

MINUTES OF THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Wednesday 11th November 2015 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllrs, Mr S Jonik (Chairman), Mr D Moore (Vice Chairman), Mr K Lewcock, Mr J Durham and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk).

95/15 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Morgan-Frise and Cllr Hunt-Davis.

96/15 Declaration of Interest – None received.

97/15 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 30th September 2015.

The minutes were accepted as presented.

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

98/15 Wiltshire Council and Devizes Area Board Update

Cllr Gamble advise he had spoken to Cllr Phillip Whitehead regarding the tree works to take place by the MOD at Erlestone Woods. They will liaise to agree a plan for the lorries removing the trees from the site via the plain not the B3098.

A discussion then took place regarding the offer of Speed Indicator Devices to be given to the villages from the stock held by Wiltshire Council. The councillors voted to ask to be placed on the list of Parish Councils interested in sharing a unit.

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

The next Devizes area board meeting is on Monday 23rd November at Devizes Sports Club.

99/15 Planning

Decisions Received.

15/07912/FUL – South Farm – Proposed change of use of cottage no1 from ancillary living accommodation to ancillary living accommodation or holiday cottage.

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.

15/08342/VAR – Stokes Marsh Farm – Variation of condition2 to permission issued under reference 14/08677/VAR to enable the Solar Farm to operate for the full 25 years from the date of connection to the grid on 12 March 2015.

All Approved with Conditions

Applications for Comment.

15/10210/TCA – Brook Cottage 20 High Street – Fell 2 conifer trees due to size and safety. The council raised no objections.

100/15 The George and Dragon Public House Asset of Community Value.

Cllr Lewcock updated the council on the progress with the plan to purchase the George and Dragon for the community. The Community Benefit Society will now be called the Erlestone Hub with a management committee of 5 people. A valuation is being sought by the committee at present. Erlestone and Coulston Cricket Club have pledged £1000.00 plus 50% of the profit from the fireworks night.

After further general discussion on the subject Cllr Jonik said he would organise a get together for all those who have pledged funds to the project. This will happen on the 20th of November in the village church.

101/15 The Neighbourhood Plan – No report

102/15 Highways and Footpath issues.

It was reported that the weeds in Lower Road along the edge of the highway are very dangerous and need cutting back as soon as possible. The clerk will report this via the Wiltshire Council website.

103/15 Erlestoke Woods proposed works by DIO – No Update

104/15 On-going matters

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

105/15 Correspondence

Letter from Great Cheverell Parish Council re Freight review on B3098

The council agreed to take part in a group campaign with the other parishes on the B3098 to ask for the road to be included on the freight review.

106/15 To confirm the Financial Statement for October 2015 & accounts for payment

The statement was agreed and the following agreed for payment.

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses October - £223.18

HM Customs and Excise – PAYE - £45.80

Playsafety Ltd – Play Equipment Inspection - £88.80

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

107/15 To receive reports from Village Representatives

Cllr Moore advised he had not yet heard any news on the Keevil airfield runway project.

The meeting closed at 9pm

**Next meetings are as follows:
27th January 2016, 9th March 2016
from 7.15pm in the village church.
Erlestoke Village website – www.erlestoke.org**