

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 13th December 2016
Held in the Village Hall.

To be verified at the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 24th January 2017

Present:	Cllr Richard Roberts	Chairman
	Cllr Patricia Holdway, Cllr Bruce Waight	Councillors
	Cllr Jane Young, Cllr Cliffe-Roberts	Councillors
	Cllr David Harbottle, Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine	Councillors
	Cllr Gareth Holden	Councillor
	Tony Broadbent	MOD/SPTA Liaison
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm by Cllr Richard Roberts, Chairman.

16/120 Apologies

Received from Maria Downham – Police Liaison, W.Cllr Charles Howard, Cllr Keron Taylor, Cllr Richard Pettit , and Cllr Michael Fay.

16/121 Public Questions

There were no members of the public present.

16/122 Verification of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 15th November 2016 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Cliffe-Roberts and seconded by Cllr Holdway. The Minutes of the 2017/18 Precept Meeting were proposed as a true record by Cllr Harbottle and Cllr Waight

16/123 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Taylor had a Planning Application for the Council's consideration though she was not present.

16/124 Matters Arising

i. Army use of byway by Cllr Waight's house

Tony Broadbent explained that the troop commander had had a 'geographically embarrassing' moment when tanks incorrectly used the byway causing damage to Cllr Waight's farm buildings as well as themselves. This held up the exercise. The troops had been using GPS rather than maps and should not have been on Enford Farm land as it is designated Schedule 1. Tony said that new signage was being made and he will report this back to base.

ii. Update on the Traveller site / Mink Farm land

Cllr Roberts explained that the matter had arisen over the previous weekend when a tatty mobile home appeared on site. Wilts. Council was contacted and they made an inspection. The owners were finally contacted, the land has not changed hands and they explained that this was for use as a 'shelter' whilst they worked on other buildings on site. They did not intend or envisage this as a residential unit. Wilts Council and various interested local parties are keeping an eye on the situation should anything change.

iii. Area Boards

Cllr Roberts explained that he had had an email from Alan Wood, Chairman of Fittleton Parish Council regarding the affiliation to Tidworth Area Board. He is concerned that the parishes in the 'A345 corridor' have very little relation to Tidworth and Lugershall and a lot more relation to Amesbury. He also pointed out that with the Army re-basing programme and further civilian house building moving apace in the area, a new Area Board

could be established in Durrington. This would be a more natural geographic affiliation for the A345 corridor parishes. Elections are soon to take place for Wiltshire Councillors and any possible changes could be made in time for the 2021 local elections. He has asked that local parishes consider this concept.

Cllr Roberts has replied to Alan Wood and it is suggested that Enford discuss this in further detail at a later meeting. Cllr Holden suggested Enford was more naturally associated with the Pewsey Area Board and historically this was the case. Cllr Waight said the expansion in housing and development may change the natural association anyway.

16/125 Finance

The Clerk reported that at the end of November the account stood at £8,069.05. £420.00 had been spent in the month on Clerk's salary, Garden Services and the British Legion. No unexpected expenditure had arisen and was not foreseen. In January 2017 the rent review on the bus shelters and 'encroachment' should be known.

16/126 Police Matters & Neighbourhood Watch

Maria Downham was unable to attend and did not send in a report.

Cllr Roberts had been at the recent Police meeting in Lugershall. He raised the matter of increasing numbers out hare-coursing and apparently 5 people have been arrested. (Cllr Waight said they were out again on the previous night). The Police now have better vehicles for this and want to hear of all sightings.

There was recently a rave at Baden Farm, the Police were in attendance and it was relatively 'well behaved'. Tony Broadbent confirmed that it is the aftermath rather than event that is the problem and this happens mainly on the west of the Plain not the east. When on duty he has to attend and extra patrols are organised whenever possible.

Cllr Roberts also reported that at c01.30 am a car had crashed into the wall outside the Swan. The driver managed to drive away but left a number plate and the vehicle was traced to Upavon Camp.

There has been another fly-tipping incident, this time in Water Lane.

16/127 Unitary Council Matters

W.Cllr Howard was unable to attend and did not send in a report

16/128 Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Roberts had attended the Tidworth Area Board meeting last night on behalf of Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine who is currently away. The new Police Inspector was present and says they are having good feedback from the changes of policing style. The Police operate a 'Community messaging' site where all crimes are reported and this is available to anyone who wishes to sign up to it. - www.wiltshiremessaging.co.uk

16/129 MOD/ Army Matters

Tony Broadbent reported on the overall incident rate on the Plain from 1st November to the present date. This included 11 cases of fly-tipping (3 in the east and 8 in the west) and asks that all cases are reported.

There were 14 complaints about the noise of the AS90s. The trajectory ban has now been removed and so the guns can move to different locations. The meteorological conditions also play a part in the loudness of any firing and with the recent low cloud, this 'compacts' the noise so that it travels further.

There have been 25 'incursions'. 22 of these were off-road vehicles, 2 dog walkers and a horse.

There have been 6 cases of criminal damage – portaloos set on fire.

Cattle/livestock have been out of their pens and this is a combined problem with the MOD and farmers.

The flags will be down from Friday 16th December until 9th January 2017. Landmarc will be doing some repairs.

The AS90s will be firing again from 13th to 26th January

Tony raised the matter of razor wire being used instead of barbed wire. This has been happening however there should be a 'stand-off' area with fluorescent tape – he asks people to steer clear of this. It is the exerciser's responsibility to clear this after the exercise.

Tony also raised the matter of a Husky dog attacking sheep resulting in one death. There are too many byways for them to monitor everything on the Plain, they are stretched but doing their best.

16/130 Planning Applications

16/11117/FUL – Installation of roof lights/windows. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts explained the ‘red tape’ of the application. Two neighbours to the property say they are not worried as long as it is not for residential use. One cannot see in or out of the windows which do not need to be frosted. It was agreed to support the application.
16/11892/TCA – The felling of 3x Norwegian Spruce trees at 746 East Chisenbury. It was agreed to support the application.

16/131 Parish Plan

Most of the progress so far had been reported at the last meeting. Cllr D’Arcy-Irvine had recently returned from holiday and said there was nothing new to report on the skateboard structure. It would be built in stages rather than all in one go. The only comment on this project so far was that it was in the wrong location, suggesting it should be at the Village Hall rather than the Grants Road Playpark area.

16/132 Roads and Highways

Cllr Harbottle is still trying to get the costs of replacing the Coombe Lane sign.

Cllr Roberts read out the ‘official Board Minutes’ from the Area Board meeting which he, Cllr D’Arcy-Irvine and Mrs Webb of Longacre attended, specifically to raise the problem of the A345 where it runs by Mrs Webb’s house ‘Longacre’. Wiltshire Council allege the hedge on the opposite side of the road is encroaching and forcing north bound traffic to use the middle of the road thus forcing the south bound traffic closer to the road edge which has no kerb. They say the landowner is responsible for the hedge. Cllr Harbottle has slowly driven that stretch of road and says this is completely untrue.

The Parish Steward is due tomorrow (14th December) and the list of tasks are as follows:

- i. Sweep the path from the Church Car Park to the Bus Shelter and clear the kerb/gutter.
- ii. Clean out the tarmac from the drain pit outside The Old Bakery (left over from last time)
- iii. Repair the road edge on Enford Farm Road at the top of the first Z bend (left over from last time).
- iv. Clean the roadside signs as necessary.

The vegetation around the streetlights at the bottom of Water Lane and the Post box on Enford Hill cannot be tackled by the Parish Steward as he does not carry the right tools for the job. The problems have been reported to the Street Lighting Division and we await their appearance.

Cllr Roberts showed the new shovels, purchased by Cllr Holdway, for the grit and salt bins. These will be labelled before being put into the bins. Cllr Roberts also asked if Cllr Harbottle and the Parish Steward could check the contents of the bins. Cllr Taylor had mentioned previously to Cllr Roberts that the Council should look into getting more bins, possibly on the corner towards the bottom of Water Lane. Cllr Harbottle will mention this to Andy Cole.

Cllr Holdway asked why residents in her area were paying a service charge to Wiltshire Council when the work doesn’t get done – for example, verge clearing.

16/133 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)

Cllr Taylor was unable to attend and there is nothing specific to report.

16/134 Correspondence

There was nothing to circulate

16/135 Any Other Business

Cllr Waight mentioned 4 very bright floodlights at the substation at new Buildings. They appear to be unnecessary.

The Men’s Shed Project.

Alan Day's application to Wiltshire Council for funds for the Men's Shed Project has resulted in Wiltshire Council asking Cllr Roberts for the Parish Council's view about funding, the project and location, he said he would raise the matter. The project, should it go ahead, is looking to use the Parish Hall as a 'base'. Whilst wishing to support both the Parish Hall and the project he is concerned at the condition of the Parish Hall, whether it is fit for use in terms of compliance and where the responsibility for it lies – as Chairman of the Parish Council would he be personally responsible? Cllr Holden explained the 'Shed concept' and said it was gaining interest. Cllr Roberts said he was concerned with the Parish Hall as a venue and wants the Parish Council's opinion on the matter. He has checked the website for Minutes showing discussion of the Shed project and questioned whether this was just for cheap labour in renovating the Hall itself. Cllr Holden replied this was not the case and he was also applying to Natural England for funding/grants. Councillors Holden, Young, Fay, Petitt and D'Arcy-Irvine are all on the Committee of the Parish Hall with Cllr Petitt as Chairman and Cllr Holden as Secretary. Cllr Roberts asked where the Minutes of their meetings were, do they exist? In terms of maintenance, he did find the cost of a pot of paint but also a new punch bag and stereo. He is very concerned at the lack of transparency in the running of the Parish Hall and its compliance. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts suggested the building may even have reached the end of its natural life and doubted whether the cost of repair would outweigh the benefit of keeping it. Cllr Roberts suggested the building should be closed. Cllr Holden left the meeting. Enford Parish Council are the Custodian Trustees of the land but not the building. Cllr Harbottle said that from the Parish Plan it transpires that 80% of the village no longer want it. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts said that Fire Officers could shut it down and so could Wiltshire Council on grounds of safety. He also suggested that there should be an independent Structural Survey including the electrics and this might give an idea of cost. From all of this discussion it was proposed that Cllr Roberts as Chairman of the Parish Council should write to Cllr Petitt as Chairman of the Parish Hall Committee, whilst supporting the concept of 'The Shed', shutting the Parish Hall until all the compliance and governance issues were sorted, certificates seen and made publicly accessible. This was unanimously agreed by all Councillors present. Due to timing and other personal arrangements, Cllr Cliffe-Roberts had to leave the meeting

16/136 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 24th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the **VILLAGE HALL**.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm

Elizabeth Harrison, Clerk - Enford Parish Council