

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 18th July 2017
Held in the Village Hall.

To be verified at the next meeting, to be held on Tuesday, 5th September 2017

Present:	Cllr Cliffe-Roberts	Vice Chairman
	Cllr Patricia Holdway, Cllr Jane Young	Councillors
	Cllr David Harbottle, Cllr Mark Hiskett	Councillors
	Cllr Victoria Exley, Cllr Bruce Waight	Councillors
	Cllr Diane Christie-Rundle	Councillors
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	W Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling	Wiltshire Council
	WO2 Tony Broadbent	(MOD/SPTA Liaison).

The meeting was opened at 7.35pm by Cllr Cliffe-Roberts, Vice Chairman.

17/070 Apologies

Cllr Richard Roberts, Maria Downham (Police Liaison)

17/071 Public Questions

No members of the public attended

17/072 Police Matters & Neighbourhood Watch

Maria Downham was unable to attend the meeting but sent in the Community Policing Team report (June) which stated that there had been no reported crimes in Enford. Cllr Exley reported that there had been some batteries stolen and an 'odd' character had been going around the village posing as a gardener but asking questions about garden machinery. Despite information going to the Police as to Cllr Exley's role, they had still not been in touch with her. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine mentioned the Neighbourhood Tasking Group which is open to anyone to attend and this is where the decisions are made as to which aspect of crime the Police focus on. W.Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling said in their defence that the Police are extremely hard pressed and short on staff and suggested Cllr Exley go to the Neighbourhood Tasking Group with her thoughts/comments. Cllr Waight said there had been more hare coursers in the area last week and more fly-tipping this week. Tony Broadbent said that they had caught some hare coursers recently and they were being prosecuted.

17/073 MOD/ Army Matters

Tony Broadbent apologised for not being able to attend the previous meeting and updated the Council on 2 months of incidents. These included 9x fly-tipping (an offence) and 45x people being 'off' the byways and tracks. These included cyclists and dog walkers and they are currently focussing their efforts on these 'trespasses'. He requested that the public stay away from flagged areas, they are flagged for good reason. The bridges on both A and B crossing will both be out of bounds in the near-ish future. A crossing bridge is due to river restoration and B crossing bridge due to repairs and strengthening. Tony will inform the Clerk when he has definite dates for the closure of the crossings. Exercise Wessex Storm has been cancelled for September but will go ahead in November. From 16th-19th October there will be Land Combat Power Demonstrations out of Larkhill and Tony said he would enquire about opportunities for visitors to attend but in the meantime it will mainly be youth forces/cadets exercises in August.

He also requested that anyone reporting a crime should insist on getting a reference number. It could be that it is noted on a piece of paper and not correctly entered into the report register, a reference number can only be

given when the correct procedure is followed. He thanked the Clerk for a detailed report of a stolen/trashed car with photographs, google maps etc. With no questions for Tony, he then left the meeting.

17/074 Unitary Council Matters

Wiltshire/ Unitary Councillor Ian Blair-Pilling raised a few matters.

1. The Draft Business Plan. This was agreed at full Wiltshire Council meeting last week. One of the principal priorities is 'to support and empower communities to do more for themselves'. He had requested a 'standard model' to be developed that would make clear the relationship between the villages and the County and provide a level playing field. The minute reads *"Some members considered it would be beneficial if a standard template financial model or best practice guide between Wiltshire Council and towns and parishes were produced, giving all parties a clearer view of what was considered to be an appropriate level of assets or services to be managed or paid for at a town and parish level. This was also raised in relation to Area Board grants and the expectation that towns and parishes contribute to projects within their area rather than rely on the Area Board and focus purely on keeping precepts low, rather than delivering services to their areas, and that application forms for grants should emphasise towns and parishes."*

2. The Waste Management Consultation. This was raised in an email from Wiltshire Council which the Clerk had previously forwarded to the Parish Council. W.Cllr Blair-Pilling will be attending 2 of these meetings to be held around the County on Waste Management. It is obviously an import issue which needs to be reviewed for future best practice and he would welcome any views the Council might put forward. All Cllrs are able to attend should they so wish.

3. W.Cllr Blair-Pilling then raised the matter of East Chisenbury report no 1328301. This was also listed in 'Matters Arising' to follow

4. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine raised the matter of the Playpark and the extra land which now needs to be leased. (Enford was previously told it could be gifted). Wiltshire Council are offering a standard 7 year lease which is tax efficient for them however not good when trying to raise funds for expensive equipment to go on the land. Cllr Blair-Pilling suggested one should proceed and not worry about there only being 7 years.

17/075 Verification of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 20th June 2017 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Harbottle and seconded by Cllr Holdway.

17/076 Declarations of Interest

There were none

17/077 Matters Arising

i. Water Supply to the Allotment

The Clerk has completed and sent the request to Wessex Water for a quotation to install a standpipe. No response has as yet been received.

ii. Relocation of dog fouling bins

Cllr Christie-Rundle has been in contact with Wiltshire Council regarding the three bins which get emptied every week. Two of these are ridiculously close together and one is partially hidden as well! Rather than having two so close she suggested one could possibly be moved to near the Village Hall. The Council will not empty new bins but they will continue to empty three bins in Enford. Cllr Christie-Rundle will find out the costs involved in getting the bin moved and report back in September.

iii. Parish Hall

There is no further news on this. Four members of the Parish Council tried to attend the meeting of the Parish Hall committee which was advertised for 6th July. On arrival they found that a note had been stuck to the door saying the meeting was cancelled. This was despite the Clerk having received that morning confirmation of the meeting, from the chairman of the Parish Hall Management Committee. The Clerk was instructed to write another letter to the Parish Hall Management Committee requesting they now respond to the last two letters

they have been sent (dated 22nd April '17 and 26th June '17) and provide answers to the outstanding questions. The Charity Commission will again be copied in on this correspondence.

iv. East Chisenbury report no 1328301

W.Cllr Blair-Pilling has been contacted by a parishioner complaining of the straw and debris being left by an agricultural business. This blocks drains, gutters and gulleys and can lead to the flooding of his property. In his turn W.Cllr Blair-Pilling had contacted people in Wiltshire Council and explained the situation. The Highways contact said this is a repeat offence (a different parishioner complained last year to the Parish Council about the same problem). This has now gone to the Parish Steward and Cllr Harbottle has said he will personally handle the matter, as he did last year and knows the agricultural contractor. He too gets straw and debris on his land and he clears it himself. W Cllr Blair-Pilling said it is the contractor's responsibility not to leave debris behind and this could affect his licence.

v. Rural Community Survey

The email was circulated to all Cllrs some time before the meeting regarding rural areas/networks standing together to create a stronger voice in local Council/Government decisions. It was agreed that Cllr Cliffe-Roberts and the Clerk would respond to the survey.

17/078 Finance

The Clerk reported that the balance at the end of June stood at £11,340.09. No unusual expenses had been incurred and there was a backlog of uncleared Donation cheques totalling circa £1500 so the following month's balance would drop substantially. The second tranche of the Precept is due in September which will be a further credit of £6937.50

17/079 Planning Applications

There were no outstanding applications for discussion.

17/080 Parish Plan

Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine reported that he has been talking to Tesco about grants available and there could possibly be £4,000 to go towards the Skatepark. This would be through Amesbury rather than Tidworth or Ludgershall whose budgets for these things are harder stretched.

17/081 Roads and Highways

Cllr Harbottle gave the following report:

1. As yet there is still no reply from Wiltshire Council to Mr & Mrs Webb's email regarding the use by HGVs of the A345 in relation to the width of the road and the damage caused to the verges.
2. The Parish Steward has been asked to trim out as many as possible of the grips in Water Lane, Enford Farm Road and on the south side of the road from the Church Car Park to Enford Bridge. He has also been asked to trim the vegetation from the roadside signs along the C32 from A crossing to Coombe Hill. However he cannot deal with the 30mph sign at the entrance to East Chisenbury from the north as it is completely engulfed by the hedge. Wiltshire Council have to ascertain whose hedge it is before work can be undertaken as a considerable amount of the hedge will have to be cut back.
3. Marshall Kearney has had his roadside hedge cut back as the Council requested.
4. The cable in Water Lane has still to be dealt with, this is for Southern Electricity.

Cllr Harbottle says he gets no feedback from the village as to what needs to be done.

Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine pointed out that parking along Longstreet is now blocking the road for those wishing to drive through as well as those who live there. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts will explore possible solutions.

It was also agreed to ask the Clerk to write to the owners of Baden Farmhouse regarding the nettles which continue to pose a problem for pedestrians despite being slightly cut back.

17/082 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)

Cllr Hiskett has visited Nick Cowan (the senior Rights of Way warden for south Wiltshire) at Wiltshire Council to find out who is responsible for what in terms of the Public Rights of Way. Maintenance and signage is down to Wiltshire Council. Derek Newland is the Contractor (though about to retire) and there are diminishing resources for the whole of the County. Self-help / working groups would appear to be the way forward however they carry requirements for insurance, training and Health & Safety all of which tend to put off most volunteers. W.Council encourages the signage of Rights of Way by parishes and will supply the appropriate signs and materials for volunteers to use. Cllr Hiskett will try to create a list of the worst paths.

17/083 Correspondence

There was nothing that had not been previously circulated.

17/084 Any Other Business

- Cllr Christie-Rundle said she was happy to take on the Media liaison role on the Council as well as the Defibrillators as and when the Council wished to pursue new ones. She suggested that where the Cllrs were listed in the Newsletter, there should also be a small photo of each for easy recognition.
- All Cllrs agreed that a note of the number should be put on the Defibrillator and it should be left unlocked.

17/085 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Elizabeth Harrison, Clerk - Enford Parish Council