

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 10th March 2015

Held in the Village Hall

Present:	CllrRichard Roberts	Chairman
	CllrPatricia Holdway, Cllr Jane Young	Councillors
	Cllr Michael Fay, Cllr Gareth Holden	Councillors
	Cllr David Harbottle, Cllr Bruce Waight	Councillors
	CllrRichard Pettitt,	Councillor
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	Cllr Charles Howard	Wiltshire Council
	PCSO Maria Downham	Wiltshire Police
	Tony Broadbent	MOD Liaison
	Steve Becker, Terry Mundy, Keron Taylor	Members of the Public
	Mike Germany, Diane Christie-Rundall	Members of the Public

The meeting was opened at 7.34pm by Cllr Roberts, Chairman

15/306 Apologies

- Received from CllrNigel Murray, Cllr D’Arcy-Irvine and Cllr Charles Howard (late arrival) and Cllr Waight (late arrival)

15/307 Public Questions

- No members of the public chose to speak.

15/308 Verification of the Minutes

- The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th January were proposed as a true record by Cllr Pettitt and seconded by Cllr Fay.

15/309 Declarations of Interest

- There were no declarations of interest.

15/310 Matters Arising

i. Co-option of a new Councillor.

Four members of the public came forward for election and spoke to the Council before any voting - Diane Christie-Rundle, Mike Germany, Terry Mundy and Keron Taylor. In the first vote a tie occurred. A second vote was taken and Keron Taylor was voted on to the Council by a clear majority

ii. Cllr required to take on the Public Rights of Way within Enford

Following the resignation of Norman Beardsley, the Council needs to find someone to take on the work that Norman has done in this area. It would require regular checking of the PROWs, noting blocked/overgrown access, diversions etc liaising with both the MOD and Wiltshire Council to discuss/resolve these matters. No-one volunteered for this responsibility and the matter will be discussed again in April.

15/311 Finance

The Clerk read out the current financial situation. A bank reconciliation was produced for February showing the balance at the start of the month to be £1,671.55. The grant for the new bench in the Playpark was also received (£572.80). On ordering the bench the grant funds have gone straight out leaving other expenditure at £205 and a closing balance of £1,476.55.

15/312 Police Matters

PCSO Maria Downham was able to attend despite not being fully recovered. The (new) listed incidents from February are

- 1 12-Feb-15 – Fly-tipping by an unknown suspect on a regular basis in the same location
- 2 24-Feb-15 – Coombe Lane – A visitor's car was damaged whilst parked for an hour. The front wing, the wing mirror and the driver's side were all damaged and the offender did not stop.
- 3 5-Mar-15 - Enford Farm (Cllr Waight) - An unknown offender has caused damage to fencing and crops by driving over them. The enquiry is ongoing. Cllr Waight report this occurred again on Sunday 9th March.

Fly tipping and hare coursing appear to be on the increase, this was corroborated by Tony Broadbent (MOD Liaison). PCSO Downham also reported that a new PCSO would be starting at the end of March under her guidance/tutelage however, the staffing levels as a whole are still down from where they should be.

Cllr Roberts had called in regarding a suspicious pedestrian in Enford apparently checking parked cars.

15/313 Army Matters

Tony Broadbent reported that they had dealt with increasing incidents of both fly tipping and hare coursing - 5 in February and so far, 2 in March. They have also been recording increases of people crossing fences into the impact areas, some of these being dog walkers. There are increased fires in the impact area due to live rounds being used though these fires are controlled. There is live firing in the Warminster area of the Plain (impact area). There should be three Safety Training Marshalls (STMs) however there are currently only two. The lack of Landmarc Rangers and unmanned vedettes does not help the situation.

Some army vehicles have been seen on roads in Enford they should not be on (out of bounds). Where such vehicles are seen they should be reported (number plates be taken) as the personnel can be traced. Landrovers are classed as a one ton vehicle. He reported that the tank damage to the top of Water Lane is being repaired. He also reported on the large movement of armoured/ heavy artillery vehicles being brought out, this being a training run in getting such equipment to Southampton. Cllr Waight also mentioned the issue of Gypsies causing problems in the area, these are being monitored. Tony Broadbent will be unable to attend the next meeting.

15/314 Unitary Council Matters

Cllr Charles Howard reported on several issues including the Core Strategy (the final document will be used as a basis for all planning decisions in the county until 2026), Budget 15/16 approval (no increase from Wilts Council but a 1.99% increase due to the Police and Fire & Rescue precepts), Garden waste (a £40 p.a. charge for collection), Council Tax bills to be issued online in future (as well as other Council documents/newsletters) – this will save the Council money, improve efficiency and all residents are urged to sign up for this.

Cllr Howard referred to two other documents - 1) Brief for Area Board meeting on 9th March and - 2) Army Basing Briefing for Amesbury, Pewsey, Tidworth and Warminster Area Boards – March 2015. All these documents have been circulated to all Councillors.

15/315 Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Richard Roberts had nothing new to report as this has mostly been covered by items 15/312 and 15/313. He is now using the Wiltshire app for reporting fly-tipping.

There has been no response to his request for people to come forward as Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and he still hopes to reach all people in the village by a village email database.

15/316 Tidworth CAP

Tony Pickernell was unable to attend, he did not send a report.

15/317 Planning Applications

Application 15/01291/FUL was discussed. There is no need for a site visit and the application was approved. A request for the roofline to be retained at the same level as the existing roof was made.

15/318 Parish Plan

It was agreed that this should be retained as a standard item on the Agenda. The Parish Council should have a Councillor representing the Parish Plan and Cllr Roberts suggested Cllr Murray in his absence!

15/319 Roads and Highways

Cllr Harbottle reported that:

1 The next Community Work Day would be in the next fortnight, now agreed as 18th March.

2 Items designated for attention:

- a. Removal of a bank of chippings in the centre of Enford Farm Road adjacent to Allwood House and 56 Enford
- b. Potholes on the A345 between Enford Hill and Compton
- c. Potholes on the A345 north of West Chisenbury
- d. Potholes on Water Lane beyond the 30mph release sign

3 Still awaiting a date when the work will be started on:

- a. Resurfacing Enford Hill to Compton (scheduled anytime from April 15 to March 16)
- b. Repair of tank damage to Water Lane
- c. Replacing the safety barrier on the A345 beyond Long Acre
- d. Removal of the grass verge invasion on the road at Fifield.

4. All the streetlights that were notified as defective have now been repaired.

15/320 Public Rights of Way (PROWs)

No-one was able to report to the Council on these as no-one has come forward for this responsibility.

15/321 Any Other Business

i. The Village Emergency Plan

The Clerk explained this had come from an initial meeting with Renate Malton of Wiltshire Council and Cllr Pat Holdway. Steve Crompton as Flood Warden was unable to attend. It incorporates the Flood Plan, being snowbound and cut off, long term power outage problems, pandemic illness etc. The Clerk holds samples of other town Emergency Plans as a guide of all aspects to be incorporated however this does involve the inclusion of almost the village to support and react to whatever the emergency. The planning work involved is more than one person can do and a special Council meeting was considered. If this were to go ahead, it would be hoped that Renate would be able to attend and explain in detail to all members. Cllr Roberts suggested the large database currently held by Steve Becker could be made available to the Council. This idea was seconded by Cllr Petitt who pointed out this also ties up the idea of being able to contact everyone in the village for 'community' reasons. Cllr Petitt proposed that the Council look at buying a laptop dedicated to run this and the idea was seconded by both Cllr Holden and Cllr Fay.

ii. New Playpark bench delivery

This is due to happen on 23rd March, albeit an estimated delivery date. The Clerk will contact the supplier and give them Cllr Roberts address as he lives closest to the Playpark. Any specified timing would incur extra charges. The Clerk will arrange this.

iii. Community Garden

Cllr Petitt suggested the village pull together to maintain this rather than pay external contractors. The Gardening Club are not interested in taking this on. Many shrubs/bushes have been planted in memory of people and therefore need to be kept and cared for rather than clearing the whole site to lawn for ease of cutting/maintenance. Cllr Young suggested a 'work day' be arranged and this will need a co-ordinator. It was agreed to carry this over to the April meeting as this would be a better time of year to do the work. A Saturday morning blitz was suggested.

iv. Dog Fouling in Water Lane

This matter has again been raised. The Chairman was contacted by an unhappy resident. Cllr Harbottle says there are two signs which carry a £1000 fine concerning this in the Churchyard. Cllr Young had supplied these and will liaise with Cllr Holdway, who is leading/researching this issue, about getting some more. These are available from Wiltshire Council but cost money..

v. Village Noticeboards- repair/replacement

Thanks were given to Cllr D-'Arcy-Irvine and his helpful email on types, sizes and costs. It would however be useful to see photographs of the proposed new board – a wood effect surround, A0 size(1259mm x 911mm), takes 16 sheets of A4 paper and costs £149.00. It was agreed to look at this again in April when the precept has been received. The Parish Council is looking to replace all the notice boards in the village (currently 3) as an on-going plan. It was suggested that a board be placed in Grants Road however, it was also noted that people tend to be driving at that point, not walking and therefore they would not stop and read the information posted.

vi. Dates for end of year meetings

It was reported that two Cllrs would be unable to make the October and November meetings as these had been scheduled for Thursday night in the Village Hall. Tuesday nights are better and the Clerk will arrange this.

vii. Speedwatch

Cllr Fay reported one applicant for the job – Alan Day – who has now got the requisite application form. This brings the number of volunteers to 5 or 6 willing to continue the regular Speedwatch slots in Enford. The question of extending the areas in which Speedwatch can operate was raised. Cllr Roberts said he was happy to go on a training

course. Cllr Fay reported that there is a training course on 22nd April between 6 and 8 o'clock in the evening. He has also given the camera to PCSO Maria Downham for re-calibration.

15/322 Correspondence

The only correspondence not previously circulated to the Council was the annual 'Best kept Village' organised by the CPRE. It was decided as inappropriate for the Parish Council and the information will be passed to the Gardening Club.

Cllr Young noted that the children in the Village would like a skateboard Park. She will look into the costs and possibility of this – maybe a second hand half pipe might be feasible.

15/323 Date of Next Meeting

This will be on **Wednesday 29th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.**

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30hrs.

Elizabeth Harrison, Clerk – Enford Parish Council.