as a community hub. He has drafted a business plan which he will circulate for councillors to view. Cllr Morgan-Frise joined the meeting during this discussion and advised on the work she and Mrs Hunt-Davis had been doing over the summer break. It was decided after discussion to hold a village picnic on Saturday 26th September which will be organised by Cllr Jonik to advertise the project hoping that there will be more helpers/contributors stepping forward.

77/15 The Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Jonik advised that a meeting had taken place and that Andrew Cooper had been appointed chairman of the group. Along with those listed in the open forum of the July meeting, Bill Kemp had also joined. It was felt by the group that a full Neighbourhood Plan would be beyond the village financially, so the group is looking at the other alternatives, Village Design Statement, Community Plan and Action Plan. Andrew Cooper is talking to Wiltshire Council about these other options.

78/15 Highways and Footpath issues to include Parish Steward tasks.

Items noted were the weeds growing along the base of the wall on Lower Road and the drains outside the pub and Bill Kemps property.

79/15 On-going matters

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor. **Ongoing**,
Safety of school children crossing the B3098. **Ongoing**,
Erlestoke House Gates. **Ongoing**

80/15 Correspondence

Letter from Claire Perry MP – Claire has invited 2 members of Erlestoke Parish Council to visit Parliament on the 16th of November. Cllrs Jonik and Moore expressed a wish to attend.

81/15 To confirm the Financial Statement for July & August 2015 & accounts for payment

The statement was agreed and the following agreed for payment.

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses September - £222.98

HM Customs and Excise – PAYE - £46.00

Miles and Francis – Grass cutting - £395.00

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

82/15 To receive reports from Village Representatives - None

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Next meetings are as follows:

30th September 2015, 11th November 2015, 16th December 2015

from 7.15pm in the village church.

Erlestoke Village website – www.erlestoke.org