

Draft minutes of the
MEETING OF ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 22nd February 2023

Present: Councillor J Durham (Chairperson)
Councillor K Lewcock
Councillor F Morgan-Frise
Councillor C West

In Attendance: Mrs Polly Doyle – Parish Clerk

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

No members of public present.

580/23 APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

581/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

582/23 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2023 were confirmed by the Chairperson, Councillor J Durham, as a correct record.

583/23 VOTE FOR CHAIRPERSON

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

584/23 REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR TAMARA REAY – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

- Wiltshire Council passed its' budget yesterday and announced its key headlines. They are required by law to create a balanced budget. It is worth noting that £456 million, a huge portion, goes towards the statutory support services, such as adult and child service care.
In order to balance the budget they have decided to levy the maximum increase - 4.99% - for council tax. The Council are expecting systems to improve so that hopefully the levy will not be as high in future years.

7.15pm Councillor F Morgan-Frise joined the meeting.

- Councillor Reay asks that everyone keeps reporting potholes and issues with the highways on 'Mywiltstapp'.
- The newly introduced expense for local councils to pay for their own elections was highlighted.
- Parishioners should have received their £200 refund for electricity by now.

585/23 FINANCE

585/23.1 BANK BALANCES

The bank balances were noted.

585/23.2 UPDATED CASH BOOK

The cashbook was noted.

586/23 CLERK TIMESHEETS FOR JANUARY 2023

Members noted the clerk's timesheets for January.

587/23 ZEN INTERNET DOMIAN NAME ANNUAL CHARGE

Councillors acknowledged that the internet provider, Zen, will take the annual payment of £15.99 excluding VAT for the website domain name at the end of February.

588/23 MAINTENANCE INVOICE PAYMENT

Councillors voted unanimously to pay the invoice from Mark Goddard and Sons Ltd. for £342 for maintenance to the playground and The Secret Garden.

589/23 NEW PLAYGROUND ITEM

The date of the installation of the playground Birds nest Swing will be confirmed next week. A padlock has been ordered to permanently close the second gate so the area by the swing is safe.

590/23 PLAYGROUND REVIEW OF REPAIRS

The review of the playpark by Councillors Durham and Lewcock and list of work to undertake was unanimously agreed and a budget of up to £200 was set. The baby seat swing needs to be assessed and potentially a new one ordered.

591/23 VILLAGE LITTER PICK

The annual village litter pick will be held on Sunday 26th March at 10am. An email and a message in The News magazine will be sent out.

592/23 ELECTION COSTS

Councillors noted that Wiltshire Council now request that parishes pay towards election costs of between £200 to £1100 (uncontested). Our next election is due in 2025, but a cost to budget for in that year.

593/23 WHITE GATES

Councillors discussed the installation of white gates. Two of three of the sites are Highways owned land and would need permission. Costs were considered and there is potential for applying for a grant from LHFIFG. Noted that Wiltshire Council choose an approved supplier.

594/23 UPDATE ON ONGOING POINTS

The council have received two quotations for maintenance work from Mark Goddard and Sons Ltd, which will be added to the next agenda for approval.

595/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications to note.

596/223 PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

Please note that all planning applications and planning applications determined are seen via email by the Council members although the applications are not necessarily in time to be included on the agenda.

Planning applications determined noted.

597/23 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

No new information

598/23 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM EPC REPRESENTATIVES

- 598/23.1 Footpaths - Mr S. Jonik**
- 598/23.2 Cricket and Golf Club, Erlestoke Prison and EPC land - Councillor Lewcock**
- 598/23.3 Health and Well-being - Councillor Morgan-Frise**
- 598/23.4 Information Technology and the Play Area - Councillor Durham**
- 598/23.5 Flood Warden – Vacant position**
- 598/23.6 Police Community Support officer – Paula Yarranton 6015**
- 598/23.7 MOD and Erlestoke Woods – Vacant position**
- 598/23.8 Defibrillator – Mike Donnachie**

598/23.9 Website – Mr S Jonik, Clerk Polly Doyle and Councillor James Durham
No new information.

The next meeting date is on Wednesday 29th March 2023.

Meeting finished 8.15pm.