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Erlestoke Parish Council Minutes of 3rd October 2007

The **Open Forum** commenced at 7:15 p.m.

- The following parishioners attended:

Mrs D Oram, Mr G Phillips, Mr D Stanford.

- 1) The points raised were:
Can we have structured plans for the village
Footpath issues – overgrown hedge
Footpath 7 not clearly defined

Councilors Present

Mr S Jonik, Mr A Pinnington, Mr R Loraine-Smith, Mrs C Whatley, Mr B Chapman, Mr M Gilbert.

Minute	Dialog	Resp
101/07	Proposal for new Chairman Mr M Gilbert proposed Mr S Jonik as Chairman. Mr R L-Smith seconded. All in favour.	
102/07	Apologies for Absence None received.	
103/07	Declaration of Interest Mr Basil Chapman declared an interest on the footpath 7 route adjacent to his property.	
104/07	Review of Prior Council Meeting Minutes 22 nd August Minutes were amended and agreed, proposed Mr M Gilbert, seconded Mr R L-Smith. All in favour.	

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105/07	Extra Ordinary Minutes of 26th September Amended and proposed by Mr A Pinnington, seconded R L-Smith. All in favour.	
106/07	Update from Sub Committee Sub Committee spokesman, Christine Whatley, worked to a budget of £12,000 to be completed by April 2008. The Sub Committee can have none council members and report back every formal council meeting. The Committee to use the village “section 106” survey results as a structured plan and direction. Use local building sources.	
107/07	Bus shelter roof No reply from the builder. To be chased.	
108/07	Skips No correspondence from Kennett District Council. To be followed up.	
109/07	Raised manhole covers No correspondence. To be followed up.	
110/07	Action 74/07 – Land Registration We now have the original copies of land registration documents from the bank. This is being followed up.	SJ
111/07	Clerks job To pursue any free local contacts up to the 14 th October. If not successful place advertisement, £80 +VAT, in Gazette & Herald and local paper.	ALL
112/07	Financial Report The Chairman reported that as we have no official clerk the finances have not been studied but reported that £210.70 had been refunded from VAT repayment.	
113/07	Planning	

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<p>114/07</p>	<p>No new applications.</p> <p>Village Representative Reports</p> <p>Mr A Pinnington produced a draft letter on the B3098 to be circulated and raised at next meeting. Concern over the amount of HGV traffic which seems to be increasing.</p> <p>We have received no reply from WDC on footpath 7 where we require clarification of its route.</p> <p>Fruit tree overhanging footpath 7 making a mess was to be removed as the fruit was no longer used.</p> <p>The parish steward will visit on the 6th November. It was noted that various tasks have been done throughout the year. The proforma we are sending to WDC indicates that the work done is poor.</p> <p>The parish council has been asked to put a new notice on the board asking villages to trim back hedges as these overhang footpaths forcing people into the main road.</p> <p>Traffic calming in the park. This years funding has been allocated. We must wait for next years funding.</p> <p>The prison governor Mr Doug Moon has stated that building work being done does not require planning permission and they have exercised the exemption rule. EPC to contact KDC.</p> <p>The trees on hedges on the prison boundary overhang the road and our dangerous. The verge and trees need maintenance. Contact WCC for action.</p> <p>Mr A Pinnington has written to our local MP Mr M Ancram regarding the further development of the prison without using normal planning procedures. Mr Ancram MP has replied asking us to attend a meeting with him to explain this.</p>	
<p>115/07</p>	<p>Co-option of Councillors</p>	

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116/07	<p>Councilor R L Smith handed in a letter with concerns over the procedures used by the council over the handling of the previous two councilor vacancies.</p> <p>The chairman stated that the council has been advised of the co-option procedure by KDC, and for the new vacancy a notice had been placed on the notice board for a new councilor. After the statutory time period has elapsed, if less than 10 people are interested the EPC must co-opt at the earliest possible opportunity, they will again be advised by KDC. If 10 or more people reply to the vacancy there will be an election.</p> <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Will be held on 14th November.</p>	
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