

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church, Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 7.15pm

Open Forum to hear from Members of the Public

Item 133/17 To receive reports from Village Representatives

- i) **Village Hall Committee (Cllr Morgan-Fries)** – the committee met last Thursday to discuss the future. It was decided to disband the committee and close the bank account. Remaining funds will be split evenly between the Church and the Erlestoke Hub - £370.00 to each. This is money that came from renting out the old village hall. All other monies were spent on the car park. Planning application plans will be lodged with the Parish Council for safekeeping. Project Cost consisted of £7,000 Village Hall Committee, £5,000.00 Parish Council, plus grants from Kennett Council and other monies. Parish Council applied for planning commission, this was paid for by the Village Hall Committee.
- ii) **Neighbourhood Planning** – Andrew Cooper, Chairman. Work is continuing but no report was submitted. Spring/Summer 2017 will see more action
- iii) **Erlestoke Hub (Cllr Lewcock)**– the Hub have made an offer to the owners of the pub at the market valuation of £255,000. The owners have agreed to consider the offer but want a permanent covenant to prevent the property from becoming residential. The mortgage providers would not agree to this and requires more discussions, the owners are looking for £270,000. The agent has described the current situation as a stalemate. A planning application for changing the use of the bed & breakfast rooms is with Wiltshire Council at present, the decision making time has been extended for an additional month for a decision to be made – deferred. If the community have made a reasonable offer and the owners continue to obstruct, this will be obvious to the planners if further planning applications are submitted.

Formal Council Meeting

Present: Cllrs, Mr S Jonik (Chairman), Mr D Moore (Vice Chairman), Mr K Lewcock, Mrs F Morgan-Fries, Ms N Barton, Ms V Neal (Locum Clerk), Cllr R Gamble

130/17 Apologies – Cllr J Hunt-Davies

131/17 **Declaration of Interest** Councillors should declare any interest in the items to be discussed - None

132/17 **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th August, 14th December**
10/08/16 Proposed: SJ Seconded: KL Duly signed as a true record
14/12/16 Proposed: DM Seconded: SJ Duly signed as a true record

134/17 **Clerk Vacancy for Erlestoke Council - Wiltshire Association of Local Councils** (WALC) have recommended the wording for the job advertisement and suggested a pay scale for the position. This works out at approximately £11.00 per hour. Some concern was expressed that the salary might not be attractive enough. It was agreed that it is a fair offer and that post needs to be more widely advertised, including WALC newsletter. There has already been some interest, Cllr Jonik has responded to all enquiries. The clerk of Worton Parish Council will be contacted to see if she would be interested in taking on the post. **ACTION:**
Cllr S Jonik

135/17 **Wiltshire Council and Devizes Area Board Update Cllr Gamble**. – has met the new prison governor Tim Knight, who was reassuring about the current state of the prison. There is an invitation for the Parish Council to meet with Mr Knight. Cllr

Gamble to pass on PC email address to PA to facilitate the invitation.
Sent him a copy of the report about requested improvements to Victoria Park. The Prison service own land adjacent to the prison and in Victoria Park. This land has been for sale recently and if used for development then cash from the sale can be used to repair roads, pavements etc in Victoria Park. A planning application could be forthcoming. 10-15 houses could be accommodated, a stimulus to the community.
C40 through Cheverell - there is a road closure sign Tuesday 24th Jan. No notice of this has been given. Cllr R Gamble has asked WC that work during busy periods should be avoided and has chased up details of diversion route.

23rd January next Area Board Meeting – Sports Club, Devizes

Joint Strategic Assessment 13th February – encouraged attendance at the meeting.
The Parish should be represented to help organise priorities for the next 2 years
The following Area Board Meeting will be changed to make way for council elections.
Traffic Matters – the issue of the School crossing sign should be raised at next CATG, Cllr Gamble very supportive of a 20mph limit though Erlestoke. Once agreement has been given in principle the process can be quite quick. The Parish Council might be asked to make financial contribution. A recommendation was made to downgrade the B3098 to a C road.

Cllr K Lewcock has filed an online comment that the SLOW ‘standard’ approved. The pole needed would have to be put in by a suitably regulated contractor and the site assessed by Wiltshire Council Highways. CATG a suitable forum for this to be discussed.

Cllr S Jonik asked if issues at prison played down? Cllr Gamble says that things have improved relating to drugs being sent to the prison. A smoking ban moderated things as illicit delivery of drugs has been swapped for tobacco. Over the Christmas period there were a number of break ins in the village. Suggested signing up to police crime alert messaging.

136/17 **Erlestoke Woods (Update)** – Cllr S Jonik to contact Anna Rogers to arrange for waste wood on ground to be picked up for OAP use.

137/17 **Planning Decision Received** - None
Applications for Comment

- i) Manor Farm: 16/12210/LBC Repair of curtilage listed cart shed – no objections
- ii) Planning Link for Manor Farm Erlestoke : 16/11793/FUL a) Repair of curtilage listed cart shed and its conversion from agriculture to office; b) closing of existing access and provision of a new drive and access; parking provision for proposed office use

PC response:

a) Repair of curtilage listed cart shed and its conversion from agriculture to office

No Objection/Support

Proposed: Cllr D Moore **Seconded:** Cllr K Lewcock All in favour

b) Closing of existing access and provision of a new drive and access; parking provision for proposed office use

Support subject to conditions – see below

Consideration to be given to neighbouring residential properties – move access road away from the entrance to Barnfield

Proposed: Cllr D Moore **Seconded:** Cllr K Lewcock All in favour

138/17 **Erlestoke Boundary changes Proposals** – nothing to add

139/17 **Parking and traffic issues in The** Park – issues have been resolved and vehicles have been removed. PC looking at possibly storing a lawnmower and to take on some mowing, ASTER positive.
ACTION: Cllr N Barto

- 140/17** **Speed Indicating Devices (SIDs)** – Cllr Moore provided a positive update. Batteries haven't been used for 3 months they have to be charged for 3 days. One battery is now in and set to come on at 15 and 40 mph, response to be monitored. Five councils are interested in SID partnership. Public liability insurance arranged. Need to go on a course and carry out risk assessments at locations around the village to be identified.
Crossroads – issue with visibility and signage. All to be raised at next CATG meeting including 20mph limit etc. Update to be put on the village website. Website could be updated to be more inclusive. **ACTION: Cllr D Moore**
- 141/17** **Pay Phone in Erlestoke** – Cllr J Hunt-Davies replied to consultation. Highlighted the need to keep as poor mobile reception, needed in an emergency. An automatic response has been received.
- 142/17** **Community First Christmas Review** - no comments
Buckingham Palace Garden Parties - Anyone interested can apply to attend.
- 143/17** **Highways and Footpath issues** - Still waiting for the Parish Steward to clear the drains in the village, potholes in The Park to be reported on My Wiltshire App.
ACTION: Cllr D Moore
- 144/17** **On-going matters**
Safety of school children crossing the B3098 – to be discussed at next CATG, Erlestoke House Gates, Fracking, Broadband – still very slow
Play Equipment Inspection, Erlestoke Lakes Issues.
- 145/17** **To confirm the Current Financial Statement and accounts for payment.**
Cheques raised:
Payment £50 HELP Counselling Services, Payment £76.95 Clerk for December
Review Accounting Procedures – Parish Council need to ensure that all financial regulations are met. The Parish Council must adopt Model Financial Regulations to be adopted at the next meeting.
Proposed: Cllr K Lewcock Seconded: Cllr D Moore All voted in favour.
- Parish Council to use Auditing Solutions as auditors
Proposed: Cllr F Morgan-Fries Seconded: Cllr S Jonik All in favour
- 146/17** **To decide on the Precept for 2017/18**
Budget information was provided to assist in the setting of the precept 2017/18
£8,000 in Lloyds bank account
No increase proposed - precept stays the same for 2017/18 £6795.10
Proposed: Cllr F Morgan-Fries **Seconded:** Cllr D Moore All voted in favour
- 147/17** **To receive reports from EPC Representatives**
i) **Footpaths** – nothing to report
ii) **Police** – nothing to report
iii) **Defibrillator** – training to be arranged

Meeting concluded at 22.05

The next meetings is as follows:

1st March 2017, 5th April 2017, from 7.15pm in the village church.

The Annual General Meeting 26th April 2017 - 7.30pm in the village church

Erlestoke Village website – www.erlestoke.org

