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**Erlestoke Parish Council Minutes  
of 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007 7:30pm**

The **Open Forum** commenced at 7:15 p.m.

- The following parishioners attended:  
J Ryan, D Oram, D Sanford, G Phillips,

Points raised:

The main discussion points were:

- 1) The Secret Garden, Cricket Club using the land for parking and people outside the village using the Garden.
- 2) Sub Committee fact finding meetings should not be held in the pub.
- 3) Should the Cricket Club be allowed to have a Bonfire party?

**Councilors Present**

**S Jonik Chairman & Acting Clerk**

**M Gilbert**

**RL Smith**

**A Pinnington**

**B Chapman**

**C Whatley**

**L Grundy (Arrive at 7:45)**

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Minute	Dialog	Resp
117/07	<b>Apologies for Absence None Received</b>	
118/07	<b>Declaration of Interest.</b>  1) C Whatley interest on item 15 “Tree Pruning” as it is her property.  2) RL Smith interest on item 10 “Village Hall Up Date” as he is the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee	
119/07	<b>Review of Prior Council Meeting Minutes</b> The minutes were adjusted at reference 114/07 paragraph 3 and were then accepted as true and correct.	
120/07	<b>Vice Chairman Election</b>  Nobody came forward after some discussion RL Smith was proposed, but not seconded.	
121/07	<b>Section 106 Funds</b>  Fact finding meeting on Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2007 a large number of people attended, they have strong and different views on the Secret Garden although when looked at in the Park area they were very similar.  It was felt that we should write a letter to KDC saying that we have now proceeded with the project and have a settled design and ideas and is now ready for the funding so we can start the work. The Clerk was asked to refer to the previous minutes where a draft letter was produced and possible use this.  S Jonik “Chairman” stated that he was speaking to WW on the “Sustain The Plain” project where extra funding could be available to clean up the lake adjacent to the Church. He has spoken to Pam and Adrian Hampton who own the lake, and they were happy to see this work done. The funding could be between £500 and £2000.	

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	<p>Proposed M Gilbert. Seconded C Whatley All voted in favour</p> <p>To start communications with KDC on the section 106 funding as we now have a settled plan.</p>	
<b>122/07</b>	<p><b>Next Years Precept Decided by Jan 2008</b></p> <p>A Pinnington said he was speaking to Mr Hart at KDC about the new houses and their implication on the precept. He will know more on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and would report back at the next council meeting.</p> <p>The Acting Clerk was asked to compile a budget for the next meeting.</p> <p>The Percept would be decided at the next meeting.</p>	
<b>123/07</b>	<p><b>Clerks Job and Tax Implications</b></p> <p>The Chairman had made a number of enquires about the Clerks job, the pay scales range from £6.00 per hour to £11.50 per hour. We had one offer of 20 hours per month at £11.50 per hour, but it was felt our small village could not afford this.</p> <p>We are advertising on the Village web site and now the WW Community First web site. They send a monthly news letter to all Clerks in the area and they suggested this was the way forward.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that the advert was for 10 hours per month, and we would consider an applicant if they wanted to do just part of the activities.</p>	
<b>124/07</b>	<p><b>R.L.Smiths letter to the Chairman</b></p> <p>The Chairman said he had read the letter and would not discuss it at this point. Councilor R.L.Smith requested to discuss the letter but the Chairman repeated that it would not be discussed at this point and moved the meeting on.</p>	

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<p><b>125/07</b></p>	<p>Councilor A Pinnington was not happy with this and walked out of the meeting.</p> <p><b>Secret Garden Parking for the Cricket Club</b></p> <p>Councilor R.L. Smith stated that the Council was not allowed to permit the Cricket Club to park cars on the Secret Garden. The Chairman stated that the Cricket Club had been welcome to park there by the Council since he had been elected in 2002 and this has never been an issue in recent years. In fact the Cricket Club had used the Secret Garden for overspill parking for 15 years, this year was no different.</p> <p>The Chairman in good faith had no reason or mandate to stop the Cricket Club to use the Secret Garden, but did put the item on this agenda for discussion.</p> <p>Proposed M Gilbert Seconded C Whatley</p> <p>That the Cricket Club can continue to use the Secret Garden for parking.</p> <p>Councilor R.L.Smith Raised an amendment:</p> <p>That any consent for parking on the Secret Garden is checked for terms and conditions of the covenant, including that parking is not a recreational activity.</p> <p>Nobody agreed with this amendment as the Cricket Club has been parking on the Secret Garden for 15 years with no issue. This was not seconded and no vote was taken.</p> <p>The original proposal by M Gilbert was raised and voted on with 4 in favour and 1 against.</p>	
<p><b>126/07</b></p>	<p><b>Village Hall update for the Council</b></p> <p>Councilor R.L. Smith being the Village Hall Chairman said they are about to have an AGM but lottery funding had failed and it looked unlikely they</p>	

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<p><b>127/07</b></p>	<p>would get any funding until after the Olympic Games in 2012. No date is planned for any type of building work as they have insufficient funding.</p> <p><b>Vandalism in the Village</b></p> <p>Cars have been broken into on the High Street but the police were not interested and would not come out to the offense.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to contact the police and the community police support officer who is the beat manager for Erlestone to explain the situation and lack of response.</p>	
<p><b>128/07</b></p>	<p><b>Inappropriate use of outbuildings</b></p> <p>Proposed S Jonik Seconded M Gilbert</p> <p>This was not a Parish Council matter.</p> <p>All voted in favour</p>	
<p><b>129/07</b></p>	<p><b>Donation to the “NEWS” £100.00</b></p> <p>Proposed M Gilbert Seconded C Whatley</p> <p>All voted in favour</p>	
<p><b>130/07</b></p> <p><b>a)</b></p> <p><b>b)</b></p>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Bus Shelter Roof</b></p> <p>This work was carried out successfully and it was:</p> <p>Proposed S Jonik Seconded M Gilbert</p> <p>To pay the invoice to J Harrington for the complete work total £498.20</p> <p><b>Skips</b></p>	

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	<p>Leave this until next year and arrange at the January meeting.</p>	
c)	<p><b>Raised Manhole covers</b></p> <p>R.L. Smith will follow this up with Mr Gibbs at WWDC.</p>	
d)	<p><b>Action 74/07 Land Registration</b></p> <p>S Jonik had studied the deeds for land owned by EPC namely Secret Garden, Bus Shelter, and the Park Area and found that the land is not registered. S Jonik stated he had stopped working on this because he was now doing the Chairman role and Acting as Clerk and did not have time to pursue this.</p> <p>It was decided to keep this on the future minutes as Matters Arising.</p>	
e)	<p>S Jonik “Acting Clerk” stated that the bank balance was £5430 and was healthy. He had been keeping the cash book up to date.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to speak to Verona Brown to find out if we owe her wages up to the time she resigned.</p>	
<b>131/07</b>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>Tree Pruning (Tilted Lodge)</p> <p>No objections.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that the response time for Councilors returning the application form was late, but an extension was given by KDC. In future these must be returned on time.</p>	
<b>132/07</b>	<p><b>Correspondence received</b></p> <p>Councilor R.L. Smith apologized for his inappropriate letter to the Cricket Club. Further to his letter to the Chairman of the 25<sup>th</sup> October he then proceeded to read out to the committee two new letters dated 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007 to the Chair. He was asked to refrain from doing this as these did not form part of the correspondence.</p>	

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<b>132/07</b>	<b>Village Rep. Reports</b> R.L. Smith reported that the Lengthsman had visited on the 6 <sup>th</sup> November with no noticeable difference.  M Gilbert reported that some footpath signs had been broken on the Golf Course and needed to be replaced. This would be looked at and done by a councilor.	
<b>133/07</b>	<b>Co-Option of Councilor</b>  Two names had been received:  Mrs D Oram 4 The Park Erlestoke Mr J Ryan The Pollards High Street Erlestoke  Proposals were received as follows:  Mrs D Oram Proposed R.L. Smith Seconded C Whatley  Mr J Ryan Proposed S Jonik Seconded B Chapman  An open vote took place where:  Mrs D Oram received 3 Votes Mr J Ryan received 2 Votes  Mrs D Oram was duly elected.	
<b>134/07</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>  Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2008	

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