

MINUTES OF THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Wednesday 27th January 2016 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllrs, Mr S Jonik (Chairman), Mr K Lewcock, Mr J Durham, Ms F Morgan-Frise and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk).

1/16 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllrs Hunt-Davis and Moore

2/16 Declaration of Interest – None received.

3/16 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th December 2015.

The minutes were accepted as presented.

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

4/16 Wiltshire Council and Devizes Area Board Update

Cllr Jonik recently attended a meeting in Marlborough hosted by Claire Perry MP. The main topic was the supply of broadband to rural areas. The council would like to know where Erlestoke stands on this issue and why was it excluded from the roll out. The clerk was asked to write to Richard Gamble and copy John Thompson (Wiltshire Councillors).

Works to the B3098 will commence around the 21st of March until early May.

Richard reported that both Devizes and Westbury Area Boards are focusing on the issues on the B3098. Could the council note any issues of large vehicles blocking the B3098 and send them to Richard.

All 7 of Richards Parishes have signed up for the Speed Indicator device project.

Richard congratulated the village on all the work undertaken regarding the George and Dragon pub.

Fracking. The clerk was asked to include a paragraph in these minutes explaining the recent awarding of PED licences to South Western Energy Ltd.

Petroleum Exploration and Development Licences (PEDLs) give exclusivity to licensees for onshore hydrocarbon exploration, appraisal and extraction (including for shale gas and oil as well as conventional forms of oil and gas), within a defined area. However, PEDLs do not give permission for operations to begin. Before the licensee can begin any operations such as drilling, hydraulic fracturing or production, they must apply for and be granted a number of further permissions and consents. These include, for example, planning permission, environmental permits from the Environment Agency, Health and Safety Executive scrutiny of well designs, and further consent for drilling operations from the OGA. All extraction operations, such as drilling, hydraulic fracturing or production, require planning permissions from the relevant Minerals Planning Authority. All planning applications will be subject to public consultation as part of the determination process. Access agreement(s) with relevant landowner(s), will also be required. Where hydraulic fracturing is being considered, additional regulatory requirements will apply. Development can only commence once landowner access, and all these permissions and consents have been obtained. PEDLs are held by the operator for the various stages of the full development cycle of oil and gas exploration, appraisal, production and eventually the decommissioning of the wells.

5/16 Planning

Applications for comment

15/12495/FUL – Holmedale 39 High Street – Erection of a new garage and log store

16/00479/ADV – Skoda adj 39 High Street – Replace existing totem with a flag pole

16/00668/TCA – 48 High Street – Eucalyptus tree – reduce height by approx. 30% and remove end weight from large limbs.

No Objections raised.

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

6/16 The George and Dragon Public House Asset of Community Value

Cllr Lewcock gave an update from the Erlestoke Hub.

7/16 Play Equipment Inspection

The clerk was asked to include this on the next agenda and to ask Cllr Moore to produce a list of the tasks needing to be undertaken.

8/16 The Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Jonik advised that the group are now looking into a Neighbourhood Development Order rather than a full Neighbourhood Plan.

9/16 Highways and Footpath issues.

Cllr Jonik advised he had added the link to the Wiltshire Council App on the village website.

10/16 Erlestoke Woods proposed works by DIO

No update received.

11/16 On-going matters

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor. *Ongoing*

Safety of school children crossing the B3098. *It was suggested that the issue of a school crossing be submitted to the Devizes Community Area Transport group for consideration.*

Erlestoke House Gates. *Ongoing*

12/16 To confirm the Financial Statement for December 2015/January 2016 & accounts for payment

The statement was agreed and the following agreed for payment.

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses - £222.98

HM Customs and Excise – PAYE - £46.00

Miles and Francis – Gras cutting - £395.00

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

13/16 To receive reports from Village Representatives

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Next meetings are as follows:

**9th March 2016, 13th April 2016, 11th May 2016
from 7.15pm in the village church.**

Annual Parish Meeting

27th April 2016 – 7.30pm in the village church

Erlestoke Village website – www.erlestoke.org