

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 9th October 2018
Held in the Village Hall.

to be verified at the next meeting, to be held on Tuesday, 20th November 2018

Present:	Cllr Richard Roberts	Chairman
	Cllr Mark Hiskett	Vice Chairman
	Cllr Patricia Holdway, Cllr Jane Young	Councillors
	Cllr David Harbottle, Cllr Bruce Waight	Councillors
	Cllr Peter Cliffe-Roberts,	
	WO2 Jeff Payne	MOD Liaison
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	W. Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling	Wiltshire/Unitary Council

The meeting was opened at 7.36pm by Cllr Roberts

18/103 Apologies

PC Lucy Wileman, Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine and Cllr Christie-Rundle.

18/104 Public Questions

There were no members of the Public present.

18/105 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch

The latest Community newsletter issue by the Police was covered in the September meeting. There has not yet been an issue for October. Cllr Exley had checked on the Community Noticeboard for the latest updates but there was nothing relevant/ registered to Enford. Cllr Roberts mentioned the next Neighbourhood Watch meeting in November where the Police are regularly in attendance. Cllr Waight said the hare coursers are still out in force and Cllr Hiskett said if phoning through information to Plainwatch or 101 refer to Project Artemis which covers poaching as well as hare coursing.

18/106 MOD/Army Matters

WO2 Jeff Payne apologised for his previous absences and read out the following list of incidents recorded from 1st to 30th September on the Plain.

Near misses: 35 – (vehicles x28, on foot x5, Cycles x1, Air x 1)

Fly tipping: 21 in total

Environmental: 4 – all of which were fires

Criminal Damage: 11 in total ranging from theft of range flags, damage to fences and farmers' trailers being set on fire.

Complaints: 18 – All were concerning military training involving vehicles being out of bounds

Live Stock: 6 – all of which were regarding cattle that had got loose.

Jeff went on to say that there are now 2 MOD Police, he will forward their telephone number when he gets it. He requested that calls continue to go to Plainwatch as the MOD Police could be anywhere in the county. They currently have vehicles and their radios are arriving shortly. There will be 6 in total and for the time being they are not covering nightshifts until there are more of them.

18/107 Unitary Council Matters

i. WClr Ian Blair-Pilling reported that as of 9th October Wiltshire Council had officially declared that Everleigh Household Recycling Centre would be closed. He wanted to point out that Public Consultations are not the same as Referenda, however he does feel that Wiltshire Council did not handle this situation very well. Cllr Roberts raised the point of a noticeable increase in fly-tipping and WClr Blair-Pilling did not feel this was a

true representation and said that Wiltshire figures on this were actually quite low. Cllr Roberts asked whether there would be extra days open at other recycling centres to compensate, WCllr Blair-Pilling said he did not know when the Council would be re-scheduling any dates or times. Wiltshire apparently provides better recycling facilities than the recommend standard requirements of a Council. Cllr Waight suggested that the site might prove enticing to travellers/gypsies but WCllr Blair-Pilling thought this would not be the case as there were no immediate facilities available – schools, buses etc.

ii. The Electoral Review. WCllr Blair-Pilling confirmed that Enford, Figheldean, Milston and Larkhill Garrison would all be 'going' to the Amesbury Area Board.

iii. Byways Workshop. Nick Cowan is Wiltshire Council's only representative for Public Rights of Way (PROWs). He is looking to go to the rural parishes in Wiltshire and run workshops on possibilities and practices for local areas to maintain their PROWs as Wiltshire can no longer do this – there is neither budget nor staff. He will run a workshop probably in the Collingbournes and was asking if Enford would like to join in. He will let us know when this event is being organised.

iv. Principles. (Background: On applying to the Tidworth Area Board for the recently awarded grant for a SID, the Clerk was told Enford had to sign up to a 'care in the community' group that the Area Board had decided to sponsor. Without signing up, Enford would not be allowed to receive the grant awarded. The Clerk wrote to WCllr Blair-Pilling suggesting this could be construed as blackmail and also concerned for data protection, possibly leading to unrequested 'newsletters' and potentially requests for donations. This is nothing to do with local government). WCllr Blair-Pilling thanked the Clerk for this letter. He fully understands the reasons behind it and is checking with the Area Board and their lawyers and will respond when he has their researched consideration on this principle.

18/108 Verification of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 18th September were proposed as a true record by Cllr Hiskett and seconded by Cllr Young.

18/109 Youth Liaison

Cllr Christie-Rundle had sent her apologies for not being able to attend.

18/110 Declaration of Interests

No Declarations were made.

18/111 Matters Arising

i. Boundary Dispute. Cllr Roberts referred to an email he had circulated to all Cllrs on 25th September from the PC's solicitors, Trethowans, regarding a communication they had received from Medina Cottage's solicitors about the boundary dispute. It would appear from this communication that Medina Cottage felt there were outstanding issues to be resolved. Following some discussion in which there was general concurrence that the matter was closed from the PC's perspective, Cllr Harbottle offered to meet with Maj and Mrs D'Arcy-Irvine to try to reconcile their concerns.

ii. WWI commemorative Poppies and tree. The Clerk reported that the poppies had been received but as yet the printed names were still unavailable. Once all components are received, Cllrs Waight, Cliffe-Roberts, Hiskett, Harbottle, Young and Roberts will make up the poppies and decide where they should be displayed. On the matter of a commemorative tree, a choice of Silver Birch, Cherry or Rowan had been offered. Cllr Young said the tress were in fact only whips and after a brief discussion it was decided that Enford Parish Council would plant a Beech Tree, circa 6 foot tall instead, with a small protective railing (courtesy of Cllr Waight) and a commemorative plaque. Cllr Young suggested that as a project to add extra names to the Lychgate (the village's war memorial) appear to have come to a halt, perhaps the funding from that could go towards the cost of the tree and engraved plaque. Cllr Harbottle offered to find such a tree when he was next at Highclere.

iii. 'Village Soldiers' book. Cllr Young has offered to be in charge of sales of this for the Curry Lunch. WCllr Blair Pilling has also offered to come and explain the whole project to the attendees. It is now more likely that the books won't be printed in time and therefore it will be a proof copy with the numbers required being sent through after the launch. Martin Webb is unable to attend and a 3 minute video could be shown on a laptop using a USB. It was suggested that Clive, who runs the Film Nights, should be approached for his technical expertise.

iv. Remembrance Service and Wreath. Henry Middleton of the PCC has asked Cllr Roberts (as Chairman of the Parish Council) to lay a wreath during the service. Cllr Roberts will organise the purchase of a wreath from the British Legion.

18/112 Finance

The Clerk reported that at the beginning of September the account stood at £12,502.01 with outgoings of £433.30. The second tranche of the Precept (£7552.50) was also received in September giving a balance at the end of the month of £19,621.21. The Council is facing expenditure on the Playpark as well as the demolition costs of the Parish Hall so whilst this may appear to be a large sum of money, it is for the most part 'spoken for'. There were no questions for the Clerk.

18/113 Planning Applications

18/09104/FUL – First floor extension in Coombe Lane

18/09221/TCA – Crowning a Yew tree in East Chisenbury

Both of these documents had been previously circulated to all Cllrs and there were no objections to either application.

18/114 Parish Plan – Youth Funding

It was noted that Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine was concerned that monies raised by children and members of the community for the upgraded play park project should be ring fenced for that purpose.

Cllr Roberts has taken on the Playpark extension, renovation and Allotments which formed the major requests in the Parish Plan. He has tried to speak with Jenny Rowe of Wiltshire Council who is head of the Estates dept.

Rather than signing the offered 125 year Lease, she had suggested we should wait and try to get the land gifted freehold as was the plan earlier this year. Cllr Roberts asked if we still wanted to go ahead with Allotments. The Clerk reported that no one had responded to the notice in the Newsletter asking those interested to register their names. It was agreed that Cllr Roberts should proceed with getting the previously offered freehold, gifted to the Parish.

Playpark. The annual report has not yet been received although the inspection was carried out in September. Cllr Roberts reported that the basketball hoop was hanging down and suggested this should be removed for safety reasons. The Clerk will look into buying a new hoop and backboard. It was agreed the priority was to get the site, prepare the ground and re-fence the whole area in readiness for potential new equipment.

18/115 The Parish Hall

Cllr Cliffe-Roberts reported that Public meeting was well attended – 36 people with one new idea put forward. The whole event and ideas will be discussed at the next PHMC meeting on Monday 15th October. The First Registration application for the Parish Hall site is now with the Land Registry. This will take some time. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts is making progress with the Heritage Statement for Wiltshire Council.

18/116 Roads and Highways

Cllr Harbottle reported:

- i. That he had attended a Community Area Transport Group (CATG) meeting on the previous night. The Parish Council will still be able to receive the £100 donation they were bequeathed for use on

- Enford's roads as well as the £1,000 grant they had been awarded for the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device (SID).
- ii. If streetlights are more than 200 yards apart, there is a case for the installation of repeater signs. Enford may be eligible for this on the A345.
 - iii. Many local villages are applying to fit 'village gates'. He wondered whether this would be applicable/suitable for Enford. It was thought it might help with the speeding problem.
 - iv. A previous question asked about the Parish Steward being able to weed spray from the tarmac to the boundary wall of a property, has been confirmed but this would not be done until May.
 - v. The drain at the top of Enford Hill has now been cleaned out. Cllr Harbottle particularly thanked WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling for his assistance with this.
 - vi. For the Parish Steward's visit on 10th October, there were only two items reported for attention. Firstly, strimming around the salt bins in Water Lane and at Coombe and secondly, to clean out the path edge and the road between the bus shelter and the Church Car Park.
 - vii. Cllr Harbottle reported that the hedges in East Chisenbury continue to be a problem.

18/117 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)

Cllr Hiskett reported that he might be attending an interactive workshop in the near future. There was also a suggestion that the Council might approach LJS Garden Services (who currently care for and maintain the Community Garden and Playpark areas) to assist with keeping the main footpaths through the village clear. Wiltshire Council can no longer afford to do this and 'working parties' and 'self-help' groups are the maintenance options for the future. The Clerk will contact LJS in the first instance.

18/118 Correspondence

There was none.

18/119 Any Other Business

-Cllr Roberts mentioned to the Council that ex-Councillor Nigel Murray's funeral was being held on Thursday 11th October at 2.30pm in Enford Parish Church.

-Cllr Exley mentioned that Wiltshire Council are again organising free events for families over half term with Enford Village Hall as a venue. She suggested the word should be spread so as to gain maximum attendance otherwise these events would not continue to be available.

-Cllr Young said the Village Soldiers book launch was being held in Netheravon on Saturday 10th November in the Phoenix Hall at 6.30pm. She suggested some people from Enford might like to attend.

-Cllr Cliffe-Roberts said several people had mentioned a Village Christmas Tree. A brief discussion took place on where it might be, the best location so far being by the bus stop at the bottom of Enford Hill. Whether Planning Permission would be needed should be looked into and also the question of a power source for any lights. It was decided to add this to the Agenda for 20th November for further discussion.

18/120 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 20th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no other business Cllr Roberts closed the meeting at 21.30pm

Elizabeth Harrison, Clerk, Enford Parish Council

Dated: 10th October 2018