

Draft minutes of the
MEETING OF ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 12th October 2022

Present: Councillor L Jones (Chairperson)
Councillor K Lewcock
Councillor C West

In Attendance: Mrs Polly Doyle – Parish Clerk
Member of the public

Public Participation – To receive questions from members of the public.

A member of the public attended the meeting to express their concern about the drainage system on the High Street and the potential risk of flooding to their and neighbours' houses. Different aspects that would contribute to this issue were discussed. See Point 527/22 for resolved decisions.

518/22 APOLOGIES

Apologises received from Councillor Durham, Councillor Rogers and Councillor Morgan-Frise.

519/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

520/22 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th September were confirmed by the Chairperson, Councillor Jones, as a correct record.

521/22 VOTE FOR CHAIRPERSON

It was proposed, seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to approve the voting in of Councillor K Lewcock as the new Chairperson.

522/22 REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR TAMARA REAY – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

Councillor Tamara Reay was unable to attend the meeting, but sent the following report.

Wiltshire Council Supports Residents with Cost of Living

Last week Wiltshire Council's Cabinet meeting heard a comprehensive update on the steps that the Council is taking to support people across Wiltshire with cost-of-living issues over the next few months. Assistance has already been provided to residents through schemes such as the Household Support Fund (£2.7m to vulnerable households), the Energy Rebate to

residents in Council Tax bands A-D and the School Holidays Activity and Food programme. The Council is focused on supporting residents, businesses (including schools) and Wiltshire Council staff. Area Boards are being asked to work with their communities to ensure that local support is in place for the most vulnerable, including food banks. Meanwhile the Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub will support residents with financial wellbeing concerns. The 09:30hrs restriction on concessionary fare bus passes has been lifted, so that they can be used at any time, thus supporting the elderly and vulnerable to access essential services, and Warm and Safe Wiltshire will continue to offer free and impartial energy advice to reduce fuel poverty.

New Strategy for Helping People with Mental Disabilities Enjoy Fulfilled Lives

Cllr Jane Davies, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, SEND and Transition and Inclusion, presented the Wiltshire Independent Living Strategy which maximises the independence, choice and control for people with a mental health condition, learning disability and/or autism spectrum condition by providing the right accommodation and support in the right place at the right time. The strategy will reduce dependence on residential care and ensure that people are supported to live independently, with their own tenancy wherever this is possible. This means developing new supported accommodation and providing innovative, flexible care to enable people to live in the community.

£1.2m Extra Funding to Tackle Substance Misuse

Wiltshire Council has secured additional funding from the Home Office to tackle illicit drug use, including enforcement, diversion, and treatment and recovery. This funding is in addition to the core substance misuse services already delivered in Wiltshire. The additional £1.2m will ensure enhanced focus on improved outcomes across both young people and adults substance misuse services - with a particular focus on the transition period to adulthood and criminal justice.

Wiltshire Council commits to more Parish Stewards for Local Highways and Footpaths Maintenance

£700,000 additional funding will ensure that there are more Parish Stewards in the county over the next three years. This is in addition to the £2m funding package previously agreed for extra white lining, fly tipping enforcement and flood prevention.

Currently there are 18 Parish Stewards, one for each community area, and they focus on delivering on the highways priorities of their local town or parish council. This includes jobs such as fixing minor road defects and filling potholes, to trimming bushes and hedges. The new two-person support team will be able to build on the success of the Parish Stewards, improving safety and the visual impact of local highways, and providing a better service for local communities.

523/22 FINANCE

523/22.1 BANK BALANCES

The bank balances were noted.

523/22.2 UPDATED CASH BOOK

The cashbook was noted.

524/22 CLERK TIMESHEETS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

It was proposed, seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to agree the clerk's September timesheets and overtime for September.

525/22 LAND REGISTRATION

It was proposed, seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to agree to the solicitor at Wansbroughs registering Erlestoke Parish Council as the owners of the strip of land the substation is situated on at the cost of around £300. It was also agreed that the payment should be taken from the premium payment.

526/22 TRACK REPAIR CONTRIBUTION

It was proposed, seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to contribute £250 without prejudice to the work The Cricket Club have completed on the track running up to their grounds and The Secret Garden.

527/22 FLOODING RISK ON THE HIGH STREET

Clerk to report an impacted area of gravel on the High Street to Highways for clearing and request the storm drains are cleared of gravel.

528/22 ROSPA PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSPECTIONS

The councillors are to go through the report at the playground and to make a plan for repairs. The clerk is to resource recommendations for manual assistance.

529/22 ROSPA INSPECTION INVOICE

It was proposed, seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to make the payment of ROSPA's annual playground inspection at a cost of £96.60 Including VAT.

530/22 PLAYGROUND ITEM TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL

It was proposed, seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Lappset as the first choice for the new playground item of a mini basket swing and should there be any issues Sutcliffe to be second choice.

531/22 WORKING GROUP FOR 'PARKING AND ROAD SAFETY IN THE VILLAGE'

Item postponed to next meeting.

532/22 UPDATE ON ONGOING POINTS

No updates to share.

533/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications to consider.

534/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

No planning applications determined to note.

535/22 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND ON-GOING MATTERS – Please note no decisions can be made on any items discussed under this agenda item.

- Play Area
- Sub station
- Telephone kiosk

536/22 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM EPC REPRESENTATIVES

- 536/22.1 Footpaths - Mr S. Jonik**
- 536/22.2 Cricket and Golf Club, Erlestoke Prison and EPC land - Councillor Lewcock**
- 536/22.3 Health and Well-being - Councillor Morgan-Frise**
- 536/22.4 Information Technology and the Play Area - Councillor Durham**
- 536/22.5 Flood Warden – Vacant position**
- 536/22.6 Police Community Support officer – Paula Yarranton 6015**
- 536/22.7 MOD and Erlestoke Woods – Councillor Jones**
- 536/22.8 Defibrillator – Mike Donnachie**
- 536/22.9 Website – Mr S Jonik, Clerk Polly Doyle and Councillor James Durham**

The next meeting date is on Wednesday 23rd November 2022

Meeting finished at 20.20