

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 10th September 2019

Held in the Village Hall.

To be verified at the meeting of, Tuesday, 8th October 2019

Present:	Cllr Richard Roberts	Chairman
	Cllr Mark Hiskett	Vice Chairman
	Cllr Patricia Holdway, Cllr Bruce Waight	Councillors
	Cllr Jane Young, Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine	Councillors
	Cllr Peter Cliffe-Roberts	Councillor
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	W.Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling	Wiltshire Council
	Mike Germany	resident of Fifield

The meeting was opened at 7.35pm by Cllr Hiskett

19/093 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Coulthard and Cllr Exley. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts had said he may be delayed but would attend and W.Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling would also be delayed.

19/094 Public Questions

Mike Germany attended the meeting to raise three points. Firstly to thank the Parish Council for the fact that a road sweeper had been through Fifield at 8 o'clock in the morning and all the residents were very appreciative of the difference this has made. Secondly to enquire about the moving of the dog mess bin from one end of the Coombe Lane footpath to the centre of Fifield which had been agreed at the last meeting. The Clerk reported that the Contractor had been chased twice and that morning had been copied in on an emailed instruction for this to be done. Hopefully this will happen in the next week. His third point was regarding the installation of the new salt/grit bin at the top of Fifield Lane. Since meeting the Contractor for this on site in March, the Clerk reported that she had been chasing this monthly. As previously explained, the Contractor has to have the approval of the Highways dept at Wiltshire Council before he can do this. He is chasing Highways for their permission and is confident that he will get the go ahead before the salt/grit would be needed.

19/095 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch

It is unlikely that any Police Officer will attend a Parish meeting despite regular invitations to do so. From the most recent Police report received (July 19), there were 4 reports recorded from Enford.

- (i) A neighbour had purposely reached over the fence and snapped rose stems, causing them to die.
- (ii) Damage (light scratches) to a car had been reported due to nearby grass cutting
- (iii) A suspect had caused damage to land
- (iv) A male was found in possession of cocaine whilst driving.

Cllr Young had reported an attempted break-in to her barn some two weeks ago.

Cllr Exley has resigned her role as Police Liaison due to a possible conflict of interest with her job. Noone came forward to take on the role and Cllr Roberts said he would continue to attend meetings when he could. For Neighbourhood Watch, Cllr Roberts reported that Mr Powell who had previously been a part of the scheme, has had to resign due to ill health. The scheme itself appears to be not so

busy now as it was and it was thought this was down to anyone being able to report suspicious activity/crime through the 101 line and direct digital reporting.

19/096 MOD/Army Matters

WO2 Jeff Payne was unable to attend the meeting and had not sent in an incident report either.

19/097 Unitary Council Matters

W Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling apologised for being late. He reported that it had been a quiet Summer. The new 'My Wilts' website will be launched towards the end of October.

Cllr Young asked if he knew whether the plans for the Army Museum (Artillery Museum) at Figheldean/Netheravon were being progressed as she was concerned about the safety of those using the footpaths. He replied he was unsure but thought the designs were being looked at again.

19/098 Verification of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 9th July were proposed as a true record by Cllr Cliffe-Roberts and seconded by Cllr Waight.

19/099 Youth Liaison

Due to there being nothing to report neither Evie Chamberlain nor Rhys Teasdale attended the meeting

19/100 Declaration of Interests

There were no Declarations of Interest

19/101 Matters Arising

- i. Salt bin for Fifield Lane – see Public Questions
- ii. Relocation of bin in Fifield – see Public Questions
- iii. The Defibrillator – Cllr Roberts read out the email from Susie Browne describing what was involved in checking and reporting monthly to the Webnos site. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts offered to take this on.
- iv. Land Asset Transfer – Cllr Roberts described the offer from Wiltshire Council of four pieces of land to the Parish. Firstly, an extension to the Playpark area which is to be on a 125 year lease. Secondly, three very small pieces/slivers of land on the A345 as freehold. One, two small areas of land on the western side of the crossroads of Enford Hill and the A345 and the third, further south on the western side. If accepted, the Parish Council would be responsible for the upkeep of all pieces of land which add no value or asset to the parish. For example, the A345 piece to the south would require the northbound lane to be closed for any tree cutting/maintenance – the preparatory administration and cost of this would be down to the Parish Council. It was thought the four pieces of land (one leasehold, three freehold) in total were being offered as a package to Enford. In turning down the package, the parish might lose the extra land to extend the Playpark. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts pointed out that with the Playpark extension area (125 year lease from WC) the lease could be broken at any time which could mean that after a large financial investment in new equipment, it could all be threatened with removal if WC decided they wanted the land back. It was also noted that the Playpark is not heavily used as there are not that many children in the village. It was agreed that the planned 'area' for Allotments could be lost as only one person had come forward and on visiting the site, they were not inclined to proceed. As a Surveyor, Cllr Cliffe-Roberts offered to discuss the matter with WC's Estates Manager, Jenny Rowe. If there was no movement from her on the 'package' then the possibility of turning down the offer was discussed. W Cllr Blair-Pilling offered to attend a meeting if it came to this to help with both sides of the situation.
- v. New Noticeboards – The Clerk had researched some 6 or 7 suppliers and provided all Cllrs with a document listing 3 of them and the potential boards required. In total there are three

noticeboards in the parish, one on the wall of 'Mallards' in Coombe, one of the Red Lion in East Chisenbury and the main/central board at the bottom of Enford Hill. All three are in need of replacement. After a discussion on the size and look of the boards, it was decided that the central board should be made of Oak, self-standing, have the parish name engraved across the top and be located by the bus stop at the bottom of Enford Hill. A second, similar but slightly smaller board would be purchased to replace the one in Coombe. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts asked if these would need planning permission. Cllrs Hiskett and Roberts will check with WC regarding planning permission and look at the detail of required space, size etc. The Council agreed that circa £2,000 would be spent, this was proposed by Cllr Hiskett and seconded by Cllr Waight with all other Cllrs being in agreement.

- vi. Granting of a loan to the PHMC – This loan would be to cover the cost of the demolition of the Parish Hall. It would be open ended and interest free and in the region of £6,500 including VAT. Cllr Holdway proposed and Cllr Young seconded with all other Cllrs in agreement.

19/102 Finance

The clerk reported that July started with a balance of £16,553.22 with outgoings of £1,436.50 leaving a carried forward balance of £15,116.72 to August. The outgoings in August were £1,132.58 leaving a balance of £13,984.14 to start September. On 21st of September the Council should receive the second tranche of the 19/20 Precept in the sum of £8,045.00.00. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine asked whether the loan to the PHMC would be affordable without impacting the Parish Council. The Clerk reported there would be sufficient funds.

19/103 Planning Applications

There were no applications for discussion.

19/104 New Playpark

Cllr Young and the Clerk had met with a representative of SutcliffePlay in July to look at the possibilities of upgrading the Playpark equipment in the area as it stands. The Clerk had distributed the proposal / quotation from them to all Cllrs and this had come to a total of £36,500. Not all the equipment would be upgraded as per the quotation but possibly some items, as and when required. See 19/101.iv. It was agreed that this would be discussed further, particularly in light of the fact that fewer children were using the Playpark. Further funding would be required and this will be an ongoing effort within the Parish Council.

19/105 The Parish Hall

Cllr Cliffe-Roberts stated that Consent for Demolition had been received with conditions including a 3 year 'window' to commence demolition, and 10 weeks from completion of demolition to apply for the Parking/Garden Planning Permission. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine asked how long the demolition process would last – it was thought about a week, but there is no fixed time limit – the contractors' working hours are limited by a condition in the planning consent. A Section 81 Notice (Building Regulations) has also been received and the PHMC are required to obtain an Asbestos Survey (to be sent to Wiltshire Council and the demolition Contractor). Cllr Hiskett suggested the wood might be used for the village bonfire but it was thought the Contractor would most likely wish to remove all the debris and that it may well have been treated in the past and not be fit for burning.

19/106 Roads and Highways

Cllr Roberts read out the report sent in by Cllr Coulthard regarding a possible 20mph speed limit through Longstreet. He had raised the matter at the last CATG meeting and was informed that firstly a survey would need to be done which would cost a minimum of £650.00 if support was gained from the committee, if not the full cost of circa £2,000. If support was given there would be further costs for signage which could be as much as the survey itself and it is unlikely that we would get a full grant for

the process. It was suggested that EPC might conduct its own research initially to see if it was viable to pay the fully contracted research costs. If traffic appears to be generally lower than 30mph then it is unlikely that WC would grant a 20mph limit as speed would be considered as controlled. The CATG traffic surveyor, Gareth Rogers, will drive through the village himself to gain an informal opinion, an official review would be c£600 and Cllr Coulthard will follow this up at the next meeting. One option suggested was to purchase ready-made friendly signs/stickers requesting drivers check their speed, it was proposed by Cllr Cliffe-Roberts and seconded by Cllr Hiskett.

19/107 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)

Cllr Hiskett reported on the 'Paths for All' progress. There was to be an open meeting at 7pm the following evening (11th September) in the Phoenix Hall at Netheravon, which would include Fittleton, Haxton, Enford etc to be known as the 'Avon Valley Group'. This will be looking at various initiatives, possibly tying up with Netheravon School to identify circular walks in the area. This might then give rise to tri-fold leaflets to be available in local shops and pubs. There might also be a 'Treasure Hunt', the main focus is to get all age groups involved. The success of this would then require a 'Maintenance Team', again taken from all the villages, to take on the responsibility of keeping the paths in good order.

19/108 Correspondence

There was none to circulate.

19/109 Any Other Business

Cllr Holdway asked if the road sweeper might also clear Water Lane.

19/110 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no other business Cllr Roberts closed the meeting at 2130hrs

Elizabeth Harrison, Clerk Enford Parish Council

Dated: 10th September 2019