

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2006 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**THE OPEN FORUM COMMENCED AT 7.15 P.M.**

One parishioner attended and raised the matter of golf balls landing in his garden – on average over five a day – from the Golf Course. He had monitored the situation and given the figures to KDC, but no action had been taken. Although one of the holes on the Course had been moved, it had not made any difference.

Community First had notified the Clerk of two training days to be held shortly and this information was given to Councillors.

In a move towards Quality Status for the Parish Council, the Clerk intended to liaise with Devizes Town Council which had recently gained this status.

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**PRESENT:** Cllr. P. Sinnett-Jones (in the Chair), Cllr. J. Foote, Cllr. M. Gilbert, Cllr. S. Jonik, Cllr. J. Morgan, Cllr. R. Loraine-Smith and Cllr. D. Turner.

**1/06 APOLOGIES:** An apology for absence had been received from District Councillor L. Grundy.

**2/06 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:** Councillors were reminded to declare any personal or prejudicial interest in any business arising at the meeting.

**3/06a) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER:** The Clerk reported a letter received from Mr. D. Moon, Governor of the Prison, with additions to the Open Forum. It was agreed that these be added to the Minute file. With this addition, it was proposed by Cllr. Turner, seconded by Cllr. Foote and unanimously agreed the Minutes be signed as a correct record.

**b) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:** With one minor amendment, it was proposed by Cllr. Turner, seconded by Cllr. Gilbert and unanimously agreed they be signed as a correct record.

**4/06 MATTERS ARISING: 58/05 Concealed Entrance at HMP Erlestoke:** The Clerk read a letter received from the Area Highway Engineer of WCC confirming that the Traffic Management Services Section stated “that there are no signs in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions which would overcome this situation”. The Clerk had also heard from WPC Deuchars in the same vein.

**65/05 Draft Risk Assessment:** Following discussion, this was placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**74/05b) Four Foot Strip:** The Clerk reported that no response had yet been received from the Council's solicitor concerning the amendment to be made to the Land Registry document. Following discussion it was agreed that she write to obtain the up-to-date position and also write to District Councillor Grundy who had undertaken to take advice concerning future action to claim the Parish Council's costs.

**84/05 Play Area in the Park: (a) To consider Quotes for Tree Work:** Two of the three quotes requested had been received. A full discussion took place, following which Cllr. Turner proposed the acceptance of the quote from Witt Tree Services for £290.00 + VAT. Cllr. Loraine-Smith asked if any dead wood could be removed at the same time and seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed.

**(b) Play Area Survey:** Some entries had been received and the closing date was 31<sup>st</sup> January. The Chairman undertook the task of judging the competition. Cllr. Morgan suggested a Press photographer would be useful at the next meeting for the presentation of prizes.

**(c) Mole Damage:** Cllr. Gilbert had rung Mr. Miles of Miles and Francis, but he could offer no advice to rid the play area of moles. The Clerk was instructed to seek advice from KDC and Cllr. Jonik undertook to seek information concerning mole catchers.

**5/06 FINANCE: (a) Balance at Bank:** The Clerk reported a balance of £100.00 on the Current Account and £4,106.97 on the Reserve Account.

**(b) Three Village Minibus:** A letter had been received from the Chairman of TVM requesting a donation. It was proposed by Cllr. Gilbert, seconded by Cllr. Sinnett-Jones and agreed that a donation of £75.00 be donated. This was agreed, with one abstention by Cllr. Foote.

**(c) Miles & Francis:** The annual ground maintenance invoice had been received for £417.13 including VAT. It was proposed by Cllr. Gilbert, seconded by Cllr. Morgan and unanimously agreed that this invoice be paid.

**(d) Council to Protect Rural England:** Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Jonik, seconded by Cllr. Morgan and unanimously agreed to pay the £26.00 membership fee.

**6/06 CORRESPONDENCE: (a) Dog Nuisance:** A letter had been received from a parishioner concerning barking dogs shut outdoors whilst owners were at work. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Turner, seconded by Cllr. Gilbert and agreed that a notice be placed on the Parish Noticeboard as well as a note in "The News". Cllr. Gilbert also undertook to speak to the parishioner concerned. The Clerk undertook to draft a notice.

**(b) KDC Draft Car Parking Consultation:** Following discussion it was agreed this be circulated to Councillors.

**(c) WCC Waste Development Policy:** Cllr. Loraine-Smith raised the matter of air quality from the chimneys and that adequate monitoring for toxic heavy metals must be carried out. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Jonik, seconded by Cllr. Loraine-Smith and agreed that Erlestoke (being in the location

of the prevailing wind to the site) request a technical report on inputs and outputs and that they meet all the necessary standards.

**(d) Kennet & North Wilts NHS Primary Care Trust:** The Council had been notified that there was an outline consent application for pharmaceutical services from Dr. D. A. Beale for Bratton Surgery to dispense to Bratton, Edington, Coulston, Erlestoke, Steeple Ashton, Dilton Marsh, Chapmanslade, Heywood, Hawkeridge, Yarnbrook and North Bradley.

**7/06 PLANNING (a) Planning Application No. K/52932/F New Green Keepers Building including all other associated works for Erlestoke Sands Golf Club:** This had been granted full Planning Permission.

**(b) Planning Application No. K/53185/F Side & rear extensions at 56 High Street, Erlestoke for Mr & Mrs W. J. Pidduck:** This had been granted Full Planning Permission.

**(c) Planning Application No. K/53418 Change of Use of Post Office to Allow Residential Use in Association with Existing Residential use for Mr & Mrs. P. Sinnett-Jones:** Cllr. Sinnett-Jones declared a personal interest at this point. The Clerk reported that this would be presented to the Regulatory Committee at KDC on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January with the officers' recommendation that it be approved.

**8/06 VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS: (a) Pathways:** Cllr. Loraine-Smith reported that a grating over a drain was loose in the High Street and he would report it to the Parish Lengthsmen.

**(b) Website:** Cllr. Jonik reported that the annual renewal fee was due at £40.00; in the past Cllr. Jonik had absorbed the cost. At the present time there were 1-2 "hits" per day. It was proposed by Cllr. Foote, seconded by Cllr. Loraine-Smith and agreed that the Parish Council pay £40.00 renewal.

**(c) Footpath Signs:** The Clerk was instructed to request these signs once more.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2006.