

ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6th March 2019

in the Village Church

Present: Councillor J S F Jonik – (Chairman)
Councillor J B R Durham
Councillor K Lewcock

In Attendance: Mrs Polly Doyle – Parish Clerk

Public Participation No public in attendance

Councillor Jonik raised three points in the public forum;

- Two telephone calls were made to the same house from a company trying to arrange a rapid response delivery. Resident concerned the calls were part of a scam. Councillor Jonik requested that they telephoned 101 to report the incident. The resident and Councillor Jonik would like to make the Parish aware of the situation.
- There is normally an organised litter picking at this time of year organised by Wiltshire Council. Councillor Jonik contacted Wiltshire Council Highways who are happy to facilitate the litter picking with tools and high visibility jackets. The proposed date to invite volunteers is Sunday 7th April at 9am.
- Erlestoke Database – the completion of the list was discussed. The list will contain the name, address and email of residents happy for their details to be held on a database to help distribute relevant Parish information. Confidentiality was considered and the list is to be stored on Melksham software. Aim to complete before 6th April to enable advertising of the litter picking day in April. Councillor Durham to oversee the IT specifics of the database.

442/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors N Barton, Morgan-Frise , Hunt-Davies and M Barton.

443/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

444/19 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd January 2019, having previously been circulated were confirmed by the Chairman, Councillor Jonik as a correct record.

445/19 APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF NEW PARISH CLERK

It was proposed by Councillor Jonik, seconded by Councillor Lewcock and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the appointment of the new Parish Clerk Polly Doyle.

446/19 REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR RICHARD GAMBLE – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

No Unitary Councillor was in attendance.

Councillor Jonik attended the last meeting on 14th January.

- The Commissioner was questioned regarding pay increase.
- There is a road map on Wiltshire Council's website which shows what work is being done in Wiltshire. Updated daily.
- Government cuts to funding to Wiltshire Council so the Council is taking on more external services.
- Next Area Board meeting on 18th March at Devizes library.

447/19 FINANCE

448/19.1 BANK BALANCES

Treasurers Account	£2,377.27 (as of 26 th February 2019)
Business Bank Instant	£8,749.53
TOTAL	£11,126.80

The bank balances were noted.

449/19.2 BANK RECONCILIATION – 9.1.2019

The bank reconciliation was noted.

450/19.3 UPDATED CASH BOOK - 30.11.18

The cashbook was noted.

451/19 CLERK'S FINAL SALARY FOR APPROVAL

It was proposed by Councillor Jonik and seconded by Councillor Lewcock and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the final salary based on the Clerk's contracted salary payment.

452/19 PAYMENTS BY DIRECT DEBIT

It was proposed by Councillor Jonik, seconded by Councillor Durham and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the direct debit payment of £5.39 to Zen Internet due on 12th February 2019.

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454/19 ELECTRIC SUB STATION ERLESTOKE

Request for confirmation whether the payment for the electric sub station in Erlestoke has been made yet. To be followed up. No response from Wansbroughs received to date in regards to the query that rental payments are in line with RPI.

455/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application Number	Applicant	Location of Development	Description of Development

No planning applications received.

456/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

Application Number	Location of Development	Description of Development	Decision

No planning applications determined.

461/19 CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS ADVICE

The correspondence was noted.

462/19 DATE FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The proposed date for the Annual Parish Meeting is Wednesday 1st May.

463/19 REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ELECTROL ARRANGEMENTS FOR WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

Boundary Commission initial consultation information has changed. Erlestoke is now no longer mentioned on the documentation sent out. Request to find out where Erlestoke Parish stands. Noted that the consultation closes on 15th April 2019.

464/19 Exchange of Information and on-going matters – Please note no decisions can be made on any items discussed under this agenda item.

- Erlestoke House Gates
- Fracking
- Play Area – The park is suffering from moles at the moment. Councillor Jonik to make contact with the molar to get a quote to remove.
- Erlestoke Lakes
The issue with the dam repairment and lake side planting is to be followed up with the MOD before The Annual Parish Meeting.
- Erlestoke Woods
- Village Hall – Members continue to be concerned about the lack of village facilities and opportunities to come together. It is regretted that the village pub is not available. A village hall would be highly beneficial – this option continues to be explored by the Parish Council.

465/19 Correspondence circulated via clerk's email for noting

4.3.19 Wiltshire Council - Briefing note number 19-007 Retail rate relief for the high street

4.3.19 Wiltshire Council Newsletter – budget agreed 2019/20 and a 2.99% rise in council tax

5.3.19 Rural Bulletin

5.3.19 Wessex Community Action

5.3.19 Briefing note 19-008 – Community Led Housing Project

5.3.19 Parish Council Newsletter

466/19 Date of next meeting Wednesday 17th April 2019

Meeting closed at 21.30pm.