

# Enford Parish Plan Meeting Notes – Village Hall - 2 July 2013

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These notes are a bullet-point summary of the presentation made by Community First, and the responses from Enford parish committees to the parish plan survey results.

## Steering Committee

The chairman of the steering committee gave an opening address ([enfordnewsletter.org/pdf/-parish\\_plan/20130702\\_chairman\\_opening\\_address.pdf](http://enfordnewsletter.org/pdf/-parish_plan/20130702_chairman_opening_address.pdf))

## Community First

Belinda Fowler from Community First gave a presentation emphasising a few key points:

- The strategy for the Parish is community led
- Reflects all sections of the community and represents a very effective engagement process
- 28% of Wiltshire Parishes now have a plan
- The Parish Plan will serve as an evidence base to support Parish Council decisions
- It represents a mandate for action
- The feedback from the results of the questionnaire are the main priority for this evening together with the responses from the various committees and the output from the workshop will serve as the pointing the way forward
- The 60% return rate represents a good mandate

## Village Hall Committee

- Finances now in a position to support capital expenditure in forthcoming financial year which will enable the following improvements:
  - Increased storage space
  - Extend terrace area
  - Introduce steps to make short cut to car park safer
  - Wooden benches will be installed under the entrance canopy for spectators
- The Village Hall development plan also includes for:
  - Sliding door between 2 areas of the hall
  - Exercise equipment
  - Reducing charges for local residents
- Additional funding will have to be raised through grant applications for:
  - Play park
  - Tennis court
  - Outside circuit exercising equipment
- Events planned for the forthcoming year are:
  - Family BBQ

- Music event in Autumn
- A ceilidh
- New Year's pantomime
- Speakers on various topics will also be sought

## Newsletter Committee

The Newsletter Committee considered it their duty to make the newsletter more attractive, more informative and more readable and would seek to achieve this as follows:

- Encourage younger people to join the committee
- Encourage advertising of events:
  - Clubs
  - Schools
  - Church committees
  - Parish Council
- Encourage groups and local people to write follow up reports on events
- Establish a page for young people about young people by young people
- Ask readers what they would like in the NL
- Ask the various Parish committees to introduce themselves and explain what they do
- Hold the NL AGM in public ( 22nd August Village Hall)

## Parish Council

Parish Council receive an annual precept of £6,000 and there is a meeting of the Parish Council held every 6 weeks where the public are welcome to attend and can raise issues based upon prior notice. Routine agenda items are :

- Liaison with WCC
- MOD
- Playpark
- Planning
- Police
- Highways
- Rights of way etc

Specific points raised in the PP survey results:

- Tidier Notice Board- on the to do list
- Tenure of Parish Councillors – full parish council recent advent
- Engage with the community – insufficient time
- Precept donations –request received and decisions made by the Parish Council annually
- Highways /Traffic Control – Parish Councillors very active in this area
- Parish Hall – now financially viable
- Litter – litter picking equipment available from the Parish Council for volunteers

## **Parish Hall**

Built as a reading room in 1920 and as alternative to public house

As a result of events and associated revenue - £3,500 in bank – Hall is now self funding

Seeking to preserve for future generations when communal space will be viewed as greater asset than currently the case

Plan to progress and further develop Hall.

## **Parochial Church Council**

Church there to meet community needs – facility for extramural activities

Ideas for use to come from Parish but volunteers needed to support

Future projects for use will be advertised in the newsletter to keep everyone abreast of issues together with Church accounts – cost £20k per year to maintain church

New patterns of worship have been established

Recent event – the Military Wives Choir

Next event – Xmas fare to be held in Village Hall to encourage greater accessibility

## **Community Fund Committee**

Fund has great aspirations but not adequately supported by sufficient volunteers

The 2013 Fete was well attended and free entry will be maintained as long as cost effective

Costs increased considerably since first such fete in 2009 since which fund has distributed £10,500 which has gone to support Parish facilities and to the Afghan Trust which is the Red Devils charity of choice.

Firework night 26<sup>th</sup> October

Deadline for application for funding support from the committee 1<sup>st</sup> September.