

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm

**Present:** Mr. Ken Monk Chairman, Enford Parish Council  
Mr Adrian Orr Vice-Chairman, Enford Parish Council

Mrs. Tessa Manser, Mr. Norman Beardsley, Mr. Michael Fay. Parish Councillors

Lt Col (Retd) Nigel Linge, Mrs Judy D’Arcy-Irvine, Mr. Anthony D’Arcy-Irvine, Mr David Harbottle, Mr. Steve Becker, Mrs. Tanya Becker, Mr. Andrew Marx, Mr. Ollie Stagg, Mr John Poole-Warren, PCSO Philippa Royston. Clerk to the Council  
Mr. Bill Vergette

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

1. Apologies:  
Cllr. Jane Young, Cllr. Stan Bagwell, Cllr. Martin Webb, Rev Mark Zammit
2. Welcome by Chairman of Parish Council  
Ken Monk said he was pleased to see representatives of the various groups and welcomed all.
3. Verify Minutes of meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
The draft minutes had been displayed and circulated. Proposed a true record Cllr. Fay, seconded Cllr. Manser and passed.
4. Matters Arising. There were no matters arising not covered by agenda items.
5. Enford Parochial Church Council – Mr John Poole-Warren  
Colin Fox retired at the end of July and Mark Zammit took over as Rector. Since then we have also been joined by Rev. Gale Hunt who will oversee Netheravon, and the Benefice team became the Avon River Team in September. The Concert in the Church by the Wells Cathedral Choir was very successful and enjoyed by everyone. Further fund-raising will continue, hoping to increase the present £7k to £8k in the organ fund to £15K. There is still some doubt about the type and cost of the new organ. Chairman thanked John for his time.
6. Report by Police Liaison Officer – PCSO Philippa Royston *This item was slipped to last place on the agenda*  
PCSO Royston apologised for being late but this was unavoidable due to a short-notice interview. Philippa described the way that crime statistics had been used to track trends and gave instances of each category. Overall, crime has dropped by 7%, representing 49 fewer victims of crime. Violent crime has also dropped by 15% representing 29 fewer victims of crime.  
  
Philippa said their two areas of concern at the moment are burglary, both in dwellings and non dwellings. As a result of this, burglaries have been identified as a priority for the Neighbourhood Policing Team who are continuing to tackle the issue. Chairman thanked Philippa for attending.
7. Report by Army Liaison Officer – Lt Col (Retd) Nigel Linge  
Col Linge described the progress of Project Ubique, which is to provide managed public access across Salisbury Plain. This is being achieved by a number of sub-projects focussing on specific areas of the plain.  
Col Linge explained that in 1984 the “flag-free” Ridgeway route was opened while at the same time 30 miles of Public Right of Way (PROW) were closed because of unexploded ordnance. There are estimated to be around a quarter of a million pieces of unexploded ordnance on the Plain. This closure left many

“tails” outside the impact area but within current small arms firing area. Because of changes in usage it is now possible to rationalise these tails and provide better and safer access for the public. The process is necessarily slow and time consuming but volunteer organisations such as Tread Lightly are helping with such tasks as replacing signs. Col Linge concluded by saying that copies of the Project Ubique documentation and maps of the areas could be found via [www.access.mod.uk](http://www.access.mod.uk). Cllr. Beardsley said that he was very impressed by the work done under Col Linge’s term in office. The recent improvements on Rights of Way were better than anything he had seen in his years as a councillor and he thanked him for his work.

8. Report by Chairman of Parish Council - Ken Monk

Mr Monk reported that Bruce Carter had resigned from the council.

Mr Monk said as far as Community Area Partnerships are concerned we are part of Tidworth, and he and Cllr. Bagwell attended their meetings. Cllr. Bagwell also attended Pewsey area meetings where he was also the Highways representative for the A345. Council had backed celebrations for the Royal Wedding last year and would again be involved in the Jubilee celebrations this year. This project was being headed by Adrian Orr for the council, with help from Jane Young. Norman Beardsley was still our representative for Rights of Way. Chairman handed over to the Clerk for the financial report:

Clerk detailed major Income & Expenditure 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 as follows:

Actual Balance at 1st April 2011	£2511.53
Income in Year	£7750.00
Expenditure in Year	£7127.77
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2012	£3133.76

Donations 2011 – the following donations were agreed and paid in May last year

Enford PCC	£200.00
Enford Parish Hall	£400.00
Enford Village Hall	£900.00
Age Concern	£25.00
CAB Wiltshire	£50.00
Enford Football Club	£150.00
Netheravon Day Centre	£100.00
Enford Newsletter	£500.00
LINK Durrington	£100.00
Enford Youth Club	£125.00
St John Ambulance	£50.00
Friends of the Ridgeway	£100.00

Other expenditure included £149 for a new lawn-mower, £2,246 for Clerks wages and Tax, and £200 for wedding celebration mugs. A further £250 has been used to purchase mugs for the Jubilee celebrations. Some will be presented to the children of the parish and others will be sold.

Cllr. Bagwell was not present to give the usual Highways report so Bill Vergette described the problems affecting us over the past year and in the coming months. Bill said that Stan had worked hard over the past year, as usual, trying to get the Wiltshire Council to see sense over signage which directed HGVs down the 345 in contradiction of their own policies. Their decision has resulted in a large increase in heavy lorries and subsequent damage to roads and verges particularly around Enford. Stan had succeeded in enlisting the help of three Area Partnerships and many parish councils in petitioning Wiltshire Council, causing them significant embarrassment. He had also been heavily involved in trying to extend speed restrictions and in fighting for road surfaces to be improved. Wiltshire Council had confirmed that resurfacing would be from Longstreet House north for 900M to the Layby opposite Glebe Farm. As to the coming months there will be disruption from the closure of Enford Bridge from the 8th May for approximately 6 months.

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

Mrs. D’Arcy-Irvine thanked the council for their continued support. These donations help to keep down the cost to local users and provide free community events. Although a profit of some £3,300 was made last year, and the same is expected at the current year end (June 30<sup>th</sup>) there is a need to have more funds set aside for repair and maintenance, and to fund further activities. This means that the committee will need to increase income. Mrs. D’Arcy-Irvine said Steve Becker had joined the team as Vice Chairman and she was grateful for his help. Mrs. D’Arcy-Irvine concluded by requesting that Parish Council meetings be held at the Village Hall as in the past.

10. Enford Parish Hall – No representative.

11. Enford Community Fund – No representative.

12. Enford Football Club

Ollie Stagg said the Football Club have had a poor season and failed to enter a side in the Salisbury and District League. Ollie said the club was advertising for a manager and new players and he was hopeful that the coming season would bring renewed enthusiasm. He had met with the Welfare Officer from Wiltshire Council and they had agreed to back a youth effort with perhaps a summer camp for children 7 to 11 for a six week period. It might then be possible to persuade parents to help with a youth side. Clerk asked if the Red Lion was going to be involved. Ollie said that the Red Lion Football Club will be hopefully providing a few players for Enford next season. 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

The number on roll remains buoyant at 193 pupils with high demand for places in Reception for September 2012. The school is organised into 7 classes, all single year groups, with one vertically grouped class of Year 4 and 5 pupils. Approximately 40% of pupils are from Service families and 22% are on the Special Needs register.

Approximately 50% of pupils are from catchment (Netheravon, Enford, Fittleton, Haxton, Upavon). The remaining pupils travel from Everleigh, Tidworth, Bulford, Durrington, Amesbury, Larkhill, Brigmerston, Chitterne, Wilton, Middle Wallop, Collingbourne Kingston and Porton.

We have benefited from significant capital funding over the last 2 years which has enabled us to build 3 new classrooms and a library/group teaching space and toilet block. In July we will begin the next phase of our building improvements by enlarging the hall and kitchen, involving major internal alterations. This will further significantly improve our facilities. Building works are due to be completed in December. A new sensory garden has been developed and our large wildlife area has been further improved with support from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. Claire Perry, MP, will officially open our sensory garden on Friday, 20th April when we will also be celebrating our new classrooms.

A Breakfast Club now provides child care for working parents from 7.50am. After school child care is available through Cool for Kids at Avon Valley College - children are collected from school and transported to the venue. As usual, a very wide range of extra-curricular activities and clubs have taken place this year, including drama, art, craft, computer, singing for fun, Tag rugby, football, Lego Robotics, chess and cookery. A community Wildlife Watch Club, run in conjunction with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, meets monthly after school on Wednesdays. A community Computer Club for adults meets weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm.

The school is very involved in Netheravon, Haxton and Fittleton's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. We have organised a fund-raising curry evening and line dance and are organising a local History Exhibition at All Saints Church in Netheravon, opening on Saturday, 2nd June following a Historical Treasure Hunt at 10am that morning.

We were delighted with our excellent Year 6 SATs results which placed us in the top 20 top performing primary schools in Wiltshire. 100% of pupils achieved Level 4+ in English with 73% achieving Level 5. 97% achieved Level 4+ in Maths with 60% achieving Level 5.

## Community Cohesion

Links with Netheravon, Enford and the surrounding villages and churches are recognised as having considerable mutual benefit. The school is keen to engage in projects within the community. If there are any projects that we could help with, please contact Hayley Humphris, Headteacher, on 670339 or email head@allsaints-netheravon.wilts.sch.uk

14. Millennium Playpark Cllr. Webb is on holiday but sent the following report.

The play park continues to be used by many children in Enford.

Last September, the Playpark was inspected by RoSPA. Five minor issues were identified. Cllrs. Monk, Beardsley, Bagwell and Webb spent a Sunday morning repairing all faults. These included repairing the seat, closing off the rear gate as it opened onto some barbed wire, repairing the basketball hoop, and general tidying up.

Thanks very much to all who helped.

At about the same time it became known to the Council that the lady looking after the Playpark grass and the mower had moved out of the area. The old mower was found and inspected and found to be beyond economical repair. Council decided it was in the best interest to buy a new mower. Mr James Patterson of Grants Road has kindly offered to keep the new mower at his home and also to mow the grass throughout the summer.

A big thank you should go to James and his partner Stephanie who have done a great job keeping the grass short. I made contact with them this week and he has already cut the grass a couple of times this year and found the mower to be very economical with the fuel.

He did have some concerns about the strength of the handles but he will inform me if they get any worse.

I made my latest inspection of the Playpark on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March. All equipment seems to be in order. A rope that was tied to the basketball hoop was cut down. The bin is overflowing with rubbish. It would be good if the Parish Clerk could arrange for orange bin bags to be procured so we can organise a regular emptying of the bin.

15. Enford Newsletter

Tanya Becker thanked the Village Hall, PCC and Parish Council for their continuing donations. Tanya said that the format of the Newsletter had been changed from A4 to A5 for practicality and cost reasons. The printing was nearly half of the current A4 price which was a great help considering that all costs had risen. She said that the Newsletter committee were trying to raise money through various means but she had stopped knocking on doors as no-one particularly liked asking householders for money. There would be a stall at the Christmas Fair and committee had increased the charges for advertisers and had no complaints. Tanya said she would particularly like to mention the many volunteers who delivered the Newsletter. Without their help the task would be very difficult. Mrs. Becker concluded by saying it was planned to produce a souvenir Newsletter for the Jubilee with a glossy cover which she hoped would be free to every household. Chairman thanked Tanya for her time.

16. Neighbourhood Watch

Steve Becker said he had become coordinator of the Neighbourhood Watch 11 years ago and, despite his best efforts, was still in post. The Watch operated with co-ordinators in 19 areas of the parish. A map showing the designated areas is available on the website. So far 14 of the 19 coordinators have been confirmed. The Watch is now operating much more efficiently thanks to better communication and good police support.

Chairman thanked Steve.

17. Preparations for Jubilee Celebration

Cllr. Orr said preparations were coming along well and funding appeared to be in place. He said the event would start with a Wheelbarrow Race from the playing field to the bridge, followed very shortly by the Children's Tea Party and its attendant Bouncy Castle, Punch and Judy etc. The evening would have the Hog Roast, Live Bands and hopefully photos of the village streets and villagers. There would be an opportunity to vote on the choice of a plaque to be fixed to the bridge. Cllr. Orr said it might be that a

tractor would follow the last competitor in the Wheelbarrow race. Adrian said he hoped the weather would be kind to us.

18. Matters of concern to residents of Enford

- Chairman said that the idea of having a village plan had once again been mooted and council had selected Steve Becker to head the project. Steve then took the opportunity to describe the way forward to create the Village Plan. He said essentially the Plan is a needs analysis and an exercise in community consultation to assess the parishioners needs and wishes and produce a plan reflecting them. For this purpose he will form a committee and allocate specific tasks. Steve hoped that the other institutions within the village would become involved, together with people from all areas of the village. Hopefully some of the younger element will join in as they are the ones who might find most benefit from such an exercise. Funding for stationery and sundries should be available from organizations like Community First. Andrew Marx added that the School was run on similar lines with a rolling three year plan. All the items in the plan came from people within the school.

- David Harbottle had been informed that according to the Charity Commission website the Parish Hall had lost £5000 over the past five years. He had looked for the Parish Hall accounts but could not see any. He was concerned that Parish Council, and ultimately the parishioners, would be called on to fund this loss. Chairman said that unfortunately Richard Pettit was not present and we did not have another representative. Clerk stated that he had asked for the accounts in order to complete the Charity Commission return. This showed a deficit of, he thought, 6 or 7 hundred pounds. Clerk stated he had never been party to accounts for the Parish Hall, but could confirm that Parish Council had not been approached for extra monies. Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine asked what the ownership of the Parish Hall was. Clerk replied that the ownership devolved on Parish Council for the village, and that they were trustees, but that the Parish Hall was run by a management committee. He also stated that the new committee had put a lot of work into renovating the building and were finding different uses for the Hall. Whether this would improve matters financially remained to be seen. Chairman said he had spoken with Richard Pettit and Richard had said they "are surviving" and he was not worried. Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine said he was concerned that the Hall could not clear their debt and that they were possibly not properly insured. Mrs. D'Arcy-Irvine stated their house was five feet from the Hall and she was concerned that if the Hall caught fire the insurance would cover damage to her property. Clerk assured Mrs. D'Arcy-Irvine that the Hall was insured. Mrs. D'Arcy-Irvine asked that Clerk obtain copy of insurance for her. Clerk said she would have to write to Richard Pettit. Mr. D'Arcy-Irvine said council were the trustees and they should be responsible. Clerk replied that Trustees did not run the Hall. It was run by the management committee and they held the documentation. Mr. D'Arcy-Irvine again stated that council were responsible and that they should ensure the proper insurance was in place. Mrs. D'Arcy-Irvine again asked that clerk obtain copy of insurance. Clerk asked if she had a problem with Mr. Pettit, and asked why she did not want to contact him. Mrs. D'Arcy-Irvine said that the trustees of the Village Hall held all documentation and it was council's job to do the same. She said she would look into this further.

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

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

Ken Monk,

Chairman Enford Parish Council 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012