

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 22nd October 2014

Present:	Mr Norman Beardsley	Chairman
	Mrs Patricia Holdway, Mrs Jane Young	Councillors
	Mr Michael Fay, Mr A D'Arcy-Irvine	Councillors
	Mr David Harbottle, Mr Bruce Waight	Councillors
	Mr Richard Roberts	Councillor
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	Cllr Charles Howard	Wiltshire County Council
	Steve Crompton	Flood Warden
	Sue de Candole	PCC representative

The meeting was opened at 7.31pm by the Chairman

14/252 Apologies

- Received from Cllrs Nigel Murray, Gareth Holden and Richard Petitt.

14/253 Public Questions

- There were no members of the public present however Sue de Candole introduced herself as representing the Parochial Church Council.

14/254 Verification of the Minutes

- The Minutes of both meetings held in September were agreed as an accurate record. The meeting of 3rd September was the usual Parish Council meeting and the 17th September was an Extraordinary meeting called to discuss nothing but the actions required on the Parish Plan document. Cllr Michael Fay proposed the Minutes of 3rd Sept to be an accurate record and this was seconded by Cllr Richard Roberts. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine proposed the Minutes of 17th September as accurate and this was seconded by Cllr David Harbottle.

14/255 Declarations of Interest

- Cllr Jane Young declared her interest in the matter of Enford Paddock and the Affordable Housing Scheme proposed by Wiltshire Council.

14/256 Matters Arising

- i. Affordable Housing Survey Report
All Councillors had received and read a copy of the Report and the Chairman gave an abridged version of the email from Helen Taylor, the Commissioning and Contacts Lead of the Housing Scheme. When put to the vote it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would not support the scheme. It was again mentioned that the location was inappropriate for the introduction of elderly/possibly disabled people who would have to walk

half a mile down/uphill to the nearest bus stop. The lack of buses serving the village as it is, the nearest Doctors surgery being at least two miles away in either Upavon or Durrington etc

Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine wanted to know why the possible alternatives for the site (extended Playpark or Allotments) had not been mentioned in the letter that went out to the whole village. Cllr Beardsley said this was because the letter was sent from Wiltshire Council, not the Parish Council, and was solely to do with housing survey.

- ii. Report from Steve Crompton, Flood Warden

Steve was unable to report on anything as Wiltshire Council have not been in touch with him. He has received information via email from both the Clerk and the Chairman but no contact regarding training, equipment supplies, procedures etc. He will contact the Council and hopes to receive regular information in future. The voluntary position was requested in February by the Council (Wilts), the Clerk has twice chased them to contact Steve and involve him in the training sessions etc – again this has drawn no response.

Cllr Richard Roberts suggested that due to the seeming lack of concern/interest from the Council, the Parish should go ahead and buy its own sand, gelbags, bags etc from the Parish Council funds. He will find out pricing per ton of sand and the cost of bags. Cllr Bruce Waight has offered storage space for supplies and also the use of a hopper for filling bags. Cllr Jane Young also offered storage alongside the village salt supply. Cllr Young also suggested applying to the Community Fund for reducing the considerable cost to the Parish Council. All Councillors were in favour of proceeding with these plans.

iii. RoSPA Playpark Report

All Councillors had been sent a copy of the Playpark Safety Report. Cllrs Beardsley, Fay, Young and Roberts had also done their own inspection. Cllr Michael Fay has overseen the maintenance of the Playpark. He is waiting for the right weather conditions to repaint the bench. It was also suggested that it could be concreted into the ground as it is constantly being moved around and this will be weakening it considerably. The board at the back of the net (netball/baseball style) will be glued and clamped to stop it coming apart. The joints/shackles of various pieces of the actual equipment will be oiled and checked. The Council voted that Cllr Fay should continue with the works and this was seconded by Cllr Young.

14/257 Finance

The Clerk read out the current financial situation. A bank reconciliation was produced for September but obviously could not be completed for October as there are other known outgoings to consider before the end of this month. Going into November there would be circa £2,900 in the account to last until the 15/16 Precept is received in April 15.

14/258 Police Matters

Although invited to attend the meeting, there was no Police representation and neither had a report been received from them.

14/259 Army Matters

Lt Col Andy Sherburn was invited to attend although he was unable to do so. He wrote to say that the plan to start the new contract with their industry partner (Landmarc) was still in place for 1st November. He confirmed the information of his last meeting i.e. that there will be no manned vedettes (sentry posts) on the training area and likewise, there will no longer be Land Wardens or Range Wardens. Those individuals are now called Training Area Operatives and will be task focussed on a daily basis. There is a new Training Safety Marshall (WO1 Morris) who is responsible for the east of the training area. Once settled in this job, he will hopefully become our Liaison Officer for the future. Lt Col Sherburn is happy to answer any questions anyone may have at any time.

14/260 Unitary Council Matters

Cllr Charles Howard had two main points he wished to raise.

Firstly, the Tidworth Area Board still has £24,000 available for Community Area Grants. Unlike previous years, if this money is not spent, it cannot be carried into the next financial year. The grants are only available for capital projects, not revenue projects. The maximum grant without match funding is £1,000. Grants of up to £5,000 are available, though these must be match-funded. From Enford's point of view this could be used for extra equipment in the Playpark for example. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine thought it might be useful to the PCC who are trying to raise more money for the repair of the Lychgate. The Clerk had already assisted the PCC in getting a £1,000 grant earlier this year from the same source. The PCC needs to establish whether they could match-fund another grant to raise their total required funds. It was also suggested the Enford might the Board for a grant to purchase a new bench for the Playpark as the current one (about to be re-painted) is becoming a bit rickety.

Secondly, the Provision of Activities for 12-18 year olds.

The old system of facilities for youth activities (being maintained and run by salaried Council staff) is being replanned. The facility at Tidworth is the exception to the rule as it is owned/run by the Army and will continue to be so. Under the new system each Community Area such as Tidworth (which includes Ludgershall, the Collingbournes, Everleigh, The Chutes, Netheravon, Enford and Fittleton) will employ a Community Youth Officer. It is their job to arrange and co-ordinate youth activities for those areas. The Council has provided £25,000 to provide new facilities (including transport) in the Tidworth Community Area. The facilities at the Wellington Academy will probably be involved (during school holidays as well) and the Council is looking at how best to offer facilities for the Enford, Fittleton and Netheravon side of the Community Area. The next Area Board meeting will be held at the Wellington Academy on Monday 17th November at 7.00pm. Cllr Howard hopes that as many families with children aged 12-18yrs will attend as their voice for what facilities they want will be taken into account rather than the Community Area providing what they think the youth would like.

On a final note, Cllr Howard said that the financial outlook for 2015 was pretty grim with a £30 million budget cut. Budgets will continue to be cut year on year.

14/261 Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Richard Roberts recently attended the Neighbourhood Tasking Group. By comparison to other areas, the crime rate in Enford appears to be very low. He will continue to attend the meetings. As well as Neighbourhood Watch, Cllr Roberts has also joined the Farm Watch and Horse Watch groups and has registered Enford on the Neighbourhood Watch and Home Watch network/website. He has also had a meeting with PCSO Maria Downham and will keep all contacts open. He will advertise vacancies for more people to assist.

Steve Crompton reported that there is someone in the village 'keying' cars. His car was damaged outside the pub and someone else's car was also keyed.

14/262 Tidworth CAP

Tony Pickernell was unable to attend. He did not send a 'brief' to the meeting.

14/263 Planning Applications

There are currently no outstanding Planning Applications for Enford.

Cllr Richard Roberts mentioned the Planning Training session on 4th November which he will be attending.

14/264 Roads and Highways

1 Water Lane hedge – Following a meeting with Landmarc it transpires that the hedge cannot be cut unless Utilities companies complain. If the residents wish to cut the hedge themselves they can do so but must first get permission from the Army

2 The latest Community Day was held on 15th October. The task list reads as follows:

Coombe Lane

Pot holes to be filled Pending Community Steward to check and fill as necessary

Cleaning grips adjacent to C32 Pending Raised as task for JCB to complete

Enford

i. Grips on Water Lane beyond

30mph sign need cleaning Partly done Partly dug, vegetation strimmed. Needs JCB to complete

ii. Grips on Enford Farm Road

need cleaning Partly done Partly dug by Z bends, Needs JCB to complete

iii. Grips on both sides of the road

between the Church & car park

need cleaning Completed All grips dug out and vegetation strimmed

iv. Overhanging hedge on track off

Water Lane needs cutting back Pending Not covered by Highways team. Internally referred to PRoWs. Some vegetation cut back around street light

v. Pothole at bottom of Water Lane - Completed

vi. Water Lane sign in hedge, needs

re-erecting Pending Defect report raised on 26th Sept. Awaiting replacement sign

vii. Pothole between the Old Bakery

and The Swan Completed

viii. Z bend on Enford Farm Road

partially broken away Pending Some work done but more tarmac needed to complete

East Chisenbury

Road Water trap by Chisenbury

Court needs cleaning Pending Raised as task for Gully Sucker to complete

Compton

i. 2 bad potholes on A345 in urgent

Need of attention	Pending	Defect report already raised, will chase contractors
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ii. Sunken cover on A345 reported a number of

times in last two years.	Pending	Defect report raised.
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The eastern area of the county has the use of a JCB for two weeks commencing 10th November. The above highlighted grips are on the list of jobs for that time. All other jobs pending will be dealt with 'eventually'.

3 The light on the Bridge has now been mended with replacement light-sensitive control

4 Bus Scheme re Community buses - The bus calls at Enford on Thursdays and Saturdays. It is unlikely to route the bus on the A345 so residents of New Buildings will need to walk to the bus stop in Enford at the junction.

5 Tidworth Community Area Transport Group - The next meeting is on 10th November. Cllr Harbottle has asked for proposed traffic calming at the junction in Enford to be put on the Agenda.

6 Fifield – A Bobcat will need to be hired to do the work there.

14/265 Public Rights of Way (PROWs)

Cllr Beardsley reported that he had spent the day on Salisbury Plain on 9th October with Nigel Linge and 5 other volunteers. They erected 40 posts and route signs on various PROWs several of which are in Enford Parish, predominantly to the east of the A345.

Within Enford Parish, Bridleway 6 has been slightly diverted to move the junction with Bridleway 9 approx 40 yards south of the original. This was because they originally ran parallel with each other, only 5 yards apart.

Some bridleways have been subject to Map/Statement Modification Orders, lifting their status to Restricted Byways. Additionally a small number of Restricted Byways and some MOD stone track and tarmac roads have been granted the status of Permissive Byway.

Wiltshire Council provide an excellent map on their website www.wiltshire.gov.uk showing all PROWs however this does not include upgrading to Permissive Routes. The map is updated monthly and can be found by going to 'Leisure and Recreation', 'Walking and Cycling', 'Public Rights of Way' then 'Public Rights of Way Mapping'. A wealth of further information on PROW can be found on this site.

Friends of the Ridgeway – A petition website, Action Against The Great Stones Way, (AAGSW), has been asking people in the Pewsey Vale to remove all the signs for the Greystones Walk. This has been done however the Pewsey Avon Trial signs remain. Cllr Beardsley will speak to Ian Ritchie of Friends of the Ridgeway about this. Cllr Beardsley also reported that both Marden and Wilsford have objected to people using the Public Rights of Way however, they don't mind cyclists!

14/266 The Parish Plan

It was reported that Steve Becker, Chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Committee has briefly seen the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th September. This was an Extraordinary Meeting held solely for discussion of the Parish Plan

and the action points it has raised for the attention of the Parish Council. The Minutes are not considered to be a response to those action points which is delaying further consultation with other village committees and groups. Cllr Beardsley decided that as Cllr Murray (not present) has had more dealings on this matter with Steve Becker that we wait and speak with him as well.

14/267 Any Other Business

i. Suggested meeting dates for 2014/5

Cllr Beardsley explained the possible change of dates for the remainder of 2014. November 19th would be for discussing only the Parish Precept for 2015/6. November 26 would be a normal Parish Council Meeting. Being quite late in the month and so close to Christmas with the usual disruption to Councillors' diaries, it was agreed that the planned meeting for December 10th be cancelled. This was generally agreed. The Clerk will circulate the revised/amended dates shortly to all Councillors.

ii. Cllr Beardsley has personally purchased a wreath from the British Legion on behalf of the Parish Council. Including a small donation as well, the cost came to £30.00 which the Parish Council all agreed should be repaid to him.

14/268 Correspondence

The only item was a letter from 'Friends of the Ridgeway' with a complimentary copy of the handbook they had produced giving routes, directions and general background information on The Ridgeway Walk. This is a courtesy copy to Enford Parish Council as we had in the past donated some money towards its compilation and production. There was no other correspondence that has not already been circulated.

14/269 Date of Next Meeting–Precept ONLY. This will be Wednesday 19th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall as usual. The following week, Wednesday 26th November will be the usual Parish Council business meeting.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.55hrs.

Elizabeth Harrison – Clerk.