

MINUTES OF THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church Wednesday 13th April 2016 at 7.15pm

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

Open Forum

Stan Jonik advised the meeting of recent correspondence with a person from the USA who had contacted him regarding land for sale in Erlestoke by the Ministry of Justice. Having looked into where the land is for sale it looks like it is on Victoria Park which is in the parish of Cheverell Magna.

31/16 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Durham.

32/16 Declaration of Interest – None received.

33/16 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th March 2016.

The minutes were accepted as presented.

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

34/16 Wiltshire Council and Devizes Area Board Update

Cllr Jonik advised he had attended the recent Area Board meeting.

35/16 Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 27th April 7.30pm in the Village Church

It was decided to prepare and deliver a flyer advertising the event including a number of questions on the reverse of the flyer regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.

36/16 The George and Dragon Public House Asset of Community Value and the Erlestoke Hub project

Cllr Gamble advised that there was no news on when or if the pubs planning application would be coming to planning committee as requested by Cllr Gamble.

Cllr Lewcock advised that the planning advisors employed by The Erlestoke Hub had spoken to Morgan Jones, the Wiltshire Planning Officer, who is waiting for more information from Gerald Harford from Humberts, who is preparing a report on behalf of Wiltshire Council, before he makes his final decision.

37/16 The Neighbourhood Plan

The next step is to ascertain the level of support in the village at the Annual Parish meeting.

38/16 Highways and Footpath issues. Update on Highways meeting Wednesday 6th April 2016
Cllr Jonik reported on the recent meeting on the 6th of April regarding the New Parish Steward scheme which comes into effect in October this year. The council will need to prioritise the tasks it would like the Parish Steward to concentrate on in the village.

It was reported that the road sign is missing on Lower Road crossroads pointing to Erlestoke and the give way sign has been moved too close to the junction. The clerk will advise highways of the issue.

The metro count equipment has been installed outside 31 High Street. The clerk was asked to request the feedback/results from Wiltshire Council.

Fox Hollow footpath is still blocked. The clerk will photograph the problem and email Wiltshire Council.

39/16 Fence around wood and Secret Garden

The repairs to the fence have been completed.

40/16 Offer of defibrillator for the village

The council had received a request for support for the installation of a defibrillator in the village from the South Western ambulance service. Turners had agreed for the unit to be installed at the garage site for ease of access for the village. The council fully supported the project.

41/16 Queens 90th Birthday

The village will be marking the vent with a party in the park on Saturday 11th June 2016.

42/16 Correspondence – None received for discussion.

43/16 On-going matters

Safety of school children crossing the B3098 - ongoing
Erlestoke House Gates – ongoing
Fracking – ongoing
Broadband – ongoing
Play equipment Inspection – Cllr Moore will purchase the concrete to stabilise the goal posts and he has the new nets to fit as required.
Parish Councillor Vacancy – To be advertised at the APM
Erlestoke Woods – works by DIO – no further information

44/16 To confirm the Financial Statement for March & accounts for payment

The statement was agreed and the following agreed for payment.

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses - £268.98

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

45/16 To receive reports from Village Representatives

It had been noted that the water level had dropped at the Erlestoke lakes and the fish stocks had gone. The clerk was asked to contact the Environment Agency over the matter.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

**Next meetings are as follows:
11th May 2016, 22nd June 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**