

**MINUTES OF THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held in the Parish Church Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.15pm**

**Present:** Cllrs, Mr S Jonik (Chairman), Mr K Lewcock (left the meeting at 8.45pm), Mr J Durham, Mr D Moore and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk).

**Open Forum**

Clean for the Queen – Thanks to Justin Hunt-Davis for organising the litter pick on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of March. Through Adrian Hampton Wiltshire Council provided litter pickers and high viz jackets. 7 people turned out to take part.

**14/16 Apologies** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Hunt-Davis and Morgan-Frise

**15/16 Declaration of Interest** – None received.

**16/16 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**

The minutes were accepted as presented.

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

**17/16 Wiltshire Council and Devizes Area Board Update**

Cllr Gamble advised that the works to the B3098 commence on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March and the road will be closed from 7pm to 6am on a number of evenings.

Cllr Moore had sent Cllr Gamble an email with questions for clarification on the Speed Indicator Devices. Cllr Gamble will respond as soon as he can.

Cllr Gamble updated the council on the issues at Victoria Park and the possible new housing on the site to raise funds to update the infrastructure so Wiltshire Council will take them over. Cllr Gamble advised that the next Devizes Area Board meeting is on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2016 6pm for 6.30pm start at Devizes School.

**18/16 Planning**

**Decisions Received.**

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

**16/00668/TCA** – 48 High Street – Eucalyptus tree – reduce height by approx. 30% and remove end weight from large limbs. – No Objection

**Applications for comment**

**16/00960/LBC** – 19 High Street – Replace rear windows with double glazed flush timber windows: extract fan: retain satellite dish: new front door to open porch: new stair to loft: new roof lights and sun tunnel to rear elevation.

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

**19/16 The George and Dragon Public House Asset of Community Value**

After discussion the Parish Council resolved that if the planning application for change of use of the George and Dragon pub goes to committee the Parish Council will take advice from a professional planning advisor re its representation at committee.

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

**20/16 Play Equipment Inspection**

Cllr Moore updated the council on two issues regarding the play equipment, the stability of the goal posts and the matting around the swings. He will look into resolving the issues.

**21/16 The Neighbourhood Plan**

It was decided to invite the village to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April to give its views on planning in the village.

**22/16 Highways and Footpath issues.**

It was reported that a tree had been cut up and left on footpath 7.

**23/16 Erlestoke Woods proposed works by DIO – No update received.**

**24/16 Vacancy for a Parish Councillor**

Cllr Jonik was asked to include the vacancy in his report for The News.

**25/16 Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – Does the village wish to mark this event?**

Cllr Jonik advised he would speak to Chris Hampton to see if the church has any plans and report back to the April meeting.

**25/16b Fracking in Erlestoke update and decide what to do about it**

The is nothing new to report but his will be kept under ongoing matters for future reporting.

**25/16c Broadband speed update and decide what to do about it**

A discussion took place around the supply of broadband to the village and the speed people are able to get. Cllr Moore suggested that the village are asked to bring their download speed to the APM on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April.

**26/16 Correspondence**

Wiltshire Council trading standards enforcement team – The Park – request to make it a No Cold Calling Zone.

Wiltshire Council had written asking if the Parish Council were willing to support The Park area being designated as a No Cold Calling Zone. There had been an incident of rogue trading in The Park that trading standards were investigating and in order to prevent this from happening again the area should be a No Cold Calling Zone.

The parish council fully support the idea and asked the clerk to respond as required.

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

**27/16 On-going matters**

Safety of school children crossing the B3098 and Erlestoke House Gates.

**28/16 Section 137 donations**

The council agreed to award the following donations: The News - £50.00, The Three Villages Minibus - £50.00 and 1<sup>st</sup> West Lavington Guides - £50.00.

**29/16 To confirm the Financial Statement for February & accounts for payment**

The statement was agreed and the following agreed for payment.

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

Holy Saviour PCC – grant towards using the church for Parish Council meetings - £170.00

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

**30/16 To receive reports from Village Representatives**

Cllr Moore had emailed for an update on future plans for Keevil airfield.

**The meeting closed at 9.15pm**

**Next meetings are as follows:**

**13<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016  
from 7.15pm in the village church.**

**Annual Parish Meeting**

**27<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – 7.30pm in the village church  
Erlestoke Village website – [www.erlestoke.org](http://www.erlestoke.org)**