

MINUTES OF ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Parish Church 10th March 2010 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Mr. S. Jonik (Chairman), Mr A Pinnington (Vice Chairman), Mr. M. Gilbert, Mr. K. Lewcock, Mr R Loraine-Smith, Mrs. D. Oram and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk).

Open Forum:

Mr Mervyn Gilbert asked for something to be done to tidy the Cheverell end of the village, which is mostly MOD land. There is a tree down, the metal railings need repainting as well as other problem areas.

Mr George Phillips comment that the minutes from last meeting at the open forum should read; the telephone number to call out of hours is 0300 456 0100 to report an incident.

22/10 Apologies – No apologies received

23/10 Declaration of Interest – No declarations of interest made.

24/10 Minutes. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th of January 2010
Further to the amendment as listed in the open forum by Mr Phillips the council accepted the minutes.

Proposed Cllr Gilbert **Seconded** Cllr Oram **All in Favour**

25/10 Planning – no plans to discuss

26/10 Cllr Gamble – Wiltshire Council

Cllr Gamble started by saying that the last meeting he had attended in Erlestoke was before the bad weather and he hoped that Erlestoke felt that Wiltshire Council coped with the situation well. The council are trying to make sure that all grit bins are replaced if damaged and refilled as soon as possible. He reported that the Devizes Area Board had agreed to help fund transport for young people into Devizes from the villages. Wiltshire Council have also agreed to give the area boards £3000 towards this project which is being looked at by every area board not just Devizes.

Cllr Pinnington asked if the Three Villages Minibus could be used. Cllr Gamble said that a list of all available minibuses was being made. He advised that Jeff James from the PCT will attend the area board meeting on the 22nd of March. He also advised that Wiltshire Council give the link travel scheme approximately £100,000 each year. Passengers are asked to give a donation of how ever much they can afford towards the cost of the journey.

27/10 Prison update – Andy Rogers Prison Governor

Mr Rogers advised the council that work starts on the new developments at the prison on the 22nd of March. There will be no impact on the village from the works of the lorries going to and from site. The bulk of the work will be completed by the end of July 2010 with a final completion by March 2011. If the villagers have any concerns then please contact him at the prison immediately.

28/10 Devizes Area Board update – Cllr Jonik

Cllr Jonik had attended a recent meeting to review the area board system. There was a good turn out with lots of views; some parishes felt they were being left out, but over all it was positive response.

The next full Devizes Area Board is on Monday 22nd March at the Corn exchange when the new health proposals for Devizes will be discussed. Cllr Oram and the clerk will attend.

29/10 Clerks update – No clerks update

30/10 Highways

Cllr Loraine-Smith advised that he had the name and contact details of the new person dealing with MOD land issues, i.e. the road to the Secret Garden. He will pass it to the clerk.

Cllrs Loraine-Smith and Oram met Paul Bolan from Wiltshire Highways recently on site in the village. They pointed out the condition of the road at the church end of the village and by the Kemps house. Paul photographed them and agreed to get the gang out to repair the surface. He also agreed to repaint the 30MPH on the road. The clerk was asked to email Paul to confirm the discussion and tasks as agreed. She was asked to add that the kerb outside Turners Garage is broken and needs repairing.

31/10 Footpaths – Over hanging hedges on footpaths

Wiltshire Council will take names and addresses of properties where hedges and shrubs over hang the highways and pavements. They will then contact the property owners asking for the work to

done within a set time frame. If no response is received then Wiltshire will undertake the work and invoice the property owners. Cllr Oram advised that the village now has a permanent Parish Steward.

32/10 Secret Garden

- Dog Fouling. The clerk gave Cllr Pinnington a number of signs to erect in the Secret Garden advising dog walkers to pick up after their dog.
They clerk was asked to find out if the bye-law regarding dog fouling made in the village some years ago was still relevant.
- Trees. Cllr Jonik thought that a working party organised by the council would be a good way of getting some of the tidying work done in the Secret Garden. He had asked the prison and been advised that they could do some work but only with hand tools. It was decided to organise a working morning on Sunday 28th March from 10am to 12noon. A notice will be placed on the notice board and around the village.
- Picnic Bench. As the council had already agreed some time ago to install a picnic bench at the garden the clerk was asked to obtain some costings. She was asked to speak to Wiltshire Council about who supplies the picnic benches that they install in their play areas.

33/10 Signage – Purchase of signs for car park and Secret Garden. This still a work in progress

34/10 The Park Area. The tyres have now been removed.

35/10 Annual Parish Meeting – 21st April 2010

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 21st of April from 7.30pm in the village church. The clerk will invite the usual village organisations

36/10 Parish Steward Visit – Tasks for the Steward

Cllrs Loraine-Smith and Oram will advise of works to be undertaken at the steward's next visit.

37/10 To consider items of Correspondence needing a reply

Wiltshire Council – Flood Fair – Tues 14th April – *no one to attend*

WALC – February Newsletter

Best Kept Village Competition – 2010 – *it was decided not to enter this year*

Letter from Mr & Mrs Cooper – Poor condition of the Village Water House and roadside overflow basin between no 52 and 56 High Street

The clerk was asked to try and ascertain the owner ship of the water house before any further decisions are taken.

38/10 Finance

To confirm the Financial Statement for January and February and the accounts for payment
Wiltshire Council – Amenity Skip 8th Jan 2010 - £71.52

39/10 To receive reports from Village Representatives

Cllr Loraine-Smith advised that Imber will not be open this Easter weekend due to extra training. The clerk was asked to include on the next agenda the play equipment report for discussion
Cllr Jonik advised that the Police took up the issue of the tyres in the Park and that they will be walking the village on Monday 29th of March between 10am and 11am.
Cllr Oram advised that she had cleared a small fire from the Park Area recently.

40/10 Co-option of New Councillor

It was decided that as two applications had been received for the vacancy informal interviews would take place on Thursday 25th of March starting at 7pm. The council will then hold a brief meeting to decide on the candidate to be co-opted.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

The next meeting will be in the Parish Church at 7.15pm on Wednesday 14th of April 2010.