

ENFORD PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

Draft Minutes

Meeting held at the Enford Village Hall on
Tuesday 16th May 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Cllr Richard Roberts Chairman
Cllr. Jane Young, Cllr Pat Holdway Councillors
Cllr Bruce Waight, Cllr Mark Hiskett Councillors
Cllr Peter Cliffe-Roberts, Cllr Exley Councillors
Cllr David Harbottle, Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine Councillors
Mrs Elizabeth Harrison Clerk
8 members of the public/ village attended

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.35pm

1 APOLOGIES

Were received from Henry Middleton (PCC), Amanda Farrow (Enford Community Fund), Ollie Stagg (Football Club)

2 WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Roberts thanked those present for attending.

3 REPORT BY POLICE LIAISON OFFICER

PCSO Maria Downham was accompanied by Lucy Wileman and gave a brief report of the recent changes in policing policy. We have gone from 'Neighbourhood Policing' to 'Community Policing' which means there are more personnel focussing on specific issues within the area/community. Those that most concern Enford were listed as Hare Coursing, Off Road Motorbikes/Vehicles on Salisbury Plain, Theft from Motor Vehicles and Speeding. She listed the patrol numbers and 'success' rates as well as more immediate criminal offences that have been committed in Enford over the last year – thankfully these are not large in number or seriousness. Lucy Wileman promoted the Community Messaging service/system which anyone can check/sign up to as being the best way to keep in touch on matters of concern. She also explained that a Police presence at Parish meetings was being reduced and that the 'public' attending the monthly Police meetings would assist in defining the focus of policing activities as these change from season to season and are different in rural areas to town areas. They are also working more closely with other agencies such as the MOD, RMP, Special Constabulary and SPTA.

4 REPORT FOR THE PARISH HALL AND READING ROOM

Richard Petitt, Chairman of the Parish Hall Management Committee (PHMC) and Bob Taylor (Treasurer) attended the meeting along with Tom Hunter. Bob opened the report with the news that following enquiries from the Parish Council the PHMC had now increased their insurance on the Hall. The sum insured of the Hall

was previously £87,000 and this has now been increased to £170,000. As the PHMC sees the current situation they have 4 options. Option 1 – was to do nothing, but they realise this cannot happen. Option 2 – was to refurbish the Hall but a lack of funds and man power was making this a very difficult way forward despite attempting to get external funding/grants. Option 3 – was to demolish the building and re-use the footprint, possibly as car parking on Longstreet to try and ease the current pressures but this would only realise 4 spaces. On the demolition option, the presence of Asbestos and its safe removal could hugely inflate the cost to the point that the option would not be financially viable. Option 4 – was to get Planning permission with conditions on a development/building to fit in with the rest of the village and this they believed would raise a possible £100,000 which could then be used for the benefit of the whole village. Maybe a tennis court at the Village Hall or an outdoor training surface or a minibus to assist the elderly in getting to shops etc. With reference to a tennis court at the Village Hall, Judy D’Arcy-Irvine pointed out that there is a major Wessex Water pumped sewer leading from the Pump House in the meadow which then runs alongside the Parish Hall, up the main street and across the Recreation Ground to Coombe. There is an Easement and Moratorium for 1 metre over the sewer and 3 metres either side, a total width of 7 metres. A 3 metre wide Easement on the north side of the sewer applies to the Parish Hall plot. The Easement also applies to the Recreation Ground with the full 7 metre width moratorium leading from the parking area right across the lower end of the field prohibiting any development in that area.

Richard Petitt said the PHMC had £4,000 in the kitty at present which would be enough for an Architect to draw up plans. The Deeds of the Charity state a ‘two thirds’ majority have to agree the future use and Cllr Roberts asked if this was two thirds of the village or two thirds of those attending a meeting discussing the matter, it is two thirds of those attending the meeting. Bob Taylor said they could put forward the options in the Newsletter, put flyers through people’s doors or even take a stand at the Village Fete in order to get the word ‘out there’. This would have to be discussed (and will be) at their committee meeting in June, their AGM in July as well as a possible public meeting. Moving this whole situation forward will need the support of the Parish Council.

Many comments arose on the pros and cons of the situation and the possible outcomes.

Cllr Cliffe-Roberts expressed his relief that the PHMC are accepting that the Hall has reached the end of its economic life but his concern that the full range of options should be considered before a decision is made. There would, in his opinion, be a number of potential alternative uses for the site, for the benefit of the village – many of them income-producing - and would not entail the irreversible sale of the site. He was unconvinced of the wisdom of a disposal, and doubted that, even with a residential planning consent, the site would achieve the sort of sum floated by the PHMC. He suggested putting all of the viable Options to the village in a public meeting. Diane Christie-Rundle asked about a like for like replacement building, Cllr Cliffe-Roberts estimated that this could cost up to £270,000 and questioned whether a new Hall on the site could raise enough income to make it viable. Cllr Exley said all the Options have to be viable. Judy D’Arcy-Irvine said she had been looking through the parish records and in 1965, exactly the same discussions had been taking place. She also mentioned the

findings in the Parish Plan (September 2015) that over 80% of the respondents in the village said they did not want the Parish Hall. Cllr Roberts said that in the Articles of the Deed, the matter has to go to the public first. Bob Taylor agreed and said nothing was final, the decision must go to the village with all the pros and cons put forward.

5 VERIFY MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11th May 2016

The Minutes of the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting were proposed for verification by Cllr David Harbottle and seconded by Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine.

6 REPORT FOR THE ENFORD VILLAGE HALL

Judy D'Arcy-Irvine as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee thanked the Parish Council for their continued support and donation which goes towards the maintenance of the Recreation Ground and subsidising events and user groups when necessary. It continues to be used widely by both residents and 'outsiders' for classes, clubs, parties, weddings and private events. In 2015-2016 the Hall made a profit of £3,314 but this was mainly due to 15 private events whereas this year there are only 5 so far. There are other halls in the area which creates competition for 'business' and so it is important that Enford Village Hall is maintained to a high standard. The Contingency Reserve Fund (an obligatory requirement) stands at £38,000 and will be increased each year in line with inflation to ensure the future viability of the Hall.

The annual redecoration in March and essential repairs included electrical work, plumbing and drain clearance. A ladder and new hatchway into the attic have been installed and a floor laid there for safety. All the shutters are now serviced and working. Due to various incidents over the last year or two, the Committee have looked into CCTV cameras for the Hall (4 in total). The system would cost in the region of £1,600 and they have decided not to proceed at present. The Committee are also looking into replacing some of the tables (at a cost of c£3,000) and also into upgrading the car park lighting. They will be applying to the Area Board for a grant to assist with these costs. The Committee (and some volunteers) also carry out regular maintenance as much as possible to keep costs under control but would particularly like to thank Hamish Scott-Dalglish for continuing to mow the Recreation ground every two weeks. All future events for this year can be found on the website and through local/village advertising.

7 REPORT FOR ENFORD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Henry Middleton, one of the Church Wardens was unable to attend but sent in the following report. Sue de Candole, also a Church Warden, gave the report. Enford is part of the 7 parish Avon River Team (ART). Apart from the regular services there were 4 Funerals/memorial services and 5 Baptisms. Fundraising continues apace with various events such as the teas in support of the Chisenbury Priory Garden Open day, the Church Bike Ride, hosting the South London Jazz Orchestra and the traditional Christmas Fair.

The Reverend Philip Bromiley now holds the post of 'Team Rector' having been Licensed in March this year at a service attended by over 200 people.

Fundraising for the much needed Church roof and repairs to the Tower roof of the north aisle have had had a boost in the form of a large grant from the Listed Places of Worship repair Fund. This is in great part due to the efforts of Henry

Middleton, combined with Tom Hunter and many other volunteer helpers in the community. Work is due to start in September.

From November '16, due to a reduced number of Clergy, the amount of services held in All Saints Church has been two per month – 09.30 Holy Communion on the first Sunday and Evensong on the fourth Sunday. A benefice service is held at 10.30 on the second Sunday of each month and this rotates between the 7 Churches of the Benefice.

The report went on to list and thank individuals in the village for their assistance and support as well as the Avon River Team. For more precise detail, the Minutes of all the PCC meetings are available on the Church's 'Avon River Team' website.

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REPORT FOR 'THE HUB'

Diane Christie-Rundle reported that the Hub was continuing to do well in its second year. The accounts have been independently audited and are all in order. Donations have been made to Netheravon Small Saints Pre-School, The Enford Newsletter, The Village Tidy-up/ Litter Pick, Enford Church Music Development Fund, McMillan Cancer Care and Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

From June '17 a 'token' system will be introduced so those buying a drink and cake get the chance to choose 1 of 3 different projects – 2 local and 1 Wiltshire based. At the end of the month the project with the most tokens receives the donation. (If anyone knows of a specific project they would like to support, please contact Diane).

Diane also thanked Pauline Bagwell and Julia Sturgess for their baking as well as Pete and Emma Jeffries for the use of The Swan with special thanks to Doreen Fay for her "wonderful cakes she has made for the Hub over the last two years".

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REPORT FOR THE ENFORD NEWSLETTER

Clare Burge is the new Chairman of the Newsletter committee and was unable to attend the meeting, she has since however reported that those remaining on the committee offer valuable assistance and expertise in continuing to produce the Newsletter and would also like to thank all those who assist with contributions and distribution. The committee comprises Clare as Chairman, Mrs Young as Vice Chairman, Mrs Houghton as Secretary, Ms Perry as Treasurer, Mrs Monk in charge of Advertising, other roles are covered by Mrs Elkins. The editorship is split between Mrs Cosgrove and Mrs Christie-Rundle.

Finances are always a concern and to this end they have distributed brown envelopes for donations this year. They retain a small deposit account and continue to run viably on the current account. She thanked the Parish Council for their continued support.

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REPORT FOR THE PARISH PLAN

Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine reported that as a result of the Parish Plan questionnaires distributed and collected from households in the village, two items were highlighted and accepted by the Parish Council as priorities. The first item was an extended and upgraded Playpark with a Skateboard Ramp. This could be done with the help of Wiltshire Council if they are prepared to allow this use of their land at the top of Grants Road. The area is currently farmed by Cllr Young who is prepared to release part of it for this use. The current Playpark area is small with limited facilities aimed at the younger age group. The equipment is getting older

and potentially less safe in the foreseeable future. At a meeting for the younger members of the village to discuss this, it transpired that they wanted a Skateboard ramp and upgraded units for the Playpark. Suppliers have been contacted for outline costs, a Half Pipe Skateboard Ramp at £8,250 plus Vat (£10,000) plus a concrete base would be a total of c£11,000.00. The upgraded Play Units would be anything from £4,000.00 to £30,000.00 depending on the quantity/combination and ground protection. All this could be purchased in phases as fund raising allows.

The second priority item was the provision of some Allotments. Some starter research shows that the provision of water to the site would be required and until more exact details are known the cost of this provision is unquantifiable.

Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine and Cllr Young are taking the following steps to progress these two items, approaching Wiltshire Council Estates regarding defining the land required, getting plans drawn up and costings for consideration, continuing to fund raise, researching match funding from grant providers and publicising the project through local and social media.

The Fund Raising so far has been through Quiz Nights, Jumble sales and Easter Egg 'guessing' and has raised £706.84.

[This fund raising project has its own bank account and anyone wishing to donate directly may do so to: Lloyds Bank, acct no: 46432668, sort code: 30-92-63].

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REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Roberts reported that the Council continues to be very busy with 'everyday' activities including the maintenance of the Playpark and Community Garden areas, reviewing and commenting on a number of Planning Applications, the Highways, the Public Rights of Way (PROWs), general village maintenance and attending local Board Meetings in supporting residents' concerns. Particular attention to the Highways (A345) has been handled by Cllr Harbottle who continues to 'do battle' with Wiltshire Council over the potentially dangerous condition of the A345. The Parish Hall has also been under discussion on many occasions and the Council are trying to assist the Parish Hall Management Committee in finding the best future for the Hall and the village.

The Precept, which is the Council's only source of income, has been increased in order to support the village needs better as Wiltshire Council's funding continues to decline.

The Council are also looking to install 2 new defibrillators, one in Coombe and the other in East Chisenbury. This is dependent on funds as well as getting the right location – 2 Coombe residents have so far offered to house a defibrillator when/if this project goes ahead.

During the last year both Michael Fay and Nigel Murray resigned from the Council for personal reasons. At the recent elections, Richard Petitt, Gareth Holden and Keron Taylor stood down though Mark Hiskett came forward (uncontested) and Victoria (Vick) Exley has been co-opted on to the Council. Cllr Roberts thanked all the Councillors for their time and contributions, past and present. Charles Howard who was the Wiltshire Councillor covering Enford for the last 8 years, also retired at the recent elections and he has been replaced by Wiltshire Cllr. Ian Blair-Pilling.

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REPORT FOR THE ENFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

Ollie Stagg apologised for not being able to attend even though he no longer runs the children's coaching sessions on a Saturday morning. This is now done by Steve Todd. Nevertheless, Ollie Stagg sent the following report:

The Club still pays a qualified coach to run the sessions so long as they get 10 or more children per session, this is viable. There are occasions when the numbers are lower but the Club has a small contingency to cover this.

All costs are kept to a minimum as they do not use the changing rooms at the Village Hall and they are very grateful for the continued use of the facilities with no charge. Any equipment needed is usually funded by grants from the Enford Community Fund or annual donations from the Parish Council. There is circa £100.00 in the kitty. Steve Todd and the coach will be attending the Village Fete but instead of a tournament, the club will be holding a skills session for the afternoon along with the local rugby and cricket clubs.

Ollie is not involved with the adult team and therefore cannot give any report.

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REPORT FOR THE ENFORD COMMUNITY FUND

Amanda Farrow apologised for being unable to attend but sent the following report:

The year ending Sept 16 was very successful, mainly due to a good attendance at the fireworks in October 15. Despite the localised power cut and heavy rain, the Fete was by no means a disaster. Unused catering supplies were returned and non-perishable goods were saved for another occasion.

This year's Fete is on 24th June and as usual, they are struggling to get volunteers to help. Without help they may be forced to reduce some of the stalls and the amount of attractions as they cannot be safely run without supervision.

The Fund has a healthy balance at present and everyone is reminded that these funds are considered for distribution in March and September by writing to Amanda.farrow@chisenbury.co.uk. It is for projects within the village that benefit the whole community. At the Committee's discretion an urgent application would be considered at other times of the year. The Statement of Accounts is available to view on the Village website.

Amanda's report ends with a repeated request for VOLUNTEERS AT THE FETE WHICH MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RUN WITHOUT MORE ASSISTANCE.

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MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THE RESIDENTS OF ENFORD

There were no members/residents present

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

Elizabeth Harrison – Clerk, Enford Parish Council.