

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

2nd October 2008

Present: Councillors, Mr. S. Jonik (Chairman), Mr. A. Pinnington (Vice Chairman), Mr. M. Gilbert, Mr. R.L. Smith, Mrs. D. Oram, Ms. F. Morgan-Frise and Mrs. A. Whittle (Clerk).

Open Forum:

Various members of the village addressed the meeting. These are a selection of the comments.

Mr G Phillips – Mr Phillips advised the council that he has now found the Private Land signs which should be at the entrance to the Secret Garden. He would like to see the council controlling the access to the Secret garden by a gate on the entrance. Therefore the Parish Council would have control over the land.

Mr M Gilbert - Mr Gilbert advised that he is against the idea of locking the gate. He also said the bench outside the church should be at least 7ft as agreed by the council.

Mr Dean Moore – Mr Moore addressed the council regarding the rebound wall which is due to be installed in the Park Area. He is concerned about the issue of the noise level from the wall when the children are using it.

Mrs D Oram – Mrs Oram asked if the woods in the Secret Garden could be thinned out and the hedge be cut back to the original 5ft.

Mr M Foster - Mr Foster asked what other options the council has for the use of the Secret garden?

Mr R Loraine-Smith - Mr Loraine-Smith said that allotments were an option that had been discussed and interest had been shown by a few members of the village.

Mr K Lewcock - Mr Lewcock addressed the council and said that he would not like to see either allotments or gates on the Secret Garden but he felt that seating of some kind would be acceptable.

121/08 Apologies. No apologies were received.

122/08 Declaration of Interest. No declarations of interest were made.

123/08 Review the location for the Re-Bound Wall in the park.

It was resolved after discussion to install the rebound wall where the existing goalposts are which is further away from any properties and to install the existing goal posts opposite the rebound wall by the play area.

Proposed Cllr Morgan-Frise **Seconded** Cllr Pinnington All in favour.

124/08 Review the bench purchased for the Church.

After discussion it was resolved to uphold the councils original decision of purchasing a seat of at least 7ft for installation outside the church doors.

Proposed Cllr Gilbert **Seconded** Cllr Pinnington All in favour.

125/08 Decide on the use of the Secret Garden

After discussion and before any further decisions are made on the use of the ground it was resolved to get quotes for fencing off (with access gates) all the Secret Garden as per the original agreement when purchased.

Proposed Cllr Jonik **Seconded** Cllr Morgan-Frise Four in favour Two against.

126/08 Consider a request from the Cricket Club to use the Secret Garden for over spill parking on their firework display.

After discussion it was resolved to allow the cricket club to use the Secret Garden for this years firework display subject to their insurance clarifying in writing that the event is covered by their policy and no claim can be made on the Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr Jonik **Seconded** Cllr Morgan-Frise All in favour.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

The next meeting will be Thursday 23rd October 2008 7.15pm in the upstairs room of The George and Dragon public house.