

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 12th December 2017
Held in the Village Hall.

to be verified at the next meeting, to be held on Tuesday, 9th January 2018

Present:	Cllr Richard Roberts	Chairman
	Cllr Cliffe-Roberts	Vice Chairman
	Cllr Patricia Holdway, Cllr Vick Exley	Councillors
	Cllr David Harbottle, Cllr Mark Hiskett	Councillors
	Cllr Bruce Waight, Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine	Councillors
	Cllr Diane Christie-Rundle	Councillor
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk

Members of the public, Mike Germany and Alexander McKie were also present

The meeting was opened at 7.33pm by Cllr Roberts

17/134 Apologies

Cllr Jane Young, Maria Downham (Police Liaison), Tony Broadbent (MOD/SPTA Liaison) and Wiltshire Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling

17/135 Public Questions

Mike Germany who lives in Fifield explained how bad the road from the A345 to the houses had become. It is supposed to be 4.0m wide but is currently on 2.5m due to the overgrown vegetation on either side of the road. There is no speed restriction signage whereas the A345 is 50mph and Enford is 30mph. People drive too quickly on the lane and in places it is impossible for two cars to pass each other. One streetlight does not work and others are rendered useless by the overgrown trees surrounding them. He also complained about dog walkers using the residents' bins for their dog waste bags, the footpath from Fifield to Coombe being almost unusable due to dog mess in the path and the amount of general rubbish in the roadsides.

Cllr Harbottle said that when he last contacted W. Council on the road width, they reported needing a JCB to clear back the vegetation which they didn't have available but would note it on the list of duties. With various changes of staff and contacts, it would appear this has been forgotten. He assured Mike that he would get on to W.Council again.

Alexander McKie of New House Farm introduced himself to the Council. He is a farmer and runs a contracting business in straw, hay etc. Having read the recent Minutes, he is concerned that members of the village appear to wish to check his Licences and is aggrieved at being told how to operate his business. He also commented on the vandalism at the Village Hall and Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine explained that they are in the process of installing CCTV.

17/136 Police Matters & Neighbourhood Watch

As Police Liaison, Cllr Exley talked about the recent Firearms surrender, the continuing 'battle' with hare coursing and the increase in works vans being broken into. From the Police Report for November the crimes listed in Enford were 1x hare-coursing, 1x non-dwelling burglary, 1x dwelling burglary and 1x ASB (Anti Social Behaviour)

17/137 MOD/ Army Matters

WO2 Tony Broadbent was unable to attend but sent in the following report of incidents:

Criminal damage: total x 12, 8 Sections of the impact are fence cut (5 Over the past weekend), 4 x combination padlocks for the impact area gates stolen.

Incursions: Total on SPTA x 50, Foot x 5, Cyclist x 2, Horse x2, Vehicle (4x4, Motorbike) Total across SPTA 41 but x 9 to the East of the river Avon.

Litter (Fly tipping): x 8 across SPTA ranging from Household waste (4x Mattresses in one dump) and Builders waste.

Livestock: x 22 in total across SPTA, x6 for centre and east of the river Avon.

SPTA will close and flag will be down for Christmas on Fri 22 Dec 17 and will go back up on Mon 08 Jan 18.

Future Exercises:

12 Brigade armoured Exercise 15 – 27 Jan 18.

Ex Wessex Storm 18/1 (Light Wheeled Exercise) - 22 Feb – 11 Mar 18.

Normal Course low level exercise from Royal School of Artillery from Larkhill

Normal Course Low Level exercises from the Infantry School at Warminster.

17/138 Unitary Council Matters

Wiltshire/ Unitary Councillor, Ian Blair-Pilling was unable to attend and did not send in anything to report.

17/139 Verification of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 14th November 2017 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Harbottle and seconded by Cllr Hiskett. The Minutes of the Precept Meeting held on 5th December 2017 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Holdway and seconded by Cllr Waight.

17/140 Declarations of Interest

Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine reiterated that he shares a boundary with the Parish Hall.

17/141 Matters Arising

i. Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

Cllr Christie-Rundle reported that Andy Stewart has volunteered to take on the running and organisation for the proposed SID. She has his contact details and Cllr Roberts will contact him and brief him as to where the plans are at present. Andy works at Larkhill but is also interested in Community Speed Watch. Cllr Hiskett will be doing his training in February and Cllr Roberts thought that Mort Burdick had already done the training. Cllr Exley suggested writing a note to all of the village to assist with fund raising for the proposed purchase.

ii. The Parish Hall

Cllr Cliffe-Roberts read through the notes of the recent AGM held on 28th November and read out the names of all persons who now constitute the Parish Hall Management Committee (PHMC). There is one more village group that should be added to the PHMC and that is the Gardening Club. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts has already spoken to Fanny Middleton about this. A meeting of the PHMC is planned for January.

Cllr Roberts and Cllr Cliffe-Roberts will be instructing Trethowans Solicitors in Salisbury tomorrow (Wednesday 13th December) on the the boundary dispute between Medina Cottage and the Parish Hall (see Minutes of 14th November, item 17/125 Matters Arising point ii). It was suggested that the new PHMC take on the progressing of this boundary dispute, on behalf of both the PHMC and the Parish Council. Cllr Exley said such delegation by the Parish Council is acceptable. The motion was proposed by Cllr Cliffe-Roberts and seconded by Cllr Hiskett and the rest of the Council were all in favour.

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Hall sub-committee should be disbanded as it no longer had a purpose now that a new PHMC is in place.

As a final point the Clerk confirmed that Trustee Indemnity insurance was in the process of being obtained.

17/142 Finance

The Clerk reported that at the beginning of November the account stood at £15,287.79. A total of £1,024.66 had cleared through the account (including the elusive donation made in June to the Parochial Church Council) leaving a balance at the end of November of £14,263.13

Cllr Roberts reported that he has had to buy yet another catch to go on the gate of the Playpark and would also like to purchase some strong rubbish bags for bin emptying at the Playpark site. The Council approved the expenditure.

17/143 Planning Applications

There were none.

17/144 Parish Plan – Youth Funding

Cllr D’Arcy-Irvine said that he was still in discussion with W. Council regarding the extra land required at the Playpark site. Fundraising by all members of the village is continuing with over £300.00 raised at the recent Christmas Fair. The total funds to date are c£1,350.00.

17/145 Roads and Highways

Cllr Harbottle said the Parish Steward would be visiting on Wed. 13th December and gave the following updates:

i. There is no new work for the Parish Steward.

ii. There has been more trouble with tank damage at the top of Coombe Lane. The Army have made a half-hearted attempt to repair this but have been called back to do a more thorough job. The problem is mainly mud on the road and several broken banks at the side.

iii. The white painted markings around potholes on the A345 do not mean that the road will only be patched. The markings signify that estimates are being taken for the total cost of re-surfacing. This is still due to happen next year (subject to budget) sometime from April onwards.

17/146 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)

Cllr Hiskett had nothing new to report.

17/147 Correspondence

Cllr Christie-Rundle reported that the cost of a new dog-waste bin (including the post, postcrete etc) would be £145 + VAT and that W. Council would charge a further £2.50 for weekly emptying. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts proposed that the Council should go ahead with one new bin at the Playpark and this was seconded by Cllr Hiskett. Cllr Christie-Rundle suggested a second bin along the footpath from Fifield to Coombe and it was agreed that this suggestion will be revisited at a later date.

17/147 Any Other Business

- The matter of another village litter pick was raised for next year. This year 26 bags of rubbish were removed from the roadsides throughout the village and it was agreed that it should be done again around March-ish.
- Questions were raised regarding a car, parked in Coomb Lane, which had weeds growing through it. It transpires it is there solely to retain the parking space.

17/148 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 9th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Elizabeth Harrison - Clerk, Enford Parish Council

Date: 12th December 2017