

**MINUTES OF ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held in the Parish Church 14<sup>th</sup> April 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 and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk).

**Open Forum:**

Cllr Gilbert commented that the Parish Council should try everything possible to keep the water house as a feature of the village.

George Phillips agreed with Cllr Gilberts comment. He also commented on the following:

Dog Fouling – It is possible to prosecute any dog owner in the village. The fine is £75 on the spot or if it goes to court the fine could be up to £1000.

Update on work in the Secret Garden – four people involved in the work on Sunday. He suggested that the names are listed of those who worked that day. He also commented that he would not be happy to see the sign removed at the Secret Garden which says Private Property Keep Out.

Church Summer Fayre – What is the insurance position?

**44/10 Apologies** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Lewcock and Moore.

**45/10 Declaration of Interest** – No declarations of interest made.

**46/10 Minutes.** To approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2010  
The minutes of both the 10<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of March were accepted as presented.

**Proposed** Cllr Pinnington                      **Seconded** Cllr Loraine-Smith                      **All in Favour**

**47/10 Planning**

**Decision received from Wiltshire Council**

E/10/0257/TCA - 6 High Street remove greengage tree – Permission.

**48/10 Cllr Gamble – Wiltshire Council** (arrived 8.20pm)

Cllr Gamble advised that the next Devizes Area Board meeting will be on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Further to the comment under highways about the road surface at the entrances to the village, Cllr Gamble advised that the priority for repairs is where the structure of the road is falling apart. Cllr Gilbert asked what was planned for the bends at Little Cheverell. Cllr Gamble advised that the road will be closed at the start of the school holidays in July. Diversions will be in operation for the duration of the works. Finally he advised that Market Lavington are about to start the youth bus service for 14-19 year olds into Devizes. Youths from Erlestoke can use the service but have to be taken to Market Lavington to catch the bus.

**49/10 Prison update** – No update as Prison Governor not present.

**50/10 Devizes Area Board update**

Cllr Oram and the clerk had attended the last area board meeting which was dedicated to the issue of the health service provision in Devizes. Jeff James from the PCT was at the meeting and gave a short presentation, followed by questions, on the decision to not proceed with the proposed development at Quakers Walk.

**51/10 ROSPA inspection report on the play area in the Park – Cllr Jonik**

The council decided to arrange a work party to undertake the works listed in the play area report and to re install the bench. The group will be Cllrs Jonik, Pinnington, Loraine-Smith and Gilbert.

**52/10 Highways**

Cllr Loraine-Smith reported that when Paul Bolan visited the village he noted the condition of the road at the entrances to the village. Could the clerk please contact Paul and find out if the road is going to be repaired. Could she also remind Paul about the broken Kerb outside 24 High Street?

**53/10 Footpaths**

Footpath 11. Cllr Oram checked to see if the work agreed by Sarcen Housing has been done to footpath 11. As at this meeting it had not. She had contacted Sarcen who stated that the work could take up to 48 weeks. The clerk was asked to write to Ruth Symonds at Sarcen to state the health and safety issue of the work not being done.

**54/10 Secret Garden**

The leaning trees have been taken down by Landmarc. The woodland and Secret Garden have now been made safe for public access and the tree work has been completed. The downed trees/wood

is available for anyone in the village who wants it. The work has been undertaken by a small number of people from the village and thanks go to them for such a wonderful job. Cllr Pinnington advised that he had spoken to Andy Rogers at the Prison and he may have a small number of prisoners who could come out and do small works. Cllr Pinnington also spoke to Andy regarding grass cutting at the Secret Garden. Andy also stated that he had access to a group of contractors who may be able to help with a green project such as a cycle track. Cllr Jonik commented on a sterling effort has been made by all.

**55/10 Signage – Purchase of signs for car park and Secret Garden.**

This still a work in progress

It was suggested whether the prison could make a sign stating Erlestoke Parish Council Recreation Ground or Secret Garden. Cllr Pinnington said he would find out. It was agreed that on placement of any new sign the existing private keep out sign will be removed.

**56/10 Annual Parish Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2010**

The clerk advised that plans were set for the meeting next week. It was decided that cheese and wine would be served after the meeting.

**57/10 Parish Steward 15<sup>th</sup> June Visit**

This will be placed on the next agenda.

**58/10 To consider items of Correspondence needing a reply**

Letter from Erlestoke Church PCC regarding a request to use the Park recreation ground for a table top sale/summer fayre on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of July and for possible help from the council to run stalls etc. The event is to raise funds for the alterations to the church.

The council agreed to the request and asked the clerk to advise that the Councillors will support as much as possible.

Wiltshire Council – Community Flooding Information request

This was passed on for completion by a councillor.

**59/10 Finance**

The council accepted the Financial Statement for March and agreed the following accounts for payment:

A Whittle – salary - £232.52

Inland Revenue – Month 1 - £44.40

Web Site – fee - £42.30

Community First – Insurance - £588.46

**Proposed** Cllr Pinnington

**Secoded** Cllr Loraine-Smith **All in Favour**

**60/10 To receive reports from Village Representatives**

Cllr Jonik advised that the Police walk through the village went ahead as planned and will now happen on a regular basis. The Police will notify the council who will advertise the date and time. Finally he thanked the cricket club for organising to mend the road to the Secret Garden.

**The meeting closed at 9.10pm.**

**The next meeting will be in the Parish Church at 7.15pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010.**