

**MINUTES OF ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held in the Parish Church 7<sup>th</sup> July 2010 2010 at 7.15pm**

**Present:** Councillors, Mr. S. Jonik (Chairman), Mr A Pinnington (Vice Chairman), Mr. M. Gilbert, Mr R Loraine-Smith, Mrs. D. Oram, Mr K Lewcock, Mr D Moore, Mark Lewis (Wiltshire Police) and Debs Lewcock (taking the minutes in Clerk's).

**Open Forum:**

- Cllr Jonik opened with a proposal that Debs Lewcock take the minutes as Anita was ill, this was unanimously agreed.
- Roger Hampton – parish warden issue – who determines what should be cut back? Everyone should be treated the same.
- Roly Barth – who told the steward to cut? [Mrs Oram went with the steward, said no-one told the steward to cut]. Why did he leave the cut branches? Communication very important in a small community. Sally Barth said that the steward said that he was told to cut.
- Stan Jonik – no parish council is allowed to do any work on any property unless notice has been given to the occupier. Did we advise him to cut the hedge? Or why did we advise him not to cut the hedge? As this seems unclear we need to wait until we get an official reply from Wiltshire Council – we will put this item on the agenda next time.
- Richard Loraine-Smith – voiced critical views of the parish steward.
- Mark Lewis – need to professionalise parish council's response and develop clear guidelines for the future.
- Motorcycle noise – Wiltshire Police have worked with the MOD and over last few months have been active in addressing the motorcycle issue.
- Caravan dumped – reported to plain watch and now removed.
- Dangerous parking – Mark Lewis explained process for dealing with this (they could inform the persons by a visit, or notice on car, etc).
- Secret garden – vast majority don't mind it being open.
- Car park – overnight parking. Clerk to get signs – no overnight sleeping.

**78/10 Apologies** – Apologies were received from Anita Whittle (clerk) due to illness.

**79/10 Declaration of Interest** - None

**80/10 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th May 2010**

The minutes were accepted as presented. [cluster group – Doreen removed from this].

**Proposed** Cllr Gilbert                      **Seconded** Cllr Loraine-Smith                      All in favour – show of hands

**81/10 Planning**

**Decisions Received from Wiltshire Council**

**E/10/0589/FUL** – South Farm Pudnell Lane – Proposed change of use and conversion of existing outbuildings into two holiday cottages – Permission.

**E/10/0574/LBC** – The Old School House 34 High Street – Replacement of two modern softwood windows with hardwood windows of the same size. Installation of secondary glazing.

**Applications for discussion**

**E/10/0800/FUL** – Mr. P and Mrs. C Whatley – Tilted Lodge – Raise roof of garage to create studio workshop. Erection of timber framed maintenance shed (amendment to E/10/0611/FUL)

**No Objection**

**82/10 Cllr Gamble – Wiltshire Council** - No contact from Cllr Gamble

**83/10 Prison update – Andy Rogers Prison Governor** - Not present, annual prison report received.

**84/10 Devizes Area Board update – Cllr Jonik** – no update required

**85/10 Letter from Mr & Mrs Barth regarding “Unsanctioned Trimming of shrubbery”**

Parish clerk has not yet followed up in her official capacity. A suggestion from Cllr Pinnington is that a letter is sent to the Barth's confirming that it is being dealt with through Wilts Council and apologise on behalf of the council. Confirm we will tighten our procedures. Clerk to arrange. Item to appear on agenda at next meeting.

**86/10 Heating cost for the Annual Parish Meeting.**

Previously put coins in the meter at the old village hall – proposal of donating £100 to Church Funds for heating – not currently offering anything. Also a suggestion from Cllr Pinnington to ask

the Church what amount it costs. It was proposed that the council send the church £50 towards the heating costs.

**Proposed** Cllr Gilbert                      **Seconded** Cllr Jonik and unanimously agreed.

**87/10 Highways and the Parish Steward scheme changes.**

Letter to go in the circulation file. Item to go on agenda for the next meeting.

**88/10 Footpath 11 and any other footpath issues – nothing raised.**

**89/10 Overgrown hedge at Dolls House and The Old Post Office covering 75% of pavement.**

Also hedge outside Mr & Mrs Sheet's house – point added by Cllr Lewcock. Note to be put in News Magazine. Can we now write to the Council? Cllr Pinnington suggests devising a standard gentle letter. Chairman proposed contacting to Wiltshire Council about the houses in question, asking them to look at these hedges if they have not been attended to.

**90/10 Dangerous parking of vehicles on Lower Road dog leg bend opposite telephone box.**

Overgrown hedge at the Old Post Office makes matters worse. The Chairman is getting calls about the parking dangers by Cllrs who should set an example. Should not be parking within 10 meters of the junction according to the police. Cllr Loraine-Smith to try and park on his own driveway as it is Cllr Loraine-Smiths car that is in question.

**91/10 Repairs to the play equipment etc on the Park.**

Cllr Pinnington looked at the jobs required – rubber tiles need to be stuck down and also mortar between tiles needs replacing. Cllr Pinnington to organise a little work party to do the jobs. Strimmer damaging posts – this has been raised and an alternative method identified.

**92/10 Clerks Report**

Financial statement was handed round. Chairman to ask Clerk to rebalance and surplus cash.

**93/10 Signage – Purchase of signs for car park and Secret Garden.**

Cllr Lewcock offered to help the Clerk with this – showed pictures – needs budget to be set to govern what kind of sign can be put up. Dog fouling area? Photos to be passed to the Clerk. To be on agenda for next meeting to clarify what the Clerk has done and finish discussion.

**94/10 To consider items of Correspondence needing a reply**

Planning application.

Cllr Oram – bin emptying in play area and bus shelter – suggestion that councillors empty the bins. Cllr Moore to sort this out for play area and Cllr Gilbert to clear bus shelter.

**95/10 To confirm the Financial Statement for May & accounts for payment**

The council accepted the financial statement for May and agreed the following payments.

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses - £218.70    HM Customs & Excise – PAYE month 4 - £40.40  
Miles and Francis – Grass Cutting - £200.00

**96/10 To receive reports from Village Representatives**

None received.

**The meeting closed at 9:30pm.**

**The next three meetings will be held in the Parish Church from 7.15pm  
on  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**