

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 5th September 2017
Held in the Village Hall.

To be verified at the next meeting, to be held on Tuesday, 17th October 2017

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

The meeting was opened at 7.35pm by Cllr Roberts

17/086 Apologies

Cllr Vick Exley, Maria Downham (Police Liaison)

17/087 Public Questions

Alan Day, as leader of Community Speedwatch (CSW), attended to draw the Council's attention to Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). Several other local villages have them (on a shared basis). WO2 Tony Broadbent explained how Shrewton uses theirs at one entrance to the village whilst the cameras (CSW) are at the other. Alan Day pointed out that the CSW team was down to himself and Cllr Roberts and they were desperate for volunteers. Cllr Harbottle had been helping but is not always available. There has been an advertisement running in the Newsletter for the last 8 months with no response. Cllr Hiskett asked about the training – it is a one-off circa 2 hour session and CSW involves 2-3 hours per month of someone's time. Cllr Roberts suggested all Cllrs should be looking out for volunteers.

17/088 Police Matters & Neighbourhood Watch

Maria Downham was unable to attend the meeting but sent in the Community Policing Team report (July) which stated that there had been two incidents - one reported theft and one of anti-social behaviour (ASB). Cllr Young also reported a theft from her property though this was in August.

17/089 MOD/ Army Matters

WO2 Tony Broadbent updated the Council on incidents in August. These included 29 cases of Incursions (6 by pedestrians, 12 by vehicles, 2 by bikes and one by air – a high level drone) 15 cases of fly-tipping (fridges, rubble, garden waste, deck chairs, office chairs etc) and one complaint from a resident of Milston regarding the local farmer who was allowing a shoot to kill pigeons on his land next to her house. They were shooting all day. As the farm is leased land it is not technically part of the SPTA and therefore it is a Police matter.

He also mentioned an increase in the problem of people running businesses on the SPTA, particularly dog walking, sometimes with 12 dogs at a time. This legally requires a licence (£130.00) and should anyone wish to obtain one, please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

Tony confirmed that the bridge at A crossing was not going to be closed while the river work was being done however the bridge at B crossing is currently closed and due to open again at the end of the week.

He amended a previous report that the Land Combat Power Demonstrations would happen at Larkhill, scheduled for 16th-19th October, these will now be a static demonstration. Wessex Storm has also been cancelled but there will be minor training exercises throughout the month.

Cllr Waight mentioned he had seen 'boy racers' on the Everleigh to Netheravon road filming themselves with a drone and asked if this was a new problem. Tony said again there are already two areas on the Plain for model aircraft etc and so this could become a new issue.

With no further questions, he left the meeting.

17/090 Unitary Council Matters

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

1. The Senior Management Structure at W.Council has changed with one place still to be filled.
2. The September Highways Update Letter. This covers various areas of concern, some of which he wanted to highlight – Play areas, grass cutting, the Parish Steward Scheme, Autumn/Winter maintenance and the current Waste Management Strategy Consultation. He particularly wishes everyone to engage with this. W.Council has taken on a new contractor (FCC instead of Hills) to manage the recycling sites. This includes Everleigh which is a good sign for its remaining open. All sites will however shut for 5 days in order to re-organise the location and install crushing machines for more efficient running of the site. The closure dates can be found on the Appendix circulated to all Cllrs. This information will hopefully go into the Newsletter and has also been added to the website. Cllr Blair-Pilling has asked that Enford Cllrs spread the word and encourage participation through the W. Council website.
3. Planning Applications. These are no longer produced as hard copy documents, they are only available in digital format, online. He has received one complaint about this but confirms there is no 'going back' to hard copies being sent out.
4. Data Protection compliance. He says EPC must check this out and get up to date with any new compliance requirements. The Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) may be able to offer some help with a Training Day.

Cllr Roberts asked W.Cllr Blair-Pilling for an update on the Planning Application in Netheravon regarding a new point of entry and egress from/to the A345, next to the old mink farm site. Netheravon and Enford have both put in objections to this but Cllr Blair-Pilling said that the Planners will pay most attention to the Highways report which will be based on safety issues.

17/091 Verification of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 18th July 2017 were proposed as a true record by Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine and seconded by Cllr Cliffe-Roberts.

17/092 Declarations of Interest

There were none

17/093 Matters Arising

i. Water Supply to the Allotment

Cllr Roberts explained that Mario Young, the tenant, has difficulty getting water to the site and he had thought it might be helpful to supply water if the cost were reasonable. The Clerk reported that Wessex Water had not yet sent in their quotation. They had however sent a surveyor to the site in order to make his recommendations on the best way to proceed. It may involve shutting Water Lane so as to get the pipe across to the mains which is likely to become very expensive, leaving this a non-starter. As a possible alternative, Cllr Roberts asked Cllr Waight if he might be prepared to fill a water storage unit on site.

ii. Relocation of dog fouling bins

Cllr Christie-Rundle reported that this has now been done and the one next to the T-junction bus stop has been raised. Collection will continue from all three bins in the village. The cost has been circa £163.00 and the Clerk awaits the invoice.

iii. Parish Hall

Cllr Roberts explained to all Cllrs that the Parish Hall Management Committee (PHMC) had sent a letter to the Parish Council, resigning 'en masse'. He and Cllrs Cliffe-Roberts and Exley have discussed matters and Cllr Exley has volunteered to read through all the Trust and Charity Commission documents to see exactly where things are at. The Parish Council, as Custodian Trustees, are technically unable to pick up the running of the Parish Hall. The best way forward would be for the PHMC, who still remain liable, to call an AGM in accordance with the legal 14 day notice and then not stand for re-election enabling a new committee to be elected in order to take matters forward. Cllrs Exley and Hiskett will speak to Richard Petitt to try and arrange this meeting. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine raised the matter of Trustee Indemnity Insurance cover for Councillors when taking on responsibility for the Parish Hall. The Clerk reported a meeting with the Treasurer of PHMC, Bob Taylor, who handed over all the Parish Hall accounts including £21.55 in cash and confirmed that a bank mandate had been signed to include the Clerk, at the same time removing Richard Petitt, as a bank signatory for the Parish Hall in preparation for a change of management. The mandate can take up to (and sometimes more than) a month to come through. Regarding concerns of making sure no-one tries to use the building a discussion was had about putting up notices, barricading the door or even changing the lock. On being asked about this, Cllr Blair-Pilling suggested that following safety precautions for all concerned had to be the priority. Cllr Roberts explained that the Charity Commission were not easy to contact and, when you could get hold of them, they rarely answered any questions directly put to them. It was agreed by the Council that (1) Cllr Exley and Cllr Hiskett would approach Richard Petitt to arrange an AGM (2) to place a notice on the front of the Parish Hall saying 'Unsafe, no entry'. Cllr Roberts suggested a sub-committee to handle this in future rather than protracted discussions each meeting. It was suggested the sub-committee would be himself, Cllr Cliffe-Roberts, Cllr Exley and Cllr Hiskett.

iv Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

Whilst it was agreed that it would be a good idea for the village, the actual cost, and ongoing costs, must first be established. The Clerk has been asked to research this.

v. Donation of £100 to Enford's roads.

Marc Read of Tidworth Community Area recently wrote to the Clerk to say a donation of £100 has been made on the proviso that it is spent on a highways project in Enford. The Clerk has already thanked Marc Read and requested he pass on the Council's thanks to the donor. Cllr Harbottle suggested it should go towards the recent purchase of a new salt bin (£138.00). The matter was raised at a recent meeting he attended in Tidworth and there is the possibility that the Transport Group might also assist with a similar donation. Cllr Harbottle has also received a letter of complaint from a villager concerning the speed at which cyclists go through the village. Could the donation go towards speeding notices for cyclists? They are basically silent and can be very dangerous but it was felt that they would not pay attention to a notice. The matter will be carried over to the next meeting.

17/094 Finance

The Clerk reported that at the end of August the reconciled account stood at £9,775.09. In September (circa 21st), the second tranche of the Precept would be received and this would be in the sum of £6,937.50. The Clerk also raised concern over two donation cheques, drawn in June, that had not yet cleared the account. This was the PCC and the Newsletter. Cllr Young said the Newsletter cheque has now been paid in leaving one outstanding cheque for £400.00.

17/095 Planning Applications

17/07818/FUL This was discussed earlier (see 17/090.4, Unitary Council). Enford Parish Council has registered its objection on the grounds of safety. The applicant is entitled to apply regardless of who the neighbouring land owner may be.

17/096 Parish Plan

Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine reported that he had been in discussion with Jenny Rowe who is the Wilts. Council Estates Manager. His research shows that in February 2013 the then Estates Manager, John Price, the then Unitary

Councillor Charles Howard and a then Parish Councillor Martin Webb had a meeting regarding the transfer of the extra land from Wiltshire Council to Enford Parish Council for the extension of the Playpark area. This was due to go through but unfortunately Martin Webb resigned and the Asset Transfer was not taken forward. As a result it was not finalised.

On reviving this application, Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine was told the new policy is to offer a 7 year Short Lease on such land. This is not a viable option when trying to raise grants and funding for equipment as these 'suppliers' are looking for at least 10 years minimum. He has gone back to Wiltshire Council with the proof of their previously agreed action, pointing out that Enford has very few facilities and has been described as 'rurally disadvantaged' with limited public transport, no shop, no post office etc and is currently awaiting their response. It is important the needs highlighted in the Parish Plan are addressed.

On the matter of fund raising, this currently stands at approximately £1,000 and Tracy Southard, who together with Cllr Young, ran a very successful Family Fund Raising Day, has also arranged 3 Christmas Markets in the Village Hall for December.

17/097 Roads and Highways

Cllr Harbottle gave the following report:

1. The Coombe sign is now finally installed. It cost Wiltshire Council £343.00 instead of the £500.00 they originally allocated.
2. If there are any tarmacked footpaths in Enford, that are in need of repair the Tidworth Area Community Transport Group (TACTG) currently have £7,054 available although this may not go very far in terms of costs.
3. TACTG confirmed they would add £100.00 plus to the donation that has been given once it is decided on what the money should be spent.
4. The following items are on the list for the Parish Steward's next visit:
 - i. Cleaning the rest of the grips in Enford Farm Road
 - ii. Grips cleaned out and nettles to be strimmed on the south side of the road from Enford Bridge to the Church Car Park.
 - iii. Nettles and other vegetation to be cut from the edge of the footpath between the Church Car Park to the bus shelter.
 - iv. The streetlight at The Old Shop has been reported for erratic operation. Also the light on the junction of the C32 and the Upavon Road as this has been permanently on for at least two years.

The overgrown vegetation around the salt bins was mentioned for clearance and Cllr Holdway asked on the progress of the tree resting on the cable in Water Lane. She also asked if the Parish Steward would spray the weeds in the road in Water Lane. Cllr Harbottle said he would chase Landmarc again asking them to chase Southern Electricity about the tree on the cable. He had reported the tree in the river above the Enford Bridge to the Environment Agency but was unsure if it was on Cllr Waight's land.

17/098 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)

Cllr Hiskett reported that he had spoken with the Ramblers Association about possibly working together - they have both light and heavy gangs for maintaining paths. There is a post in Water Lane which needs repair and Cllr Roberts said he had seen Norman Beardsley and Nigel Linge repairing signs and suggested they might be helpful.

17/099 Correspondence

Cllr Roberts reported he had had two phone calls and a villager on his doorstep complaining about the amount of straw lorries going through the village leaving a mess behind them. Cllr Harbottle pointed out that it would be helpful if the owners of the overhanging roadside hedges along the C 32 could keep them trimmed back as this would help to reduce the problem. It was agreed that a note to this effect should be published in the next Newsletter. The Licencing of these vehicles is not a matter the Parish Council are able to deal with and if the complainants wish to take further steps, they should approach the Traffic Commissioner's Office. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts produced information concerning their complaint procedure which he had found easily on the internet.

17/100 Any Other Business

- In light of a recent Planning Application for a change of designation in land usage from agricultural to equine, Cllr Cliffe-Roberts wondered if Wiltshire Council had a policy on this. In many parts of Hampshire, where this change of use has been an increasing issue, there are planning policies in place. Should another, similar application arise, he suggested the Parish Council should look into this.
- Cllr Roberts reported that he had attended the Flood Warden Seminar attended by the Environment Agency, the Fire Service and others all giving advice and information, especially on preparing for flooding. He will read through the hard copy information collected and put any relevant notices in the Newsletter

17/101 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th October 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm

Elizabeth Harrison – Clerk, Enford Parish Council