

ENFORD PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

Draft Minutes of the meeting held at
Enford Parish Hall on Wednesday 3rd April 2013 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Mr Ken Monk	Chairman, Enford Parish Council
Mr Adrian Orr	Vice Chairman, Enford Parish Council
Mrs Tessa Manser, Mrs Jane Young,	Councillors
Mr Norman Beardsley	Councillor
Mr Michael Fay, Mr Stan Bagwell	Councillors

Lt Col (retd) Nigel Linge, PC Ivor Noyce, Mr Andrew Marx, Mr Richard Petitt, Mr Steve Becker, Mr Steve Brown, Mrs D'Arcy-Irvine, Mr D'Arcy-Irvine, Mrs Lowena Harbottle, Mr David Harbottle, Mr Nigel Murray, Mr Hamish Scott-Dalgleish

Mrs Elizabeth Harrison

Clerk, Enford Parish Council

The Meeting was opened at 7.35pm by the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr Adrian Orr

1 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Mr Charles Howard of Wiltshire Council who is standing for re-election on 2nd May and therefore decline to attend as it might be considered electioneering. The Chairman thanked him for all his contributions throughout the year. Apologies were also received from Mr Martin Webb and Mrs Tanya Becker (Newsletter Committee).

2 Welcome by the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council –Mr Adrian Orr

Mr Orr welcomed various members of the village, committees and groups thanking them for their time and hard work in the last year.

3 Verify Minutes of the Meeting held On 4-Apr-12

The Draft Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting of 2012 were considered, approved and signed by Mr Adrian Orr.

4 Matters Arising

No matters arose from members of the Parish Council.

Mrs Judy D'Arcy-Irvine however raised the matter of a previous meeting having been recorded and the fact that she wanted the tape. Mr Orr suggested this matter be discussed at a later date as a final decision has yet to be reached by the Information Commissioner's Office.

Mr David Harbottle requested that a note be made referring to the Minutes of 2012 Parish Meeting where it states he "had been informed that according to the Charity Commission website.....". He would like this to be amended/recorded as "he had searched the web".

5 Report from the Enford Parochial Church Council

There was no representative.

Mrs Judy D'Arcy-Irvine who is a member of the Parochial Church Council did not have any notes prepared for the occasion but suggested there may be financial issues. She also reminded everyone that the Military Wives Choir were due to sing at Enford Church on 7th June at 7.30pm.

6 Report by the Police Liaison Officer - PC Ivor Noyce:

The last year has seen the retirement of PC Bayliss as the Liaison Officer, however he is still active within the Police Force. Priority is being given to speeding on the A345 following consultations at Netheravon and in light of the new 50mph speed limit all along the road. There are two ongoing operations regarding rural crime focussing on Amesbury and in Pewsey where there has been a spate of shed burglaries. Both the Army and HM Customs are also working with the Police. PC Noyce listed the following incidents they have dealt with over the last year: 2 x Hare coursers, 1x Drunk and Disorderly, 2x thefts of oil/diesel, 1x burglary from Church, 1x theft of motor vehicle, 2x thefts from outbuildings, 2x other thefts, 7x ASB/altercations, 4x threats/nuisance calls, 2x criminal damages and 1x road rage. A full list of dates and places is available. PC Noyce was thanked for his attendance and continued service in the area and he left the meeting at 7.45pm

7 Report by the Army Liaison Officer - Lt Col (Retd) Nigel Linge

Lt Col Linge reported that due to the re-organisation of the Army for 2020 the number of troops stationed on Salisbury Plain will increase by about 4,000 to 15,000 troops and the average training activity may increase by 2018 but the large Afghanistan pre-deployment exercises would come to an end. The MOD may well sell off some properties to cut the taxpayer burden, but the number of married quarters in the area would be increasing. The present camps such as Netheravon Airfield and Avon Camp could well be developed in the future. £860M is to be spent on accommodating the influx of troops.

A new brigade is due to deploy into Tidworth area and more Engineers are likely to deploy around Ludgershall. Two artillery regiments will move from Tidworth to Larkhill and one more is due to return from Guetersloh in Germany to Larkhill about 2017. It is likely that they will be joined by a fourth. This means that three more major units are likely to be "inside the wire" at Larkhill. The situation on the Base Optimisation Programme (BOP) is not yet clear and more information is likely to be released by the Minister in May this year.

- Q. Mr Adrian Orr asked about Project Ubique – the 'tails' and the provision of safe public rights of way on the Plain, footpaths and byways etc. Lt Col Linge explained there had been 16 complaints of which 7 have been withdrawn and 9 remain. There will be a Public Enquiry in Warminster on 23rd July where the Army hope to resolve the last nine issues. Some byways will be changing but also upgrading.

- Q. Mr Ken Monk asked if there might be any changes at the camp in Upavon with regard to the changes in military locations. Lt Col Linge replied that there could be unmanned aircraft however the camp will continue to be occupied.

- Q. Mr Andrew Marx asked about the increased need for school places when more MOD families move in to the area. Lt Col Linge did not think this would become a problem.

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Report for the Parish Council - Vice Chairman Mr Adrian Orr

- Mr Orr reported that the liaison with the MOD on rights of way continues as does the close liaison with the Police.

- The Community Speed Watch programme in the 30mph area has run successfully all year and will continue to do so. The new 50mph speed limit along the A345 has now come into effect and the on-going question of the speed limit on the C32 is waiting for the results of the Wiltshire Highways study.

- The Playpark is to be increased in size by an Asset Transfer arrangement with Wiltshire Council. This will increase the area from its current 20.0m x 20.0m to 20.0m x 50.0m. The initial work on this project was started by Cllr. Martin Webb (who has since resigned due to pressures of work). Emma Lovell who has also been working on the project will take over, working with the Parish Council to deal with the next stages which are described in the Playpark's Report.

- Highways: A new pavement has been laid as part of the Enford Bridge re-build. It stretches from the bus stop, over the bridge to the corner of the Churchyard. The cost of this was initially in the region of £7,000, the bulk of it being paid for by Wiltshire Council. The pavement was initially a £600 contribution from the Parish Council which has since been reduced to £400. The bridge was completed last December having taken 6 months and the Parish Council have just voted on the final safety measure of stainless 4 steel wires to stop children falling into the Avon; two of which are between the middle and lower railing and two wires between the lower railing and the bridge itself.

- There has also been a replacement footbridge over the Avon at Coombe/Fyfield.

- The Jubilee celebrations last summer were a great success and Cllr Orr thanked other Jubilee committee members – Steve Becker, Jane Young and Bridget Holden for their hard work.

- The Parish Council has also sponsored the new Parish Plan (a.k.a. Community Led Plan) looking to the future needs/requests by the residents of Enford. The project has been 'chaired' by Mr Steve Becker who spoke briefly. Whilst it is not yet complete, analysis of the results are taking shape. Steve said there would be a public presentation in June and he hopes the project will be finished by the end of the year. Mr Steve Brown asked about the level of response from the village – Steve Becker replied that this was 60%.

- The Parish Council now employ a part-time 'odd job' man. He is Mr Andy Kane who has been cutting the grass in community areas around the parish – the Playpark, the Community garden etc.

- Over the last year the Parish Council have dealt with 15 Planning Applications.

- In January the previous Clerk, Mr Bill Vergette, resigned due to his wife's ill-health and the position has been taken over by Mrs Elizabeth Harrison. Mr Martin Webb has had to resign from the Parish Council due to the pressures of work. This leaves the Council (which should be 11 strong) with 4 open places. These need to be filled and an advertisement has been placed in the Parish Newsletter. More Councillors will be required in 2014 and approaches are being made to members of the parish.

- The Clerk gave a brief statement of the Parish Council's financial situation. The bank balance at 1st April 2012 was £3,173.76, the income for the year was £7083.28 and the expenditure for the year was £8,031.51 leaving a total of £2,224.65 in the account at 31st March 2013. Donations totalling £2,925 were made to various village/parish groups and clubs including St Johns Ambulance Avon Youth Club, C A B Wiltshire, Age Concern and Durrington & District Link Scheme. A full list is available. Due to a one month overlap the salaries paid out over the year have totalled £3,078.49 with other costs being £400 for the Bridge to Churchyard pavement, £180 for community area lawn mowing, £75.60 for the annual Playpark inspection, £144 for auditing of the accounts and £552.02 for the insurance of the parish's assets.

9 Report for the Parish Hall - Mr Richard Petitt

Mr Petitt reported that it had been another successful year for the Parish Hall which had hosted a number of events – Darts, Bingo and Jumbles sales, as well as several supper nights – St Patricks, Burns night and curry nights. For the coming Summer there are plans for coffee mornings and youth evenings and they wish to open their doors to more members of the community.

Circuits continue each week in the Parish Hall and new equipment has been bought. The committee are aware that the building does need to be improved and Gareth Holden has been helpful in researching potential grant sources for refurbishment. They intend to re-clad the building this year.

Treasurer's Report:

	Funds in	funds out	Balance
Income/exp for year 2010/11	£840	£1224	£1,275
Income/exp for year 2011/12	£2,128	£960	£1,161.31
Income/exp for year 2012/13	£3,300.17	£1,319.87	£3,340

In 2012 they have achieved an income of £3,300.17 with expenditure of £1,319.87 leaving a surplus of £1,980.30. The balance in the bank is £3,220 with £120 cash in hand.

Richard said that the Parish Hall needs to recruit more helpers to keep the Hall alive as a resource for the future. The committee believes the future parishioners will be grateful for the hard work of the current volunteers in retaining such a valuable community space.

10 Report for the Enford Village Hall - Mrs Judy D'Arcy-Irvine

The Hall is being used by both the local community and by others from outside the village. Uses include classes, clubs as well as private functions – children's parties, weddings and anniversary celebrations. The income in the last year has been £15,051 with expenditure, including depreciation, of £14,309 giving a balance of £742.

The management committee has made every effort to keep the costs as low as possible – they have not increased the rates in four years. They do require continued financial support/donations from the Precept in order to continue to subsidise the local residents and user groups. The management committee have also given the Hall and grounds free of charge for several village events.

- 11 Report for the Enford Community Fund – Mr Steve Brown
Mr Steve Brown attended the meeting but had not been expecting to report on the 2012-13 year. He said the Fete organised by the Community Fund had gone very well and the fireworks evening had gone with a bang! This year's Fete is set for 29th June and should anyone wish to see the accounts, they are available on the website.
- 12 Report for the Enford Football Club
There was no representative from the Enford Football Club. In terms of winning matches it was suggested that the Club wasn't doing so well however they all work hard and continue to meet/ train.
- 13 Report for All Saints School, Netheravon – Mr Andrew Marx
Mr Marx reported that the school has had an eventful year with the most significant development being the application for Academy Status. School numbers are running at 192 pupils and he believes this figure will increase due to the expected influx of more military families.
Over the last 18 months 3 new classrooms have been built, replacing the old portacabins. The latter are now in use for Music, Art and Special Needs. The school hall has been enlarged and the staff room and related facilities have been re-arranged. The kitchen has also been upgraded as about 40% of pupils have school meals.
A new Music teacher has joined the staff (who sings in the Military Wives Choir!), a new Clerk to the Governors and they are currently searching for a new Finance Officer. Mrs Fanny Middleton has replaced Mr Marx as Chairman of the Governors due to his retirement in the Summer. They are already short of one Governor and will need two more – this is especially important with the change to Academy Status. Academy Status - Most secondary schools in Wiltshire are applying for Academy Status and primary schools are following suit. The reason for the change is to be in effect a state funded independent school with charitable status and accountable to a board of Trustees which will be provided by the Diocese. The school will be independent of the Local Authority and can buy their own services where they wish. The National Curriculum will still be taught but with fewer restrictions on the teachers in how they deliver their lessons. There should also be more financial freedom as an Academy. Being a Voluntary Aided school employing their own staff, owning their own buildings and land, this should make the transition more simple however they must wait until September 2013 to find out if the application has been successful and if so, this will come into effect in January 2014.
- 14 Report for the Millenium Playpark – No representative
Mr Martin Webb had sent in a report on the progress of the Playpark which was read by Mr Adrian Orr. Emma Lovell and Martin Webb had met with Mr John Price (Wilts. County Estates Officer), who proposed that the Parish Council take up the 'Asset Transfer' scheme offered by WCC. A council owned piece of land running adjacent to the current park area would be signed over to the parish on condition of its continued use to benefit the community. The park is currently 20.0m x 20.0m and the extra land would increase this area to 20.0m x 50.0m. The county solicitors would handle the legal aspect at no cost to the Parish and combining the two pieces of land would mean the Parish no longer had to pay rent for its usage. There are 4 steps to achieve this 1) Emma Lovell is to form a committee to plan the work

required. Cllr Michael Fay has offered to represent the Playpark on the Parish Council and will keep them informed of progress. 2) The Parish Council need to formerly agree at the next meeting(22nd May) that wish to apply for Asset Transfer. 3) Apply to the Tidworth Area Board for Asset Transfer. 4) The Area Board would then consider and vote on the application at their next meeting which is due in June/July. Assuming all is acceptable, County Estates will then start the legal process to transfer the land.

15 Report for the Enford Newsletter – No representative.

Mrs Tanya Becker was unable to attend but sent in a report which was read by Mr Adrian Orr. It has been a busy year for the Newsletter which for the first time has run a colour front page (May '12 issue, detailing Jubilee Celebrations) and followed this in July with a colour centrepiece with photographs from the day. The centrepiece has been repeated since with events such as Easter and the Summer Fete. Mrs Becker took the opportunity to thank everyone who has helped with the Newsletter including those who assist with distribution.

Finances – Thanks were made to all the village individuals, groups and committees who have donated to the Newsletter. In total they have received £1,140. Added to this is the income from advertising which was £830 with running costs of £2,001. The accounts are audited by Mort Burdick and available on the website.

This year – the month of the double issue will be changed to June/July and there will be no issue in August. This is experimental to see if it serves the parish better. The Newsletter is seen as the primary source of communication in the village.

Finally, Peggy Waterkeyn has retired after at least 30 years service on the committee. Whilst she wanted no fuss or attention, it was felt that she should be thanked and acknowledged by the village – this was agreed by all present.

16 Report for Neighbourhood Watch – Mr Steve Becker

The parish is divided into 19 NHW areas and there are only 15 co-ordinators. The vacancies are in East Chisenbury (North & Central) ie north of the Manor House, Grants Road and Paddock Close. Mostly the reports come from the Police at Tidworth and Steve extracts anything of interest for the parish. Lengthy reports have a link placed on the newsletter website. Information also goes the other way if someone or something suspicious is spotted in the parish, Steve informs the Police. Unverified reports should not be circulated. Steve wished to thank all the co-ordinators and should people wish to take up the vacancies – the information is on the newsletter website.

17 Matters of concern to the residents of Enford

Mr David Harbottle requested that the Parish Council's meetings/agendas be printed in the Newsletter.

Mrs Lowena Harbottle complained about the molehills in the Community Garden and requested they be sorted out.

Mr Steve Brown drew the Council's attention to de-restriction signs on both sides of certain telegraph poles through east Chisenbury, one was beside the Old Chapel and the second by Troutbeck. Steve brown said that the de-restrictions were found when ivy was removed from some telegraph poles. The speed limit through east chisenbury is 30mph.

Mr David Harbottle asked why one of the street lights been removed by the now completed Bridge?

18 Date of next Annual Parish Meeting – 2nd April 2014

There being no other questions, the meeting was closed at 20.45hrs

Mr Adrian Orr, Vice Chairman, Enford Parish Council.

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