

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd September 2014

At the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Present:	Cllr Norman Beardsley	Chairman
	Cllr Jane Young, Cllr Patricia Holdway	Councillors
	Cllr Michael Fay, Cllr David Harbottle	Councillors
	Cllr Richard Roberts	Councillor
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Parish Clerk
	Cllr Charles Howard	Wiltshire Council
	Lt Col Andy Sherburn	MOD Liaison
	Mr Kim Richie & Mr John Parker	Members of the Public

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm

14/232 Apologies

Apologies were noted from Cllr Gareth Holden, Cllr Richard Petitt, Cllr Bruce Waight, Cllr Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine, Vice Chairman – Cllr Nigel Murray, Mr Tony Pickernell of TCAP and Police Liaison – Maria Downham / Tim Bunt.

14/233 Public Question Time

Mr John Parker was asking why the Parish Plan has not yet been published a year after the Questionnaires had been sent to all in the Village. From the information he had seen from it, there was an overall feeling that Enford did not need/want any more houses and so why was the recent Affordable Housing Survey being distributed when the general reaction was already known. He said this was an added aggravation and wanted to know what the Parish Council was doing and who was in charge. Mr Richie was in agreement with Mr Parker. Cllr Beardsley explained that the Parish Plan was not anything to do with the Parish Council and that the Affordable Housing Survey was from Wiltshire Council and not related in any way to the Parish Plan.

Mr Parker also complained about the usage of Water Lane. It is a 'No through Road' and the signage isn't good enough. He wants better signage to stop unauthorised traffic and also wants Speedwatch Controls. Cllr Beardsley explained that Speedwatch's remit did not cover Water Lane.

14/234 Verification of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 30th July were presented to the Council. Cllr Harbottle proposed them to be an accurate reflection and this was seconded by Cllr Fay. All Councillors were in favour.

14/235 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

14/236 Matters Arising

- I Cllr Beardsley reminded everyone of the Defibrillator Training session to be held in the Parish Hall next Wednesday (10th September).
- ii Cllr Beardsley asked if anyone had had any feedback from the Affordable Housing survey. No-one reported anything specifically apart from the view that it was the wrong location.
- iii Cllr Holdway is still researching the issue of dog fouling in the village and the lack of bins and removal. For the roadfronts of private property it was suggested that signs could be purchased by the individual householders.

14/237 Finance

The Clerk reported on the current financial situation. As usual, the bank statement had not come through so the figures were not entirely accurate being based on the previous month's bank statement and not knowing which cheques had cleared.

Since the meeting, the Clerk can report that the bank statement for August has now arrived. All bar one of the outstanding cheques have cleared the account leaving a balance of £3,559.55. The outstanding cheque is for £150.00 and was a donation to the Enford Youth Club in June.

14/238 Police Matters

The Clerk provided an email from Wiltshire Police to say that there had been two false alarms raised in Enford, both of which had been resolved quickly.

14/239 MOD Liaison

Lt Col Andy Sherburn attended the meeting to introduce himself and give a brief overview of the situation he has taken on. He is responsible for 8 parishes in the area and is visiting each one. It is still fluid regarding personnel but plans are in place that each parish will be allocated a contact for the continued two way flow of questions and information.

14/240 Unitary Council Matters

Cllr Howard reported that there is a new Highways reporting procedure. (A full copy of this will be attached to the draft minutes). The old Clarence number has been replaced with 0300 456 0105. This feeds directly into the Customer Care Centre and avoids the problems that used to arise from mobile phone callers. Reports may also be made online to www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts and this can be downloaded as an app for smartphones from the online reporting website.

Cllr Howard reminded us of the Road Salt Grit Bag Scheme. It was felt though that Enford had enough supplies, currently stored in Cllr Young's barn.

The Tidworth Area Board will have a new format for its next meeting to be held at Ludgershall Memorial Hall on 22nd September. The draft programme is:

- From 2.00pm - Health fair
- 4.00pm - Dementia Workshop
- 5.00pm - A talk about First Responding/ers
- 5.30pm - A talk and short film about Healthcare issues
- 6.00pm - Area Board grants and Updates
- 6.30pm - Close

Mentioning Area Board grants, Cllr Howard informed us that there is £24,000 still available and not currently earmarked for existing Grant Applications. It cannot be carried over to the next financial year and will therefore be a lost facility. The Area Board is keen to receive applications for grants for capital projects but these cannot be for revenue projects. Contact: Mary Cullen on 01722 434260 / 07709 245496 to discuss any grants under consideration.

There will be another Flood Warder Workshop held at the Bowman centre in Amesbury on 11th September from 1.00 to 4.00pm. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Renate Malton on renate.malton@wiltshire.gov.uk to reserve a place.

Finally, Cllr Howard reminded us that the Enford Speed Limit review has now been issued and comments can be accepted up until 6th October. As the Parish Council have had trouble with requesting a 20mph speed limit through the village, it suggested that we apply for a '20mph zone' for the most sensitive areas of the C32. The two are different in their application and usage so Cllr Harbottle will look into this.

14/241 Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Roberts reported having difficulty getting hold of PC Maria Downham for information. He is also trying to get more people involved as co-ordinators. He is keen that as a Parish Council we should proceed with creating a dedicated village database to advise people of matters to be aware of whether it is an increase in thefts from barns and sheds or icy/impassable roads etc.

14/242 Tidworth CAP

Tony Pickernell had planned to attend but was unable to at the last minute. He sent his apologies and no report.

14/243 Planning Applications

There are currently no applications outstanding.

14/244 Roads & Highways

Cllr Harbottle reported that the next 'Community Day' is on October 15th and he has a meeting with Nick Bancroft on 3rd October to itemise what needs to be done. So far there are 2 items on his list – 1. Clean the grips on Water Lane and 2. Clean the grips on Enford Farm Road. Would people please contact him as soon as possible and before 3rd October with any other items for attention.

Wiltshire Council have asked that farmers with roadside fields/hedges should trim these as soon as possible due to the year's excess growth.

Mr Mackie has started to move some of the sarsen stones that are too near to the roadside and cause problems to vehicles. However these are large and heavy and he will continue to move them when he has the mechanical means /shovel /forklift back at the yard.

The verge in Fifield will hopefully be cut back before 15th October.

There is still no start date for the replacement of the safety rails on the A345, his contact is not replying to phone calls.

14/245 Rights of Way

Cllr Beardsley has replaced the sign on path 4 near the Red Lion at East Chisenbury.

He also mentioned that the Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) as outlined in the previous minutes dated 30 Jul 14, to up Enford Bridleways 13, 16 (part), 18 and 44, together with Fittleton 7A to Restricted Byway has now been confirmed by Wiltshire Council.

14/246 The Parish Plan

The Parish Plan Steering Committee (PPSG) have compiled a detailed report and Action List which affects all of the village groups/committees. This is being circulated to all Councillors to read and comment on before attending **AN EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 17TH SEPTEMBER AT THE PARISH HALL AT 7.30PM**. As it is a wide ranging report with many varied aspects, it was agreed that a separate meeting with the Plan as the only subject is the best way forward.

From this meeting we shall then be able to send our formal response to the PPSG before a meeting is held between all of the Parish Groups/Committees to see how we can best move ahead with The Plan.

14/247 Correspondence

i. An email has been received from Henry Middleton of the PCC requesting, if possible, a further donation from the Parish Council in the sum of £1,500.00 for repairs to the Lychgate /War Memorial.

The PCC have had a quote of £7,000. So far they have secured grants of £1,000 from Wiltshire Council and £1,500 from the Samuel William Farmer Trust. They have earmarked £2,000 from the 'Buildings' fund and have asked the Enford Community Fund if they would consider a grant of £1,000. This leaves the figure of £1,500 still to find.

Unfortunately the Parish Council does not have the funds to do this with six months till to run on this financial year. Cllrs thought £7,000 was rather expensive and asked how many other quotes had been received. It was suggested that they could perhaps apply to Tidworth for some of the £24,000 available mentioned by Cllr Howard earlier (see 14/240 – Unitary Council Matters).

ii. The Clerk had sent round a request from Wiltshire Council to engage with and promote their survey about 'Living in Wiltshire and What matters to you?' It was decided that this would create more unnecessary work and bore very little relevance to Enford Parish Council. It was unanimously agreed not to engage with it.

14/248 Any Other Business

i. Cllr Harbottle had been approached about the fact that there was no special 'soft surface' under the facilities in the Playpark. It is simply turf. As the Playpark is inspected annually by The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) who haven't raised this matter with the Council, it was decided that there was not a problem or concern in this matter.

ii. The PC was informed that the bus service from Enford to Devizes has been cancelled. You now have to travel to Marlborough and change for a connection to Devizes! Cllr Beardsley suggested Cllr Harbottle contact the CATG.

iii. The matter of a contract with Andy Kane of Avon valley Maintenance was raised. He normally cuts the grass at the community garden as well as the Playpark area. It is only a verbal agreement and the Clerk was asked to find out if he wished to continue this and also to request another cut this year. If he does not wish to do this, the Clerk has been asked to get a quote from Mike Nash of Chirton. Mr Kane currently charges £90.00 per cut for both areas.

iv. Cllr Harbottle asked if anyone wished to raise a particular matter at the next Tidworth Area Transport meeting which he will be attending. Please contact him.

v. Cllr Young mentioned that the wall at 'Old Bengers' was looking particularly dangerous and in need of attention. Cllrs Beardsley and Roberts both offered to talk to the owners about it to get it sorted.

vi. It was also mentioned that the Goodship brothers had done an excellent job on maintaining the Coronation seat. This was completely voluntary on their behalf and the Council's vote of thanks to them should be published in the Newsletter. The Clerk will pass this on to Tanya.

14/249 Date of next Meeting

The date for the next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday October 22nd at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

**DIARY NOTE -EXTRAORDINARY MEETING - TO BE HELD ON 17TH SEPTEMBER
IN THE PARISH HALL AT 7.30PM TO DISCUSS THE PARISH PLAN.**

Elizabeth Harrison – Clerk, Enford Parish Council.