

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of 9th December 2009

Present: Mr. Ken Monk	Chairman
Mrs. Tessa Manser	Vice-Chairman
Mr. Norman Beardsley, Mr. Adrian Orr,	
Mr. Stan Bagwell, Mr. Michael Fay, Mr. Martin Webb.	
Cllr Jane Young, Cllr Ann Merrett	Parish Councillors
Cllr. Charles Howard	Wiltshire Unitary Councillor
Bill Vergette	Clerk

Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00 p.m.

09/093 Apologies: Major Peter King. PCSO Philippa Royston. Cllr. Fay had stated he would be late arriving, and duly arrived at 7.30.

09/094 Public Question Time. No members of the public were present.

09/095 Verify Minutes of meeting on 28th October 2009: Proposed a true record Cllr. Beardsley, seconded Cllr. Manser, passed.

09/096 Declarations of Interest: None.

09/097 Matters Arising:

- Letter from Katrina Knight thanking Council for the donation of £1000 to the Youth Club, and thanking the Chairman for representing the Council at a presentation ceremony.

09/098 Police Matters

- PCSO Philippa Royston was unable to attend. Council were concerned about the understaffing in some areas of policing. Cllr. Bagwell remarked that there had been no Beat Manager for some time now, and none was expected this side of Christmas. Cllr. Merrett said that she thought the workload on the two female PCSOs was excessive.

09/099 Neighbourhood Watch No representative. The position remains unchanged with only a small number of parishioners interested and Mr. Becker wishing to step down.

09/100 Army Matters Major Peter King was otherwise engaged, but had stated by e-mail there was no change from the schedule in the newsletter, and he wished council a happy and peaceful New Year.

09/101 Unitary Council Matters – Cllr. Charles Howard said he noted the opinion of council on the development application E/09/1383/FUL and had attended the meeting. He mentioned the Government Speed Limit Review and said that this was to be a standard across the country mostly based on accident rates. Among the decisions he knew of were:

Road from A345 to Devizes, limit cut from 60 to 50

Pewsey – Oare – Marlborough 60 to 50

North of Durrington to South of Netheravon 60 to 50

And, perhaps strangely, the limit through Trenchard lines to be raised from 40 to 50.

Charles also remarked on changes within Unitary Council. Salaries were being standardised as under the old regional system the same jobs were paid at different rates. This exercise was fraught with difficulty and he was glad to report he had no part in it.

Chairman thanked Cllr. Howard for his time and for looking after our interests.

09/102 Planning –

- E/09/0887/FUL

Appeal Ref: APP/Y3940/D/09/2115071

830, 831 and 832 West Chisenbury, Pewsey, Wiltshire, SN9 6BB

The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant planning permission.

The appeal is made by Messrs. Dubovik, Fay and Major against the decision of Wiltshire Council. The application ref. E/09/0887/FUL, dated 25 June 2009, was refused by notice dated 25 August 2009. The development proposed is provision of car parking area to front of dwellings.

Decision I dismiss the appeal. J.Armstrong INSPECTOR

- **Notice of Permission to Carry Tree Work in a Conservation Area**

Application Reference Number: E/09/1297/TCA

Mrs O. Lisle Littlecott Farm Enford Pewsey Wiltshire SN9 6AN

The re-pollarding of two medium sizes ash trees, the pollarding of a over mature failing ash tree to second growth point above ground level, the cutting down to just above ground level of two small ash trees and the cutting down to just above ground level of some old ivy covered stumps and elder bushes at Apple Tree Cottage 536 East Chisenbury Pewsey Wiltshire SN9 6AQ

- **Notification of Full Planning Permission - Application Number E091339FUL**

Mr & Mrs Heroys, Newton Cottage Newtown Enford Pewsey Wiltshire SN9 6DH Proposed single storey side extension with decked area and associated works at the above address.

- **Application Ref: E/09/1383/FUL Validated: 16/10/2009**

Application for Full Planning

Proposal:- Erection of 2 No detached three bedroom dwellings.

At: Land adjacent The Manor House East Chisenbury Pewsey SN9 6AQ

It was decided that Enford Parish Council were not in favour of this development for the following reasons:

- a. The site is some 4.5 metres higher than the road and higher than the surrounding property. Such houses, if built, would be very obtrusive and stand out distinctly when viewed from the road and surrounding properties.*
- b. Because of this height, it would overlook surrounding properties, resulting in some loss of privacy.*
- c. Our view is that this development would not be in keeping with the character and appearance of the surrounding area.*
- d. Because it is set back a bit further than neighbouring properties, there is a question as to whether this is 'infill' or not.*

This application was dealt with by planning sub-committee after the meeting on 28th October 2009, so far no decision has been received.

09/103 Finance – Separate sheet

- Current account stands at £3,951.42 *Separate sheet.*
- Precept – all councillors had been issued with preliminary documentation on present and future finance requirements. Because of pressing needs, in particular the construction of a bus shelter, the council felt that the planned spending in 2010/11 needed further scrutiny. Chairman began by saying that the donations to some bodies, although small, could be discontinued. £25 donations to the British Legion, The Samaritans, WRVS and Wiltshire S&R were cut. Cllr. Young asked that £100 be granted to the Youth Club for continuing expenses. Council discussed all the donations and agreement was reached except for the Village Hall. It was pointed out that the £900 given to the Village Hall this year was considered necessary to help kickstart the project, but before a decision on this year's donation could be reached we needed to know the state of the Hall's finances. Cllr. Merrett was volunteered to investigate. Council then moved on to the precept for 2010/11. Clerk's initial estimate of cost for the year was £9,930. This would have resulted in a precept of £10,400. Council considered this to be excessive. A long discussion of cost-cutting measures ensued and savings were found, among these Cllr. Martin Webb had negotiated a favourable outcome for the planned Bus Shelter which would reduce our costs to around £2300. Further savings in the road safety improvements planned for the C32 resulted in that cost estimate reduced from £2000 to £1000, and this could be lower still. All told this would bring the precept to a maximum of £8,429. This equates to a Band D charge of £31.60. The precept was agreed with the proviso that a further reduction might be achieved dependant on Cllr. Merrett's report.

09/104 General Parish Matters

- Resignation of Councillor – Clerk was instructed by council to write to Mrs. Sara Everett expressing their gratitude for her work over the years. *Clerk to action*
Chair said although we had sufficient councillors there was room for possible secondment of new councillors – Cllr. Bagwell agreed to pursue one likely volunteer.
- New Enford Bus Shelter – Martin Webb said that, as already intimated in the precept discussion, he had negotiated a deal with a local contractor at an advantageous price. Council compared the new outline with previous bids and authorised Martin to proceed.
- Highways: Cllr. Bagwell – See Annex A
- Rights of Way: Cllr. Beardsley said that for once he had nothing new to report.

09/105 Correspondence – none that has not already been passed to Councillors.

09/106 Any Other Business

- Cllr. Webb said he had received a request from a parishioner that minutes be displayed on the Enford Website. Clerk said he had contacted Democratic Services and asked Durrington Town Clerk for advice. His conclusion was that if we continued the same procedure of sending the draft version to all councillors and contributors and incorporated their comments and corrections, then placing the minutes on the Net would just be the same as posting minutes on boards. It must be made clear that these minutes were draft and unverified. Council discussed and authorised Clerk to proceed.
- Cllr Fay asked if there was any progress on the bus stop at West Chisenbury, Cllr Bagwell said that he was awaiting a reply from Sarah Anderson the Wiltshire Highways Technician.

09/107 Date of next meeting: Clerk presented proposed meeting dates for 2010, council agreed. Clerk to write to Katrina Knight requesting use of hall. Next meeting will be Wednesday 27th January at 7.30pm.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 p.m.

Bill Vergette, Clerk to Enford Parish Council, 9th December 2009.

Highways Comments for Parish Council Meeting 9th December 2009.

The A345 (Road Surface) Highway maintenance.

There is no change since the last meeting. We await the Council meeting that will take place March 2010, regarding the setting of the budget for the 2010.

The C32 Coombe/Enford/Littlecott and East Chisenbury.

A meeting took place this last November with Ken Monk Cllr Charles Howard myself and Mark Stansby senior highways official for Wiltshire Council, situations were discussed and Mr Stansby said he would come back to us with a letter of intent, up till now no letter has been received, an e mail was sent today 9th Dec requesting an answer to the meeting that took place.

Speeding and Enforcement.

There is no change here from the last meeting.

The A345 Heavy Goods Vehicles.

This is still ongoing and the A338/A346/A345 Joint working group are still determined to get the A338 de primed and the other north to south rural roads to have restrictions to oversized HGV passing through traffic.

Excessive Speed along the A345.

The speed limit review has now be published by Wiltshire Council and every Parish Council should have had sent to them a CD of this review.

Request for a Speed limit reduction A345 Enford/Newtown/West Chisenbury.

There is no change here we are still requesting the reduction of speed between these areas.

Enford Hill/Water Lane.

Request for more signage. This is still ongoing and we will continue to question the old archaic law that forbids any other signage due to street lighting being in place.

The Swan Accident.

This is still ongoing, the police are being very unhelpful in our request for a copy of the "Stopping Officers Report".

Enford Community Speed Watch.

A meeting took place between Ken Monk, Norman Beardsley and myself. Perhaps Ken would like to say a few words here.

We restarted the CSW when we received the camera back from the police after it had been repaired, since the camera went down after calibration ,we lost 69 days due to this situation and poor communications. We have had 2 watches over the past 5 days and we have had the Rushall CSW team with us, on the last watch yesterday, we had in attendance Elizabeth Ngero CSW Co-ordinator for Wiltshire and WPC Lucy Deakin from Amesbury Police Station, who has been administering the CSW over the past 15 months. We hope to train Upavon CSDW team when Cllr John Cabra returns to the UK. Cllr Cabra is the Upavon CSW co-ordinator. The problem we have is with the three parishes sharing one camera between them.

30MPH Wheelie Bin Stickers.

WE have purchased 40 of these stickers for Enford and I have purloined 16 from the Upavon network. We would like Parish Councillors from their areas to take a few of these stickers and distribute them within their area. The idea is to stick these either on the side of the black wheelie bin or the green wheelie bin or the black recycling box, this way there will always be a bin with a sign on it out once every week. We don't expect every household has these on their bins but either every other house or whoever chooses to display the signs on their bins. It is a good idea and comes with the Councils and the Police support.