

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 12th November 2019

Held in the Village Hall.

To be verified at the meeting of, Tuesday, 10th December 2019

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

The meeting was opened at 7.35pm by Cllr Roberts

19/129 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Exley, Cllr Coulthard and WO2 Jeff Payne. W.Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling arrived late from another meeting.

19/130 Public Questions

There were no members of the public present.

19/131 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch

There were no representatives of the Police present and no report had been received. Cllr Roberts said there was an NTG meeting at Ludgershall on 23rd November however, he is unable to attend. He receives the Neighbourhood Watch list and the nearest reported incidents occurred in Upavon and in Everleigh – hare coursing is still a problem. Nothing was reported for Enford.

19/132 MOD/Army Matters

The Clerk read out WO2 Jeff Payne's report for October:

80x Near Misses – vehicles - 69, on foot - 9, Cyclists- 1 and horses - 1.

18x Fly-tipping

3x Environmental - 2x chemical spillages and 1x fire

4x Criminal Damage

2x complaints – 1x noise and 1x reporting of nuisance vehicles on area

2x Livestock – cattle loose 11

6x Accidents – all military

Additionally:

- The centre range closes for Winter maintenance after 1700hrs on 13th December and reopens at 0830hrs on 3rd January 2020
- The MOD Police telephone number to call is **01371 854444**. This number to be used to report crimes on the Plain rather than going through 101.

- Week commencing 25th November will be busy for Artillery – 3x Regiments live firing (Tuesday and Thursday up to 2330hrs)

19/133 Unitary Council Matters

WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling apologised for being late, he had come from another Parish meeting. He raised the 'Warm & Safe' notice from Wiltshire Council which the Clerk will send to the Newsletter.

In dealing with the reviews of the Town & Parish Councils of Wiltshire, the Towns will be dealt with first. Any requests from Parish Councils will therefore take up to a year to be dealt with.

The road closure in Haxton has been reinforced due to the concerns that the traffic is making the relevant building unsafe. This will remain in force for the immediate future.

19/134 Verification of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 8th October were proposed as a true record by Cllr Holdway and seconded by Cllr Cliffe-Roberts

19/135 Youth Liaison

Neither Evie Chamberlain nor Rhys Teasdale attended the meeting. Cllr Roberts said he was in touch with both of them but neither had any news to report.

19/136 Declaration of Interests

There were no Declarations of Interest.

19/137 Matters Arising

- i. Installation of new Salt Bin at the top of Fifield Lane. - The Clerk reported that after 8 months since confirming the order with the Contractor, we now have permission to proceed. This should appear in the next two weeks.
- ii. Land Asset Transfer from Wiltshire Council. - Cllr Cliffe-Roberts reported that he was waiting for a response from Jenny Row, Estates Manager at WC. If, as thought, the 'gift' of 3x freehold strips of land along the A345 were a 'package' with getting the extended, leased Playpark area, then the Parish Council would decline the transfer. If the lease for the extended Playpark area was independent of this, the Parish Council would proceed.
The Clerk read out an email from a resident suggesting the cost of maintaining the freehold strips of land on the A345 was a bad deal for the parish and should not be considered. Cllr Roberts raised the issue of whether the parish actually needed the Playpark extension at all and a discussion was had regarding the fact that children don't 'go out to play' as much as they used to, there are fewer children in the Parish, the equipment in place is aimed at younger children who need parental supervision and there is nothing available (apart from the basketball hoop) for children of age 10+. A balance of equipment should be addressed to cover a greater age range. It was agreed to wait for W.C.'s decision before proceeding with anything. The break clause (as it is unlikely to be used) could be accepted but if all the pieces of land are a 'package' then the Parish Council would decline the offer.
- iii. The purchase of a village Christmas Tree. – This was agreed by all Cllrs, the tree should be around 3 metres in height and should not be put up until early December. Cllr Roberts has the lights from last year but would require more batteries.
- iv. Parish gardening requirements for December, January and February. It was agreed as in previous years to ask the Garden Services to stand down for three months.
- v. Tidworth Area Board (TAB) extended update slot. – Cllr Roberts explained that this was an opportunity for Parish Councils to put forward to the TAB the most pressing issues with which they need to deal. The next TAB meeting is being held on 25th November. There followed a discussion on flooding, the breaking up of road surfaces. The Environment Agency's alerts/warnings are currently not listing anything for Enford however the sustained and widespread rain in October

following a similarly wet September has resulted in saturated soils. Rivers rose because of the 'above normal' rainfall with less storage capacity in the soils. Groundwater levels have been recorded as 'normal' or higher despite the exceptionally dry summer and last winter, with three monitoring sites 'exceptionally high' for the time of year and this could add to problems when the winterbournes start to appear. Cllr Hiskett suggested speeding as a perennial problem on the A345 as well as the C32 with the former being one of the north/south transit routes through the County. The size of the lorries is of concern as signs are constantly being 'bashed' and verges are already eroding. It was agreed flooding and traffic were the two main issues.

- vi. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts brought the date of the **Parish Hall Management Committee's AGM** to everyone's attention. It will be held on **Wednesday 27th November at 7.30pm in the Church**. All residents are welcome to attend.
- vii. The Clerk raised the matter of a Parish Council only website for Parish Council documents to act as an archive as well as a 'go to' site for information. Currently the PC has its own section on the Newsletter website which does comply with the Transparency Laws that came into effect in July '18. There are now more compliance laws – web content accessibility requirements (WCAG 2.1) which are already in place, depending on the age of the site and it would be easier to enforce this with a new PC site than make changes to the Newsletter website. This can be done free of charge through Google so no hosting costs. The Council all felt this was a good idea and the Clerk will start to work on this.
- viii. Code of Conduct Complaint update. – This is continuing to be dealt with by Wiltshire Council and until such time as it has been resolved, no further information is available.

19/138 Finance

The Clerk reported that at the beginning of October there was a balance of £21,201.98 with total outgoings for the month of £526.25. There was a further £1,614.28 of uncleared cheques, most of which should appear on the November statement, thus a balance of £20,664.73 at the end of October.

19/139 Planning Applications

There were none.

19/140 New Playpark

There was nothing new to discuss. The balance in the account for new equipment stands at £3,790.39

19/141 The Parish Hall

Cllr Cliffe-Roberts as Chairman of the PHMC reported that they were waiting for the Method Statement from the demolition company which then needs to be forwarded to Wiltshire Council along with the Asbestos Report before 'pressing the green button'. The demolition is unlikely to take place before the new year and all neighbours would be informed before the event. The Councillors were asked for their approval to pay the agreed cost of £7,000 which would be in the form of a loan to the PHMC. All Cllrs agreed.

19/142 Roads and Highways

Cllr Coulthard had sent a brief report to say that the Parish Steward had been tasked with strimming around all the salt bins and dog mess bins to ensure ease of access. With regard to flooding issues, WC had been called to inspect but by the time they came out (a couple of days later) all the water had disappeared. At the recent meeting of the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) he had asked about the freehold strips of land available from WC. It was confirmed that the cost of maintenance would be down to Enford PC and recommended that EPC request a maintenance inspection/clearance before any 'hand over' of land. Should the PC consider additional purchases of a Speed Indicator Device (SID), personnel from CATG would first come out to inspect the area concerned (C32). A discussion was had and it was agreed to look out and purchase 20 mph signs as a deterrent.

Cllr Holdway asked about the ownership and maintenance of the land in front of the Water Lane Allotment - there are a lot of large/overgrown nettles - and who is responsible for cutting this. Cllr Roberts thought it was cut twice a year.

19/143 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)

Cllr Hiskett reported that the Avon Valley Group/Paths for All project had had two meetings recently and envisage 4 walks initially. These will be 'walked', photographed and documented and the information will be printed as a tri-fold brochure for general distribution. Netheravon School will be responsible for doing the graphics for a 1½ mile walk around their location. To date two kissing gates have been installed (at Corfe End Lakes and B/B1 crossing) and a further two gates are planned. These have been funded by Wiltshire Council.

19/144 Correspondence

Cllr Roberts read out an email from a resident regarding potential flooding by a precarious looking tree, south of Enford Bridge – his concern is, should this tree fall into the river thus blocking the natural flow, this could cause 'backing up' and possible flooding into the village. Cllr Waight who rents the land from the MOD will consult with Landmarc, it is ultimately their responsibility to maintain the land. There are also some trees on the north side of the bridge which are of equal concern.

Regarding flooding in the village, Cllr Roberts wanted to remind everyone that it is the houseowner's responsibility to protect their property, not Wiltshire Council's. A discussion ensued on the supplies of salt/grit/sandbags etc that the Parish Council receives from WC. This winter's supply is due to be collected on Friday 15th from Marlborough (WC no longer delivers to the village) and Cllr Waight was thanked for his offer to collect/store.

19/145 Any Other Business

-The Clerk read out a recent letter from WC regarding a Rough Sleeping survey to be carried out later this month. It was thought there were no people sleeping on the streets/lanes of Enford.

-Poppies – Cllr Roberts asked for agreement on a time to take down the named Remembrance Poppies currently in the village and asked for volunteers. Cllrs Hiskett and Young offered to help and the poppies will be stored until next year.

-Cllr Holdway asked about the Code of Conduct complaint. Unfortunately this had gone to Review and was still a confidential matter. As and when allowed by Wiltshire Council, the Cllrs would be informed.

19/128 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This is a **2020/21 PRECEPT ONLY MEETING**
Tuesday 10th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (normal and final meeting of the year).

There being no other business Cllr Roberts closed the meeting at 2105hrs

Elizabeth Harrison, Clerk Enford Parish Council

Dated: 12th November 2019