

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
19th June 2008

Present: Councillors, Mr. S. Jonik (Chairman), Mr. A. Pinnington (Vice Chairman), Mr. M. Gilbert, Mr. R.L. Smith, Mr. G. Chapman and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk). Cllr Grundy (Kennet DC) also joined the meeting from 7.30 to approximately 8pm.

Open Forum:

A resident from the Park asked if there were any plans or developments regarding moving the electricity sub station. Cllr Jonik responded that there were not firm plans as yet but the situation will be discussed at item 9 on the agenda.

Mr G Phillips addressed the council regarding the following: There doesn't seem to be any up to date minutes on the website and the issue of parking on the Secret Garden recreation area.

75/08 Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Oram and Cllr Morgan-Frise.

76/08 Declaration of Interest No declarations were made.

77/08 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 7th May and 5th June
The minutes from both the 7th May and 5th June were accepted without amendment.

78/08 Planning
K/58828/F – Mr. & Mrs. M Brackstone – South Farm, Pudnell Lane
Addition of 2 looseboxes and small feed store to existing stables and barn.
No objection

79/08 Audit 07/08 – to sign audit papers
The Council resolved to accept the audit form and the Chairman signed the form as required.

80/08 Small Grants Scheme application to Kennet DC
After discussion, it was resolved that the council would apply for three separate grants of £3500 towards a rebound wall, £2000 towards village seating and £2000 towards speed humps in the park area. The clerk will produce the necessary paperwork.

81/08 Section 106 Funds Update
The clerk advised that she had ordered the three items from Playdale, the cone climber, spinner and encounter 7 seat. All three items will be sited in the existing fenced play area. Following the meeting on the 5th June, GB Sport and Leisure had contacted the clerk offering a more competitive price for a sports rebound wall of £5500 plus VAT. This price includes fitting. The council resolved unanimously to purchase the rebound wall from GB Sport and Leisure. The clerk will place the order. It was decided that a small site meeting would be held on Monday 23rd June to look at the best place to site the wall in the park area.

Cllr Jonik advised that the new swing seats and chains had been delivered and he had started to install them. The paint had also arrived and a working party would be needed to undertake the preparation and painting of the swing frames. Cllr Pinnington said he would organise the painting. During the discussions on the 106 funds the possibility of allotments on the Secret Garden was raised. The council has not received any formal request for allotments so it was decided to send around a flyer for people to reply to if they feel they want allotments in the village. The clerk will draw up the flyer and Cllr Jonik will put a notice in the village news.

The purchase of seating for various areas of the village was also discussed and Cllr Gilbert reminded the council that a decision had been made some time ago to install seating in the following areas: bench around the trunk of the hornbeam tree in the park area, a picnic table in the Secret Garden and various benches in other areas. A request had been made for a bench in the churchyard and possibly the park area. It was resolved to produce a second flyer to be circulated asking the residents where they would like to see seating around the village. The clerk will get this underway and Cllr Jonik will place a small notice in the village news. The clerk will then collate the responses and obtain three quotes for the seating for the meeting in July.

82/08 Parking on the Secret Garden
No decisions were made to alter the situation as it stands with regards to parking but it was decided to carry this subject over to a future meeting, if necessary an extra ordinary meeting, to discuss the future plans and possible uses for the Secret Garden area.

83/08 SSEB Sub Station – Siting of new larger station

Cllr Jonik showed the council a photo of the new style sub station. Discussions are still ongoing with the SSEB and Cllr Jonik will report to the meeting in July.

84/08 Condition of Hornbeam Tree in the Park Area

It was resolved by the council to ask the Tree Officer at Kennet District Council to look at the condition of the tree and whether any work should be undertaken on it.

85/08 To consider items of Correspondence needing a reply

Letter from Kennet DC re Street scene Services

Cllr Loraine-Smith agreed to attend the meeting on the 23rd for the council.

Open day at HMP Erlestoke Friday 11th July 9.30am - 4pm

Cllr Pinnington will attend the open day for the council.

86/08 To confirm the Financial Statement for May & accounts for payment

The financial statement for May was accepted unanimously and the following agreed for payment:

Mrs A Whittle – Hours and Expenses - £475.46

G.B. Sport and Leisure – Paint for swings and new swing seats and chains - £560.90

87/08 To receive reports from Village Representatives

Cllr Gilbert. Cllr Gilbert reported that the footpath through the wood on the Golf Course is blocked by a fallen tree and debris. It also seems that highways have not cut the grass verge on the prison side between Erlestoke and Great Cheverell. The clerk agreed to write to the prison governor and highways to get this resolved.

Cllr Pinnington. Cllr Pinnington advised that the new governor had taken over at the prison on the 16th June.

Cllr Loraine-Smith. Cllr Loraine-Smith reported that he had sent a letter to Rod Gibbs at highways asking when the pavements were to be refurbished in the village as promised. As yet he had received no reply.

Cllr Jonik. Cllr Jonik reported that he and Cllr Morgan-Frise had attended the recent cluster group meeting where Rod Gibbs had advised that WCC have a mandate to reduce speed limits across the county. Hence the speed into the village past the prison should be reduced to 30mph.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm

**The next meeting will be
Thursday 31st July 2008
7.15pm
in the upstairs room of
the George and Dragon public house.**