

MINUTES OF THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Wednesday 16th December 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).

108/15 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Morgan-Frise and Hunt-Davis

109/15 Declaration of Interest – None received.

110/15 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th November 2015.

The minutes were accepted as presented.

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

111/15 Wiltshire Council and Devizes Area Board Update

Cllr Gamble reported on the last Devizes Area Board meeting where the new urgent care centre in Devizes was discussed along with child poverty and child sexual exploitation. The next meeting will be on the 25th of January 2016 at the Devizes Sports Club.

Speed Indication Devices. Cllr Gamble advised that almost all the Parish Councils in his division had recorded an interest in being part of a group to be given a unit from Wiltshire Council. He is now looking for a parish to take the lead role in organising the rota for use etc.

Cllr Jonik advised of his recent visit to Parliament at the invitation of Claire Perry MP and commented on how professional and knowledgeable the guide was that took his group through the commons and the Lords. He also advised the during a group discussion with Claire he had raised the subject of the Community Asset Transfer regarding the George and Dragon pub. She had said she would speak to Richard regarding this matter

112/15 Planning

Decisions Received

15/10210/TCA – Brook Cottage 20 High Street – Fell 2 conifer trees due to size and safety.

No Objection

Application for discussion

15/12238/FUL – St George and Dragon High Street Erlestoke – Change of use from public house to residential.

The councillors will jointly draft the objection letter to this application once all relevant documents can be viewed on the Wiltshire Council website. The clerk will then formally submit the objection. Cllr Gamble will call in the application for decision by committee should the planning officer be minded to approve the application.

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

113/15 The George and Dragon Public House Asset of Community Value

Cllr Lewcock gave a report to the meeting.

114/15 Budget and Precept for 2016/17

The clerk presented the draft budget for 2016/17 and the council agreed the budget and approved a precept figure of £6795.10 plus the remaining housing subsidy grant of £21.78. This is a small rise of £0.13 per week per band D household.

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

115/15 The Neighbourhood Plan – no report this month

116/15 Highways and Footpath issues

Cllr Durham will email the clerk photographs of the weed problem on Lower Road and she will re submit the issue to Wiltshire highways.

117/15 Erlestoke Woods proposed works by DIO – No report this month.

118/15 On-going matters

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor. *Ongoing*

Safety of school children crossing the B3098. *Cllr Jonik had spoken to Cllr Phillip Whitehead at the recent Devizes Area Board Meeting and he had been advised that the issue had been placed on the Devizes Community Area Transport Group agenda for discussion. The clerk will ascertain the dates, times and venues for the next DCATG meetings.*

Erlestoke House Gates. *Ongoing*

119/15 To confirm the Financial Statement for November 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

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

120/15 To receive reports from Village Representatives

The clerk was asked to find out when the Police would be able to attend a Parish Council meeting as they have not attended for some time.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Next meetings are as follows:

27th January 2016, 9th March 2016, 20th April 2016

from 7.15pm in the village church.

Erlestoke Village website – www.erlestoke.org