

ENFORD PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes

Meeting held at the [Enford Village Hall](#) on
Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 7.30p.m.

Present:	Richard Roberts	Chairman of Enford Parish Council
	Mark Hiskett	Vice Chairman of Enford Parish Council
	Vick Exley, Anthony D’Arcy-Irvine	Councillors of Enford Parish Council
	Bruce Waight, Pat Holdway	Councillors of Enford Parish Council
	Peter Cliffe-Roberts	Councillor of Enford Parish Council
	Jane Young, Rob Coultard	Councillors of Enford Parish Council
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk

Mrs Judy D’ Arcy-Irvine attended

Richard Roberts, as Chairman of the Parish Council, opened the meeting at 7.40pm

1 APOLOGIES AND WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Apologies had been received from:

Amanda Farrow of the Enford Community Fund

Amy Jones, Enford’s Police Liaison Officer

W.Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling

Diane Christie-Rundle for the Newsletter

Ollie Stagg for the Enford Football Club.

2 VERIFICATION OF THE MINUTES HELD ON TUESDAY 15th MAY 2018.

These were proposed a true record by Mark Hiskett and seconded by Pat Holdway

3 REPORT BY POLICE LIAISON OFFICER / NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Vick Exley had drafted her own report as well as the report sent by Amy Jones, the Police Liaison Officer who had sent a summary of the previous year’s incidents. The contents of this are mainly focused on events in Tidworth and Ludgershall as that seems to be where the Police spend most of their time. Vick did however highlight incidents over the last year which show that we must continue to be vigilant and not become complacent about security.

Vandalism at the Village Hall, A failed attempt to break into the Red Lion, Numerous fences and batteries being stolen, dog food stolen from a garage, 40ft trailer set alight, Oil taken from a resident’s tank, Bikes stolen from the Plain and from garden sheds, Quad bikes stolen, Fly-tipping – including 100 tyres being dumped on Bruce Waight’s land, Hare coursing/ poaching (Operation Artemis).

Due to the increase in Army personnel in the area we were informed that Westdown Camp would be getting a total of 6 MOD Police, 1 of which was in their post by 1st October 2018. It was however made clear that these are regional MOD Police and therefore could be placed UK wide at any time.

Finally and to finish on a high note, a big thank you to all the Speed Watch volunteers who continue to do their best to reduce the number of cars speeding through the village. This number has decreased considerably since the installation of the SID which I’m sure everyone will agree, was money well spent.

4 REPORT FOR ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Roberts thanked all the Cllrs, including the Clerk and Youth Representatives, would give their time freely in support of him as the Chairman and for the benefit of the Parish. Particular thanks were noted to David Harbottle who retired recently after 6 years of dedicated hard work and to Diane Christie-Rundle, who has also resigned, for her contribution over the last 2 years.

There were two main items of expenditure for 2018-2019. Firstly the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device (SID, circa £3,500) which is located at the north entrance to the village and has proved very successful in reducing the speed of vehicles going through the village. Secondly, the solicitor's fees (circa £2,900) for advice concerning the Parish Hall.

The normal responsibilities of the PC include the general maintenance of the Community Garden and Playpark, consideration to all Planning Applications, liaising with Wiltshire Council on roads and Highways issues, liaising with the Area Board (Tidworth), the MOD and the Police. Other activities include the display of Poppies throughout the village in November to commemorate those from Enford who gave their lives in the First World War and the planting a weeping Copper Beech tree with memorial plaque in the Community Garden. Introducing a village Christmas tree which was very popular and will be repeated in the future. Organising the annual Village Litter pick for which 30 volunteers turned out to retrieve 20 bags of rubbish collected from roadsides and hedgerows throughout the parish. RR also thanked the 'Hub at the Swan' for laying on free burgers, teas and coffees to all those who had taken part.

The Council have also installed two new dog mess bins (Coombe Lane and Water Lane) and are awaiting the installation of a new salt/grit bin at the top of Fifield Lane near the A345.

To keep up to date with activities throughout the year you can read the meeting minutes either on notice boards or in the Newsletter or the website 'Archive'.

5 REPORT FOR THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Unfortunately Tom Hunter the Church Warden was unable to attend or send a report.

6 REPORT FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

WCllr Blair-Pilling apologised for not being present but many parishes appear to choose the same nights for their meetings and he can only attend one at a time. He sent the following report:

I have very much enjoyed my second year working on your behalf and have managed to address or am working on all the issues you or various individuals have raised: planning, roads, waste management, social care, traffic calming, flood risk, housing, enforcement, footpaths, community grants etc

Wiltshire Council continues to successfully manage its rising commitments while maintaining key services such as our buses and libraries in an increasingly challenging financial climate. The coming year will be the first with no annual grant from Westminster. Meanwhile, the Council continues to invest in improving our facilities with the opening of the new Pewsey Leisure Centre being particularly well received.

Perhaps the most significant issue this year that directly impinges on us has been the boundary review. We now know we shall retain 98 councillors, but rising population with a shift towards the urban centres requires significant changes to actual boundaries. We have yet to receive the final judgement, but it appears that our Ward will be split up into what I believe is a far more logical community-centred arrangement that will take effect in May 2021.

I thank and congratulate you and all the volunteers who work tirelessly in our communities. Wiltshire Council recognises that it must increasingly focus on its statutory responsibilities while helping to empower local communities to take greater responsibility for themselves. I strongly believe that this is a win win strategy as community decisions and actions are better and appreciated more by both the community and the contributing participants.

Alongside this I would encourage you to take a full part in the range of Tidworth Community Area meetings that enable you to engage with the relevant agents such as the Health and Well Being Group, the Neighbourhood Tasking Group (Police), the Community Area Transport Group and the now semi-annual Tidworth Community Area Partnership. This need only be a single representative and can reap dividends in local decision making and priorities.

In the immediate future I hope many of you will join the 'Paths for All' project, which I am sponsoring. It aims to improve access to and widen the use of the network of byways in the Tidworth Area. The launch

workshop will be in Collinbourne Ducis Village Hall on Wed 15th May at 7pm and will use the first hour of the scheduled Tidworth Area Board.

7 REPORT FOR ENFORD VILLAGE HALL

As Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, Judy D’Arcy-Irvine reported the following:

- 1 Thanks to the Parish Council for their continued financial support which mainly goes towards the upkeep of the Recreation Ground and helps to subsidise various events and user groups.
- 2 As reported last year, numerous pressures on finances were anticipated. For the financial year 17-18 there was a deficit of £567 which arose from the effects of vandalism (circa £2,000) and the cost of the installation of CCTV in May 18 at a cost of another £2,000. Since then the CCTV seems to be a successful deterrent.
- 3 For the current financial year, the Hall is breaking even despite the heat pump breaking down in November 18. The repairs and the hire of commercial heaters for 3 weeks has cost £1,500.
- 4 The electrical contractor at the time of build (2009) failed to meet the building specification as a result of which the Village Hall commissioned an independent electrical report. The building contractor agreed to fund the £8,000 rectification work, together with a refund for the £800 cost of the report. Over the years the electricians at the Hall have been consistently problematic incurring major expenses on repairs. The substandard underground cabling and connectors within the carpark circuit were not picked up in the report but as the car park lighting system has now failed it is imperative that it is now replaced and new LED bollards and drive-over lights are installed. Cost of repair is not economically viable. The Village Hall has looked into and discussed replacement main Hall lights with the manufacturer. The current lights are no longer available necessitating the replacement of all ten lights with the new LED version at a cost of around £2,500. The upgrade and installation of new carpark lighting and cabling will cost a further £9,000. Grants have been received or promised totalling £4,000 and a further £1,000 has been raised to date. The balance needed will be found through capital reserves to be replenished with further fund raising.
- 5 The Hall continues to be used widely by both local residents and those from outside the village. An ongoing maintenance plan is in place with redecoration and minor repairs being carried out throughout the year.
- 6 Thanks are due to Hamish Scott-Dalgleish for continuing to mow the Recreation ground every two weeks and to David Spencer for monitoring the building on a daily basis.
- 7 To celebrate the opening of the Hall in June 2009, the committee is hosting a drinks party on Friday 7th June to thank the village for its support. This is being widely advertised and it is hoped everyone will attend and support the Committee.
- 8 Everyone is welcome to attend all Committee meetings which are held every two months. Details of the dates and future events for this year can be found on the website newsletter.

There were no questions and Richard Roberts thanked Judy for her time and attendance.

8 REPORT FOR THE PARISH HALL AND READING ROOM

In April 2018 an independent survey confirmed that the Parish Hall building had reached the end of its economic life. Following the Committee’s decision (at its meeting on 12th June 2018) not to sell the site of the Hall, an Open Public Meeting was held, on 27th September, to make available the survey report, to put forward illustrated suggestions for the future use of the site once the Hall had been demolished and to invite any other suggestions from members of the village.

The overwhelmingly preferred options expressed by the residents of the village at the open meeting were firstly the creation of a public open space and secondly to provide some off-road car parking for certain residents of Longstreet. The PHMC took both of the village’s preferences into account and decided that once the Hall has been demolished, part of the site will be a public garden and the remainder will provide car parking (the rental from which will repay the demolition cost borrowed from the Parish Council, the cost of

the initial setting out of the garden and parking, and eventually the upkeep of the garden, with any surplus going towards funding other village projects).

The Parish Hall Management Committee held its Annual General Meeting on the 26th November 2018 in Enford Church.

A Conservation Area application was submitted to Wiltshire Council 28th November 2018, for planning consent for the demolition of the existing hall and the creation of car parking and public garden. Subsequent negotiations with the Wiltshire Council have been lengthy and have resulted in a revised application recently being submitted whereby initially consent for the demolition only is sought and following demolition an agreed layout for the proposals, including drainage solutions, will be prepared within an agreed timeframe.

In February 2019, a communication was received from the Charity Commission who appeared to have been informed that Parish Hall was in a poor state of repair, and that Parish Council funds were to be used to demolish it, with the site to be redeveloped into car parking spaces. A response was sent by the PHMC, giving the Charity Commission the full and correct information, and a reply from the Charity Commission has been received, confirming its satisfaction with the information supplied.

A clearance sale of the contents of the hall raised the sum of £468.00 towards the Parish Hall's funds. In the meantime the hall remains closed and is being kept secure - services have been disconnected and holding costs minimised. The Hall however produces no income and cannot do so due to its condition. Demolition will therefore take place at the earliest possible opportunity following consent from Wiltshire being received.

Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine asked if the Hall was still insured and Peter Cliffe-Roberts confirmed this was the case.

9 REPORT FOR THE ENFORD COMMUNITY FUND

Amanda Farrow was unable to attend but sent the following report:

"Over the last few years, the Enford, Chisenbury and Coombe Fete Committee has seen its membership drop by half, principally due to house moves away from the area. Over the last year the current Committee have tried to attract sufficient new members who are able and willing to fill the necessary organisational roles to make the running of the fete sustainable. Our thanks go to those who have stepped forward but sadly, and despite considerable effort, we have been unable to enlist sufficient new members to take the fete forward. As a result, the current Committee have decided that the only course of action is for them to stand down as regards the organisation of a summer fete in Enford. **The current Committee will however, continue to organise the Halloween and Fireworks Event at the end of October and to continue in its stewardship of the Enford Community Fund for the foreseeable future.**

The Committee ask that if there is a group within the Parish who would like to put forward a viable plan to organise and run a summer event in Enford, that they get in touch as there is funding and equipment available along with considerable expertise and willingness to help from the outgoing Committee.

In the first instance, please contact Amanda Farrow (Amanda.farrow@chisenbury.co.uk)"

The final paragraph started a discussion with everyone present. It was agreed that not having the Summer Fete was a loss to the village community and once gone, it would not be replaced. It was reported that several people had offered their assistance but their free time did not fit into the schedule used for the running of the Fete. It was suggested that in corroboration with the Village Hall – who have all the necessary licences and facilities - there could be a new group convened to create a Fete on different lines allowing for everyone's time constraints and contributions. It was thought sensible to approach the problem along different lines to the previously successful Fete, maybe even giving it a new 'twist'. Nothing could be achieved this year but it was agreed that discussions should start soon to give the maximum amount of planning. The Village Hall will raise this at their next Committee Meeting as will the Parish Council. It was also agreed that Amanda Farrow should be thanked for her hard work and invited to join future discussions for any continuation of the Village Fete.

10 REPORT FOR THE ENFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

Ollie Stagg was unable to attend the meeting but sent in the following report:

“Steve Todd is still running the Saturday morning sessions with the help of qualified coaches from Innov8sportz, who ensure that every week we have either Terry or Kane in attendance to assist Steve. The number of attendees has increased slightly over the last few months with a few younger ones starting. The charges are still the same as when we initially started the sessions and as the Village Hall make no charge to the club for the use of the facilities there is no planned increase in prices for the foreseeable future. We still pay the coaches every Saturday morning and as long as we get 10 children attending then the cost of the coaches is covered. Steve carries out his duties on a voluntary basis and continues to do a great job, sometimes in very difficult conditions.

The club are in need of some new goals and nets as we still have the original ones from the start of the sessions in 2009. We also need some new footballs and we have requested some funding from the Enford Fete Committee to assist in the purchase of these items.

We are still having problems with the rabbits on site digging holes all over the pitch. The concern here is that if the holes are not all filled in prior to training then it would be very easy for the children to injure themselves if they step into one of the holes causing serious injury. Steve arrives early to fill the holes in but it is a job which has to be done before every session.

The club would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee and the Enford Fete Committee for its continued support.”

11 REPORT FOR THE ENFORD NEWSLETTER

Diane Christie-Rundle is the Chairman of the Newsletter Committee and was unable to attend but sent in the following report:

“There has only been one major change to the Newsletter Committee since our report to the Parish Council last May, i.e. Clare Burge recently stepped down as Chairperson and we would like to thank her for her contribution. Diane Christie-Rundle volunteered to take over as Chairperson until the AGM in August.

As you are aware we are a volunteer group and as such we must consider the needs of our volunteers who all lead busy lives. With this in mind, last summer we changed the double issue from July/August to June/July. Since this proved successful we shall do so again this year and in the future.

Last year we received a few complaints that on some occasions the newsletter wasn't being received until a few days into the month and some events were being missed. As this usually coincided with Bank Holidays we made the decision to bring forward the copy deadline on the months these occurred. On the whole this has proved satisfactory.

We can only publish the monthly newsletter with the help of donations and paid advertising. We are extremely appreciative of the generous donation from the Parish Council and from the villagers who donate, plus of course organisations that support us by way of advertising. We aim to keep enough in our account to keep the newsletter going for one year if we were to receive no donations, but thankfully so far this has not been the case.

Priority is given to village matters, but we continue to include information about what's happening further afield as we know this is of interest our readers.

We are endeavouring to produce an up-to-date telephone directory, having sent out data return slips and information on how to update online. Unfortunately we have received a surprisingly low response. If the situation doesn't change significantly by our new deadline of end May, we can only assume that the village doesn't need the telephone directory any longer and we can save on the effort and cost it takes to produce. We would of course be happy to review the situation if demand requires in the future.

Finally, I would like to thank our volunteers who work so hard to produce the newsletter each month for the benefit of others – that’s everyone on the Committee and our amazing distributors who go out in all weathers to pop it through letterboxes.”

Peter Cliffe-Roberts was surprised at the low uptake on the proposed new telephone directory. It was suggested this may well be because the new GDPR law states effectively that you have to ‘opt in’ rather than assuming you will be automatically included because you were in the previous issue. It was also suggested that people no longer wish to publish their contact details as this lays them open to spam and phishing either by phone or email. Whilst the Parish Clerk is legally bound to publish contact details, it was suggested that a ‘Parish Clerk’ email address was created rather than using a private address.

12 REPORT FOR ‘THE HUB’

Pete and Emma Jeffries of The Swan who now run ‘The Hub at the Swan’ were invited to attend and/or send a report. Unfortunately they were unable to do so.

13 MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THE RESIDENTS OF ENFORD

There were no questions or points raised.

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

There being no questions and no further reports, Cllr Roberts closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Richard Roberts - Chairman, Enford Parish Council

Date: 12th May 2020