

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

## Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011 – 7.30pm

**Present:** Mr. Ken Monk Chairman, Enford Parish Council  
Mrs. Tessa Manser Vice-Chairman, Enford Parish Council

Mr Adrian Orr, Mrs Jane Young, Mr. Michael Fay, Mr. Stan Bagwell, Mr Martin Webb. Parish Councillors

PCSO Maria Downham, Lt Col (Retd) Nigel Linge, Mrs Judy D'Arcy-Irvine, Mr Marshall Kearney, Mr Steve Brown, Mr David Harbottle, Mr Gareth Holden. Clerk to the Council  
Mr. Bill Vergette

### Chairman of the Parish Council opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

- Apologies:  
Steve and Tanya Becker, Ollie Stagg. Mr. Andrew Marx, Cllr Charles Howard, Rev Colin Fox, Mandy Farrow.
- Welcome by Chairman of Parish Council  
Ken Monk said he was pleased to see representatives of the various groups and welcomed all.
- Verify Minutes of meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010  
The draft minutes had been displayed and circulated. Proposed a true record Cllr. Manser, seconded Cllr. Bagwell and passed.
- Matters Arising.  
There were no matters arising not covered by agenda items.
- Enford Parochial Church Council  
Judy D'Arcy-Irvine said although she had not been asked to speak she would fill in a few details in the absence of a representative of the PCC. Colin Fox's last Service in Enford is on 19th June with a Service at 10.30 a.m. He retires at the end of July. There is a Farewell Party for him in Figheldean Village Hall on 29th July in the evening. The Benefice team is now known as the Avon River Team. Mark Zammit will be the new Rector when Colin retires. The Concert in the Church on 5th February was very successful.
- Report by Police Liaison Officer – PCSO Maria Downham  
On Monday 4 April the internal structure of our Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT's) is changing. The change will not affect the local service that we offer at beat level but is designed to improve effective partnership working by having one team servicing one Community Area. This will result in the number of NPT's reducing from 76 to 27 and therefore reducing some of the bureaucracy and allowing more time to be spent on their areas. In line with the Force's commitment to neighbourhood policing, the realignment will see no redeployment or reduction of neighbourhood policing officer staffing levels. The Amesbury sector will become one NPT with the existing three areas covered by the current Community Beat Manager's supported by their PCSO's.

This change coincides with the upgrading of our Force NPT computer system. The system stores information, such as contacts, NPT priorities and consultation/meeting details, with some of this information feeding the external website. It will be easier for NPT's to input, share, store and retrieve information using the new system and officers will be able to update it on their PDA's (personal handheld computers) so they can carry out this work when on patrol. Officers are currently receiving training and these new working practices should ensure more flexibility and more efficient working practices.

## Report for Enford

| Crime                  | 2009      | 2010      |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Theft                  | 7 reports | 2 reports |
| ASB                    | 1 report  | 2 reports |
| Burglary               | 1 report  | 2 reports |
| Criminal Damage        | 1 report  | 2 reports |
| Hare Coursing          | 1 report  | 4 reports |
| Welfare Concern        | 1 report  | 0 report  |
| Road Related Offences  | 1 report  | 0 report  |
| Crime related incident | 1 report  | 2 reports |
| Crime violence         | 0 report  | 1 report  |
| Fraud                  | 0 report  | 1 report  |

With regards to the spate of Hare Coursing/Poaching in the Enford and Amesbury Area's, firearms units and dog units have been tasked with doing regular patrols of the area to combat the situation.

Over the last month there have been the following incidents reported from Enford and East Chisenbury:-

Hare coursing on the 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> March Enford Farm

5th-8th March reporting person stating money taken from his bank account, money has been refunded and the bank are now dealing.

16th-17th An envelope was taken by unknown persons from the reporting persons front door containing milk money.

7. Report by Army Liaison Officer – Lt Col (Retd) Nigel Linge

A major concern will be the basing plan for units returning from Germany. These will require extra training but there will be a significant reduction in AS90 and Challenger activity, so noise levels should fall. Mission Training for Afghanistan will still continue, the next push being late July into August. Lt Col Linge mentioned the blue route from Larkhill to Castleleigh, this is not completely flag free but is better than it was, he is in communication with Tread Lightly and the Wilts Bridleway Association. A lot of signage still needs doing and there is some illegal off roading occurring. He asked that anyone observing motor bikes on the plain, especially those without plates should pass the info to Plain Line.

8. Report by Chairman of Parish Council - Ken Monk

Ken remarked on the fact that the Parish Council had completed the build of a new bus shelter and ait has provided much needed shelter for schoolchildren. There has been a little misuse but all told a successful project led by Martin Webb.

Ken reported that Ann Merrett had resigned from the council early in 2010 due to pressure of work with her constituency party. We had gained a new councillor in January, Bruce Carter.

The divisions of Community Area Partnerships means that we are now part of Tidworth where common sense would seem to indicate it should have been a N/S axis.

£1000 paid to new Youth Club in addition to yearly donation £100

Great Stones Way has been progressing and will bring benefits but perhaps additional problems with traffic on the C32.

New Army Road has been completed and caused disruption to Chisenbury.

Among other on-going problems are Dog Fouling and the lack of Grit Bins.

It is expected that further problems will occur with the reconstruction of Enford Bridge. The Parish Council has no power to affect this decision.

9. Enford Village Hall – Judy D’Arcy Irvine.

Judy thanked the council for their continued support, these donations help to keep down the cost to local users. Building contract has now ended bar some snagging. Total cost was £625,000. Accounts for the year show a small profit and she thanked Steve & Tanya Becker for help on the Web Site.

10. Enford Parish Hall - Richard Pettitt

Richard said that since the new committee had taken over much maintenance work had taken place on the building and it now conformed to Fire Safety and Health & Safety Standards. The building had been

inspected, and health & safety measures agreed and signed off. Richard was hopeful that grants would be obtained to enable the building to be re-roofed, and re-clad. He went on to say that the first 6 months had been successful and he was hopeful that this could continue without interfering with the activities of the Village Hall.

11. Enford Community Fund

In an email Mary Campbell spoke on behalf of Enford Fete Committee and said that the Fete and Fireworks committee is effectively the same as the Community Fund – the Fete Committee raises money to put into the fund. Steve Brown on behalf of the Community Fund said that the fund was contributing to village events and had been developed following the demise of the Chisenbury/Enford Flower show. They were run in an orderly fashion and audited each year, and produced a balance sheet detailing the finances. He hoped that the work of the fund would continue.

12. Enford Football Club

Ollie Stagg sent an email saying the club would like to apologise for not having a representative here tonight due to other commitments, but had sent a report as follows: The Football Club have not had a very successful 2010/2011 season on the pitch and will probably be relegated from the Premier League to the first division of the Salisbury and District League. We have fielded a predominantly young side on many occasions and for some of the youngsters involved it has been a steep but enjoyable learning curve. Hopefully they will have learned from this experience and improve for next season. However off the pitch we have retained our Club Charter Award status for another year. This is an award given out by the Wiltshire FA to show that the club is being run in a responsible manner.

The club will also be running the junior football competition on 25th June at the fete. It will be along the same lines as last year and hopefully the guys from the Red Lion Football Club will be helping out with a penalty shoot out competition. We will also be entering a side from the Youth Club into the competition. We are still having a few problems with the rabbits digging holes in the pitch and if anyone has any ideas on keeping them off the pitch they will be greatly received.

The club would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council for last year's kind donation.

13. All Saints School - Andrew Marx

Unfortunately Andrew was away on holiday and therefore no report this year.

14. Millennium Playpark - Martin Webb & Bruce Carter

Martin Webb reported that the Bench had been repaired and replaced, but some person had decided it was a good lark to kick it over. A more permanent fixing may be needed. The grass is now being cut by a caring villager using the council mower. The fence had been painted by the community

15. Enford Newsletter

Tanya Becker was unable to attend. The Newsletter thanked the Village Hall and Parish Council for their continuing donations.

16. Neighbourhood Watch

Steve Becker left a brief report from NHW.

At the back end of last year, things were a bit confused regarding how many NHW coordinators we had and who they were. I had one list, the PCSOs had another. I told them I would sort it out. I subsequently emailed everyone on both sets of Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator lists in order to find out if they still wished to continue as a coordinator. I have also advertised in the newsletter.

So far I've had four responses from existing coordinators who wish to continue, but no new volunteers. I will run the advert for another couple of months.

17. Matters of concern to residents of Enford

David Harbottle said he was concerned about the Enford Bridge work and the state of road repairs due to the expected increase in traffic. Chair said we would continue to pressure Wilts Council, but funds were limited as everyone knew. A general discussion on the C32 took place with Cllr Bagwell saying that road repairs were slow and response to notification slower. The fact that the Army A crossing might take some pressure off the C32 was mooted, but Marshall Kearney pointed out it was not a proper road. Col. Linge said that repairs to Army roads was extremely costly and had to be prioritised.

Cllr Bagwell reported on the state of traffic on both the C32 and A345. Despite the efforts of village volunteers to document and thus calm speeding on the A345, the removal of Police Speed Cameras had certainly had a negative effect. Reports t community speedwatch of dangerous driving and flouting of the highway code produced little response, it seems there is little the police can do about "minor" infringements. Though traffic was consistently faster than before. This Year will see an increase of people on foot using the C32, this being the result of the "Great Stones Way" "The Pewsey Avon Trail" The Living River Avon" The C32 is also part of the Sustrans cycle route (45) from the coast through to the midlands. The fear is that without additional speed limiting the risk of accidents to road users of all kinds will be greatly increased.

18. Date of next Annual Parish Meeting: One year's time.

There being no futher business Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and work and closed the meeting at 9.15 PM.

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