Draft minutes of the

MEETING OF ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 29th March 2023

Present: Councillor J Durham (Chairperson)

Councillor A Rogers (Vice 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.

599/23 APOLOGIES

No apologises received.

600/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor C West declared that they are on the Erlestoke Church Council.

601/23 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd February 2023 were confirmed by the Chairperson, Councillor K Lewcock, as a correct record.

602/23 VOTE FOR CHAIRPERSON

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

603/23 REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR TAMARA REAY – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

- Wiltshire Council retendered its highways contract and this starts on 1st April with Milestone and should be a more efficient partnership. Parish stewards will be able to go across to the new contractor. There are now social conditions to the contract as well. This contract will not include Streetscene.
- White gates can be funded or part funded through LHFIG, although there is very little budget available. Recommended to undertake this project ourselves.
- The £2 bus fare scheme has been extended.

604/23 FINANCE

604/23.1 BANK BALANCES

The bank balances were noted.

604/23.2 UPDATED CASH BOOK

The cashbook was noted.

605/23 CLERK TIMESHEETS FOR FEBRUARY 2023

Members noted the clerk's timesheets for February.

606/23 RECEIPTS FOR SUNDRY ITEMS

The refunding of the three sundry items to the clerk was unanimously agreed.

607/23 CLERK HOLIDAY

The clerk's holiday in March was unanimously agreed.

608/23 RESERVE LEVELS

Councillors unanimously agreed the reserve levels held by EPC in the accounts.

609/23 AUDIT REPORT

Councillors reviewed and agreed the action points mentioned in last year's audit.

610/23 ASSET REGISTER

Councillors unanimously agreed to readopt the updated Asset Register. The new birds nest swing has been added.

611/23 COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

Erlestoke Parish Council have been notified by the Elections Team that they are allowed to select a new councillor by co-option to fill the casual vacancy. New recruits to be encouraged to apply.

612/23 CORONATION MUGS FOR ERLESTOKE CHILDREN

Councillors agreed to a £200 budget for coronation mugs to be gifted to the children living in Erlestoke. There was one abstention.

613/23 PARISH MEETING DATES

Councillors unanimously agreed the following dates of the upcoming Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting.

10th May - Annual Parish Council meeting 28th June - Annual Parish meeting

614/23 NEW PLAYGROUND ITEM AND PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE

Councillors unanimously agreed for maintenance work to be undertaken on the playground as well as the number of hours and cost. The Council also unanimously agreed to the purchase of two specified baby seat swings as per the recommendation by the ROSPA report.

615/23 UPDATE ON ONGOING POINTS

No ongoing points at this time.

616/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning applications noted.

617/223 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.

No planning applications to note.

618/23 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

619/23 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM EPC REPRESENTATIVES

619/23.1	Footpaths - Mr S. Jonik
619/23.2	Cricket and Golf Club, Erlestoke Prison and EPC land - Councillor
	Lewcock
619/23.3	Health and Well-being - Councillor Morgan-Frise
619/23.4	Information Technology and the Play Area - Councillor Durham
619/23.5	Flood Warden – Vacant position

Drains need to be reported for clearing.

619/23.6	Police Community Support officer – Paula Yarranton 6015
619/23.7	MOD and Erlestoke Woods – Councillor Rogers
619/23.8	Defibrillator – Mike Donnachie
619/23.9	Website – Mr S Jonik, Clerk Polly Doyle and Councillor James Durham
No new information.	

The next meeting date is on Wednesday 10th May 2023.

Meeting finished 8.20pm.