

ENFORD PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

Draft Minutes

Meeting held at the Enford Village Hall on
Wednesday 11th May 2016 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Cllr Richard Roberts Chairman
Cllr. Jane Young, Cllr Pat Holdway Councillors
Cllr Bruce Waight, Cllr Richard Petitt Councillors
Cllr Gareth Holden, Cllr Michael Fay Councillors
Cllr David Harbottle, Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine Councillors
Mrs Elizabeth Harrison Clerk
10 members of the village attended

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.36pm

1 APOLOGIES

Were received from Wiltshire Cllr. Charles Howard, Cllr Nigel Murray, Police Liaison, Maria Downham and MOD Liaison, Tony Broadbent

2 WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Roberts thanked those present for attending.

3 VERIFY MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27th May 2015

Cllr Roberts briefly explained the Minutes for members of the Village. They were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr Holdway and seconded by Cllr Waight.

4 REPORT BY POLICE LIAISON OFFICER

Whilst not present, Maria Downham had kindly sent in a summary of crime for the Tidworth/Ludgershall 'umbrella area' which also covers Enford. Enford still has a low crime rate and the reported crimes for the whole area in April '15 to March '16 have reduced by 55 (down to 627) compared to the April '14-March '15 year

Cllr Roberts who represents the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme commented that most of the crimes in the above figures occurred in the Tidworth/Ludgershall area.

5 REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Roberts gave a brief summary of a very busy year for the Parish Council. This included the British Solar Renewables planning application for a Solar Park in Coombe Lane, the Gypsy and Traveller site planning application and the potential closure of the Everleigh Household Recycling Centre. Other 'events' in the year have been a new seat in the Playpark area and renovation of facilities there, the maintenance of the Community Garden and Playpark area which this year is being given to Contractors, a new notice board, monthly photographs of work done by Councillors in the Newsletter. He also acknowledged the huge effort made by

Steve Becker and the Parish Plan Steering Committee, the Plan has now been adopted by the Parish Council for action where possible. He explained that the Parish Council intend to build a financial base so as to be able to do more within the village. Finally he thanked Wilts. Cllr Charles Howard, the Clerk and all the Parish Councillors for their support and hard work.

Kim Riche asked the Chairman if Everleigh recycling centre might still be closed, unfortunately Cllr Charles Howard was not present to comment.

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REPORT FOR ENFORD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Cllr Richard Petitt who is the Parish Council representative on the Parochial Church Council read a report from the Churchwardens, John Poole-Warren and Henry Middleton, as neither were able to attend.

Attendance has fallen over the last two years despite the PCC's hard work however Christmas, Easter and Remembrance Sunday are still very well attended. Much effort is devoted to maintaining the appearance of the Churchyard and the fabric of the Church including weekly floral displays. The PCC is determined to maintain the level of services despite the absence of a Team Rector since January 2016. There is major concern for the state of the Church Tower and north aisle rooves – the cost of repairs for this is in the order of £100,000. An unsuccessful bid was made to the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund in 2015 and they will apply again this year and with strong support from the community, hopefully they will be successful this time. They are grateful for all the grants and support they have received. The PCC is making all their Minutes, Financial Statements etc available on the Newsletter website to ensure complete transparency and would welcome all the support the parish can give, be it financial or more members to assist maintaining the Church for the Parish. There were no questions.

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REPORT FOR THE ENFORD VILLAGE HALL

Judy D'Arcy-Irvine, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee gave the following report. She thanked the Parish Council for their continued support which helps to maintain the recreation ground and subsidise local user groups. There is a good spread of usage from within the parish as well as further afield for clubs, classes and private events – weddings, anniversaries, childrens' parties etc. She was able to report a small profit for the year. They continue to keep the charges as low as possible and have not increased prices since the Hall was opened 7 years ago. Repairs and maintenance are becoming more extensive and expensive and the Committee members will be spending a day for general maintenance and cleaning in order to keep costs down and standards up. They have had many successful events throughout the last year with many more planned and further details of these will be published in the Newsletter. Judy D'Arcy-Irvine finished by thanking all the Committee members for their hard work to date.

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REPORT FOR THE PARISH HALL AND READING ROOM

Richard Petitt, Chairman of the Management Committee, reported that they continue to run Circuits on a Thursday evening, they have had some Bingo evenings, Jumble Sales etc. They currently hold £4,238.60 in hand and have had £582 in income with expenditure at £664. They will continue to run evening events in the coming year.

Hamish Scott-Dalgleish asked what the long term strategy was for the Parish Hall and Cllr Petitt replied, to keep it going. Diane Christie-Rundall suggested applying for a grant / match funding from Marc Read at the Tidworth Community Area Partnership. Cllr Petitt said approximately £35 – 40,000 would be needed to bring the building up to scratch. Sarah Everett asked why the village needs two Halls and raised the issue of parking. Cllr Petitt said they were aware of the problem and had discussed it many times. Ideas for alternative usage were mentioned for example as a shop or possible hostel. However it was pointed out that the Parish Hall Trust Deed defined the Object of the Charity as being for the recreational benefit of local inhabitants and the Trust Deed did not allow for commercial enterprises.

9 REPORT FOR THE PARISH PLAN

Nigel Murray represents the Parish Plan which has become a regular item at Parish Council meetings. Unfortunately he was unable to attend the Annual Parish Meeting but Cllr Roberts wanted to thank all those on the Parish Plan Steering Committee led by Steve Becker who had developed and researched everything to date.

10 REPORT FOR THE ENFORD COMMUNITY FUND

Amanda Farrow reported that the total income to September'15 was £11,337 and their expenditure was £8,500 giving a small profit – all details of the accounts are available on request. She said huge thanks were due to Hamish Scott-Dalgleish, Jane Young, David Spencer, Steve Becker and all the team of volunteers. She listed some of the grants already given and pointed out that the Fete was only 7 weeks away – ALL volunteers and assistance would be very welcome as the more people there are who do help, the less time everyone has to give to their allotted roles. The Enford Community Fund is there to help with any project that benefits the community, there is a maximum grant of £1,000. Cllr Roberts thanked her for the great work the Fund has done so far and asked about the 'volunteer' situation for the Fete. Apparently there are more people willing to help this year but more are still required. Raffle tickets (approximately 16,000) will be available soon. There were no further questions.

11 REPORT FOR THE ENFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

Ollie Staggs was unable to attend but sent in a report which the Clerk read out. He and Steve Todd are still running the coaching sessions on a Saturday morning for children aged 5 to 11 years. It is based on the fun of the game and the focus is now on the younger ones as some of the older children have left to join clubs who play in local leagues. Enford is not in a league itself due to a lack of attendees in a certain age group and parental support in getting children to away matches etc. This was foreseen and Enford have instead forged links with local clubs so as to give older children the best advice when they move on. They will again be running the football tournament for the Fete year with a fun exhibition game to ensure everyone is involved on the day. They are hoping for more local schools to enter but this requires the teachers and parents giving up their Saturdays to come along, oversee their team and generally assist. Ollie also said special thanks to the Village Hall for the use of the Hall and grounds on a Saturday morning. Judy D'Arcy-Irvine commented that there is a clause in the

Village Hall's contract to provide football facilities for 21 years (part of the funding for the Hall), we are so far 7 years into this obligation but we need to keep supporting this club. There were no further questions.

12 REPORT FOR THE ENFORD NEWSLETTER

Tanya Becker, Chairman and Editor of the Newsletter, reported that there have been some changes here. Kris Mitchell has stepped down after years of editing, writing and proof-reading. Audrey Goodrich has sadly died at the age of 90 and was delivering Newsletters only a month before her death. Tanya and Steve Becker will be moving house shortly – nearer to their families in the Midlands. The website is paid up to January 2017 and Steve will continue to maintain it until then. She asked all members of the Parish Council to help in finding someone to take over running the Newsletter and website – the sooner the better so she can help with a hand-over period and instruction on using Microsoft Publisher software. *(If anyone reading this is interested, do please get in touch).*

Next year the Newsletter will be 50 and so there could be a way of celebrating this. Tanya holds a copy of every Newsletter printed since 1967 and will pass this collection on to the next Chairman. Due to donations and advertising, the Newsletter is still being published but donation envelopes will be sent out this year to assist with costs. She thanked the Parish Council, past and present, for their support during her years as Chairman and Editor, knowing the Newsletter is a valuable asset to all in the community has helped to make its production easy and enjoyable.

Cllr Roberts thanked both Tanya and Steve for their huge input to the village as a whole and the Parish Council will try to assist in finding someone to take over Tanya's role. There were no further questions.

13 REPORT FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cllr Richard Roberts reported briefly at the end of the Police report, see above, item no: 4.

14 THE ENFORD CAMERA CLUB

Is run by Martin Webb. They meet once a month and it is attended by between 8 and 12 people. They have sold calendars, made trips to London, taken a stall at the Fete and send in a 'Photo of the Month' to the Newsletter. They will be running a slide show at the Fete this year of 'then and now' and they will also be doing a time lapse study of the Fete. At present they are preparing calendars for 2017.

15 REPORT FOR THE ENFORD YOUTH CLUB

Jane Young reported that it had been a good year with special thanks to the Enford Community Fund for their donation which allowed a trip to Oxenwood. This was very successful and enjoyable. Sadly three of the Leaders have now left the Club which has resulted in a temporary closure until the requisite CRB checks have been granted. They may have to get a paid Leader but they are hoping to re-open on 20th July. There were no further questions.

16 REPORT FOR 'THE HUB'

Diane Christie-Rundle reported that 'The Hub' had now been running since February 2015. They regularly have 25 to 30 people every Thursday morning between 09.30 and 11.30 at the Swan. It is not just the village of Enford but regulars are now from further afield who enjoy tea, coffee and fresh homemade cakes. It has created a real social focus for everyone ranging from babies, toddlers, young mothers, retirees et al. Providing the Hub's expenses are covered, all money raised goes back into the community in donations which have so far covered the Youth Club, Boy Scouts, Link, WWI Commemorations, Wiltshire Air Ambulance and McMillan Cancer Research/Nurses. They currently hold £1,000 in the bank and £200 in cash. They had planned to provide a full Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall in 2015, particularly for those who might otherwise be alone on Christmas Day, however only 3 people came. Diane was generally congratulated on the success of The Hub and there were no further questions.

17 MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THE RESIDENTS OF ENFORD

(i) The problem of dog fouling in the village was raised. Diane Christie-Rundall asked whether we should provide bins for this. Unfortunately 'the village' would have to collect and empty these. The man from Wiltshire Council only empties three bins. Cllrs Taylor and Pettitt said something does need to be done. Judy D'Arcy-Irvine said there were no bins at the Village Hall because it was not fair to ask members of the Committee to empty them. Cllr Roberts suggested this should be a matter for the Parish Council to discuss at the next meeting and asked for any further feedback to be notified to the Clerk.

(ii) Mandy Farrow pointed out the bridleway at the back of East Chisenbury flats was blocked by a fallen tree. Cllr Taylor said this needs to be reported.

(iii) Cllr Roberts read a short report on Netheravon School which had been submitted by Fanny Middleton as Chair of the Governors. After 15 years as headteacher, Mrs Hayley Humphris has announced her retirement. She will be replaced in September this year by Mrs Lisa Tight. Everyone owes Mrs Humphris a huge debt of thanks for her outstanding work with the school and pupils including overseeing the change of status to a single academy under the Salisbury Diocese Board of Education. The Governors would like to welcome Mrs Tight and look forward to a new chapter in the school's continuing development.

Cllr Roberts thanked all the villagers who had made the effort to attend and closed the meeting at 20.50 hours.

18 DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – One year's time, to be advised

Elizabeth Harrison – Clerk to the Parish Council.