

# ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Held in the Village Hall.

To be verified at the meeting of, Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Present:	Cllr Richard Roberts	Chairman
	Cllr Patricia Holdway, Cllr Bruce Waight	Councillors
	Cllr Jane Young, Cllr D’Arcy-Irvine	Councillors
	Cllr Peter Cliffe-Roberts, Cllr Exley	Councillors
	Cllr Rob Coulthard	Councillor
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	W.Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling	Wiltshire Council
	Mike Germany	resident of Fifield
	Robin	resident of Water Lane

The meeting was opened at 7.35pm by Cllr Roberts

## 19/111 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Hiskett, and the Police Liaison Amy Jones. There were no apologies from or attendance by WO2 Jeff Payne the MOD Liaison.

## 19/112 Public Questions

Robin attended the meeting regarding the dog bin in Water Lane. It is set too far back from the side of the road and therefore the mud/long grass hinders access for ease of use. Could the Council please bring the bin forward to the road. This was referred to Cllr Coulthard as a job for the Parish Steward.

-Mike Germany from Fifield also attended the meeting to thank the Parish Council for the re-location of the dog bin and ask about the progress of the proposed new Salt Bin at the top of Fifield Lane. Cllr Roberts explained that there had been email correspondence between house owner nearest the new location of the dog bin and the Clerk. The house owner had been concerned about its proximity to his house, the possible smell, the emptying process and the necessity for such in the middle of the countryside. The Clerk has hopefully allayed his concerns. The Clerk is continuing to chase the new salt bin with the Contractor who cannot do anything until Highways have agreed the position.

-Mike Germany also mentioned he had some wood to donate to the village bonfire and wanted to know who to speak to about it. Cllr Roberts directed him to Judy D’Arcy-Irvine.

## 19/113 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch

There was no Police Liaison in attendance. Cllr Roberts read out the only reported issue in Enford from the September Police report which was “23-Sep-19 Unknown suspect(s) have damaged a front fence by unknown means, the fence has collapsed and the concrete has been damaged”. W Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling suggested the Police might be more able to visit ‘The Hub’ sessions on a Thursday morning rather than a Parish Council meeting in the evening.

## 19/114 MOD/Army Matters

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

## 19/115 Unitary Council Matters

On local matters WCllr Blair-Pilling said now was the time to get preparations for winter underway.

The recent 'Paths for All' meeting had gone well with a good presentation from the MOD Liaison who also indicated the possibility of partial use of some MOD land. Avon Valley as a group in the project are 'ahead of the game' and Collingbourne Ducis have used Facebook as a means of getting the message out to as many people as possible – this drew in 500 responses. The next meeting is scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

At the Cabinet level, Wiltshire are achieving great results all over the County on many wide-ranging issues – Chippenham housing infrastructure, Community funding review, reduced homelessness levels and Carbon reduction levels (down by 25%). Wiltshire has come out as the highest achieving county according to Friends of the Earth. The Council are trying to make the county carbon neutral by 2030 and all questions posed by Extinction Rebellion were answered. The Maltings in Salisbury are showing very good plans for development with 1000 county-wide high quality, low carbon homes to be built. Cllr Holdway asked if these included bungalows. WCllr Blair-Pilling confirmed it did and explained that normally Housing Associations prefer to sell off bungalows as they are 'old stock' and costly to run despite being aimed at the requirements of those with not much available funding. Wiltshire's building policy will cover all types of housing to a high specification.

### **19/116 Verification of the Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September were proposed as a true record by Cllr Cliffe-Roberts and seconded by Cllr Holdway.

### **19/117 Youth Liaison**

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

### **19/118 Declaration of Interests**

There were no Declarations of Interest

### **19/119 Matters Arising**

- i. The new Salt Bin for Fifield Lane. This was covered in Public Questions, see above 19/112.
- ii. Land Asset Transfers. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts reported that he had spoken with Jenny Rowe, Estates Manager for Wiltshire Council, explaining the Parish Council were unwilling to take on the maintenance of the freehold strips of land along the A345 in return for a leasehold interest in the land for an extension of the Playpark because a clause in that lease (as proposed by Wiltshire) allowed them to terminate the lease at any time in the future on short notice. He had asked about the removal of this "break-clause" from the proposed lease, to which Jenny had replied that it was a standard clause but suggested he write to her with a proposal of what would be acceptable to the Parish Council. The Councillors agreed that Cllr Cliffe-Roberts would write to Ms Rowe, setting out proposals. If the break-clause is dropped from the Lease the PC would in turn look again at taking on the strips of land on the A345, and Cllr Coulthard agreed to speak with the Wiltshire Highways about the extent to which they would have to be maintained in the future. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts and Cllr Coulthard will both report back at the next meeting.
- iii. Cllr Roberts explained that he and Cllr Hiskett had gone through the 'research' the Clerk had provided. Being unable to contact the companies involved by phone they had gone to a local carpenter who had in fact made the board for Woodborough. It is as the Council had wished it to be i.e. made of solid oak and can be on either its own legs or wall mounted, finished to a high specification which should a) look good for the village and b) last for many years to come. An order has been placed and a deposit paid for a new board in the centre of the village and a replacement board in Coombe. These cannot be started until after Christmas due to the Carpenter's current work levels. The board in East Chisenbury will hopefully last a little bit longer!
- iv. The Annual Playpark Safety report. This was distributed to all Cllrs. There was nothing too serious apart from one chain link matter to be looked at. Any replacement or new equipment does depend somewhat on the extension Lease (see above 19/119.iii). A brief discussion was had about other facilities in the area and these will be inspected (Everleigh and Ludgershall).
- v. Remembrance Sunday. This will be on 10<sup>th</sup> November. The wreath has been ordered and will be delivered to the Clerk during the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> October. The Clerk confirmed that the WWII commemorative poppies were now ready for collection and Cllr Roberts suggested/asked for

volunteers to help put the poppies up towards the end of the month/beginning of November. Cllr Roberts also mentioned the tree (Weeping Beech) that was planted last year to mark those who had died in WWI. The tree has been tended throughout the year and continues to thrive in the Community Garden.

- vi. Meeting Dates for 2020. The Clerk has organised these dates and booked the Village Hall accordingly. All Cllrs were sent a copy.

### **19/120 Finance**

The Clerk reported the balance at the beginning of September was £13,984.14. The second tranche of the Precept, £8,045.00 had also been received. There was a total of £822.16 in outgoings leaving a balance at the end of the month at £21,206.98. There were also 6 uncleared cheques totalling £1,379.40.

### **19/121 Planning Applications**

Two Planning Applications had been received earlier in the afternoon concerning The Grange at Enford. Unfortunately, the plans are not yet available on the website and so the Clerk will send round a note when they are available. The reporting date is 7<sup>th</sup> November which is before the next meeting and so considerations will be done by email.

### **19/122 New Playpark**

Already covered see above, Matters Arising 19/119.iv..

### **19/123 The Parish Hall**

Cllr Cliffe-Roberts reported that the Asbestos Survey has now been received. He has sent a copy to the demolition company and has requested their confirmation of their original quotation (given a year ago) and their Method Statement. Both the asbestos survey and method statement will then be sent to Wiltshire Council allowing demolition to commence.

### **19/124 Roads and Highways**

Cllr Coulthard reported that he will chase up Gareth Rogers who was going to look at the village and its current speeding limit/potential for reduction. Work for the Parish Steward will include cutting areas around rubbish and salt bins, unblocking ditches and he will contact Wiltshire Council to try and get the drains beyond the Village Hall jet-cleaned where rainwater floods the road. Mike Germany has dug these drains out by hand as far as he is able but jetting will be required to clear them right through.

### **19/125 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)**

Cllr Mark Hiskett sent his apologies and noted that:

“The Avon Valley Group meeting to identify 3 circular walks to catalogue, describe and advertise has moved from 1900hrs Wed 16th Oct to Wed 23rd Oct. Additionally, there is a call for volunteers to assist in footpath maintenance in Netheravon on both the 23rd and 30th Oct - contact Mark Hiskett or Mary Towel.” See also WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling’s comments above in Unitary Council Matters 19/115.

### **19/126 Correspondence**

- i. The Clerk reported that she had been informed by Wiltshire Council of a Code of Conduct complaint that had been lodged involving four Councillors in total. Under Enford’s Standing Orders she was required to report this to the Council generally though until it is resolved, she was unable to give the Council any further information.
- ii. Cllr Roberts read out parts of a letter from Claire Perry MP informing him of her intention to stand down at the next election. She will however be continuing her work on a cleaner, greener environment for everybody. Cllr Roberts thanked her in her absence for her efforts and assistance to Enford Parish Council over the years
- iii. Emails on the bin relocation in Fifield (see above Public Questions 19/112)

- iv. Cllr Roberts read out an email from Nick Tissot of Figheldean Parish Council who appears to be concerned at the apparent 'green light' for the Royal Artillery Museum at Net heravon. He was proposing that local councils would have a stronger voice if working together. After a brief discussion it was felt that it would not affect Enford particularly apart from maybe increased traffic. It was not understood whether Nick Tissot was for or against the project.

**19/127 Any Other Business**

There was no other business raised.

**19/128 Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall

There being no other business Cllr Roberts closed the meeting at 2045hrs

Elizabeth Harrison, Clerk Enford Parish Council .....

Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019