

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of 3rd March 2010

Present: Mr. Ken Monk	Chairman
Mrs. Tessa Manser	Vice-Chairman
Mr. Norman Beardsley, Mr Adrian Orr,	
Mr. Stan Bagwell. Mr Martin Webb.	
Mrs Jane Young, Mr. David Carter	Parish Councillors
Bill Vergette	Clerk

Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00 p.m.

10/016 Apologies: Major Peter King. Cllr. Charles Howard. Cllr Ann Merrett. PCSO Maria Downham. Cllr. Michael Fay.

10/017 Public Question Time.

10/018 Verify Minutes of meeting on 27th January 2010: Proposed a true record Cllr. Beardsley, seconded Cllr. Bagwell, passed.

10/019 Declarations of Interest: None.

10/020 Matters Arising: Clerk had received the following message from Mrs. Ann Merrett: *Please accept my apologies once again I am unable to attend the meeting on 3/3/10 due my conservative branch AGM. I feel that I am contributing nothing to the Parish council at the moment due to my commitments elsewhere therefore I feel I should stand down for the present. I have enjoyed greatly my time with you and hope maybe to return at a later date I apologise for this being an e-mail but feared that snail mail would not reach you in time. Best wishes to you all Yours sincerely Ann*
Council were sorry to hear that Ann had decided to stand down. Cllr. Manser pointed out that there were eleven places on council.

10/021 Police Matters:

PCSO 6078 Maria Downham Ludgershall & Rural NPT

Due to training and duties we are unable to attend this month's council meeting. Please see update of incidents in the area since the last meeting:-

Report of laptop virus when accessing school website message reading ID THEFT ATTEMPTING appeared on screen.

Single vehicle RTC

Community speed watch notification x2

2 suspicious males on farm asking if dogs present and if tractors were scrap.

Suspicious male on farm seen cutting wire, farm watch informed.

Please inform council that there will be a police representative at the next council meeting.

10/022 Neighbourhood Watch No representative. Chairman commented that Steve Becker had once again stepped into the breach and had organised a new system. Cllr. Orr asked how much of the system would be e-mail, as this was the fastest way of reaching large numbers of parishioners. Cllr. Webb said he thought Steve had collected quite a few e-mail addresses. Council were a little concerned about privacy regulations, with many people not wanting their e-mail addresses made public. Chair said that Steve would have covered this aspect.

10/023 Army Matters. Major Peter King was otherwise engaged but will attend the AGM/APM

10/024 Unitary Council Matters – Cllr. Charles Howard sent the following message: *I regret that I will not be able to attend the next Parish Council meeting on 3rd March as I will be abroad all next week, and please present my apologies.*

The Wiltshire Council budget was approved for the coming year, and the increase will be about 2.5%. It is interesting to note that if the change to a unitary council had not taken place in 2009, the percentage increase in council tax would have been 4.9%.

10/025 Planning – No applications

- **Provisional Tree Preservation order for the area of trees to the north of the Old Post Office, Chisenbury 19th February 2010.** Whilst not a planning concern at the moment, the sale of this land by MoD in Chisenbury produced a flurry of concern. It is not a requirement to inform a local council of any sale, but this auction involved a tree preservation order which did not arrive until two days before the auction date. Perhaps more notice of such orders would allow council time to assess the situation. It is also worth noting that the major piece of land bordered two rights of way, and included part of one, which might have been compromised. Council discussed this situation at length and instructed Clerk to contact Major King to enquire if notice could be given to council of any sale of land within the village boundaries. This in the spirit of good neighbourliness.

10/026 Finance – Separate sheet

- Current account stands at £598.93 *Separate sheet.*
- Clerk read out a letter of thanks from Mrs. Judy D’Arcy-Irvine for the donation towards Village Hall costs.
- SPTA Rent Review. We were informed that the rent for the encroachment license had increased from £20 to £30 with effect from 1 Jan 2010.

10/027 General Parish Matters

- New Enford Bus Shelter – A cheque for £2761.25 has been sent to Pettitt Bros. Cllr Martin Webb said that an “End Notice” had been sent to Wiltshire Council with dates 22nd to 26th March 2010. Martin said that the final invoice might come to council. Clerk said that this was normal and would forward to Wiltshire for payment.
- Clerk received a telephone call from Wilts Council saying they had had complaints of graffiti on a bus shelter in Enford. Councillor Carter said that his five year old son had seen the offensive words and read them out aloud. There are two shelters affected, one is Wilts Highways and the other is our responsibility. Cllr. Bagwell said he would deal with the matter.
- Clerk said that he had received a call from Mrs Cleverley regarding litter in the Playpark, she had collected and placed in bin but it was still there a week later, Clerk explained that there was now no designated collection – in the past it had been done by Rosie Taylor. Mrs Cleverley then said that she would empty the bin and dispose of the rubbish when necessary. Clerk had thanked Mrs Cleverley for her community spirit. Council asked clerk to write to Mrs Cleverley.
- Highways: Cllr. Bagwell – See Annex A
- Rights of Way: Cllr. Beardsley said there was nothing worthy of note at this time.

10/028 Correspondence

- Letter from Wilts Air Ambulance asking for locations for a Recycling Clothing and Shoe Bank Scheme. Council discussed and came to the conclusion that there was no easy way of taking part in this project without interfering with existing schemes.
- Local Council Clerks induction course £210 – Clerk will not attend.
- WALC leaflet Feb 2010.
- New Councillors course 27th March 2010 Devizes Town Hall. Clerk ensured “new” councillors had application forms – The last course had been oversubscribed and the previous one cancelled.
- Best kept village competition. Council thought we might enter next year.
- Making Tracks – 50cc scooters. These vehicles are to enable people in remote locations on the Plain to get to work. Details are on noticeboards.

10/029 Any Other Business

- Chairman described the financial situation of the Parish Hall. He had met with Katrina Knight to discuss the problems of running the hall. Chairman asked for an extraordinary meeting of council to decide what steps we had to take. This might result in calling a village meeting to consider options.
- Chairman asked councillors to liaise amongst themselves and arrange a “Litter Day” for the village. Equipment is available and should be used for H&S reasons. Council agreed.

10/030 Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday 28th April 2010 at 7.00 p.m., followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.23p.m.

Bill Vergette, Clerk to Enford Parish Council. 3rd March 2010

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Highways Comments for P.C. Meeting March 2010.

The A345 (Road Surface) Highway Maintenance.

The situation has got much worse, due to again more bad weather conditions, the pot holes are now turning into cavernous pits. And it is causing drivers to pay more attention to avoiding the holes than their driving, which is dangerous. Serious damage is now being sustained by vehicles to their tyres and shock absorbers. If the situation carries on there is going to be a serious accident or much worse a series of accidents due to this poor road surface.

The C32 Coombe/Enford/Littlecott/East Chisenbury.

We are still pressing for some form of Traffic Calming for these areas. We will be carrying out a survey of dilapidated signs and also after the 12 months lapse period another "Metro Loop" to be sited within the 30mph zone at Long Street Enford.

Speeding and Enforcement.

There is no change here, change will only occur when the police strength is returned to the Traffic and Highway Divisions of the Wiltshire Police Force.

The A345 Heavy Goods Vehicles.

We are still striving ahead with trying to de-priming the A338 and getting HGV restrictions on roads like the A345 and A342. The Scheme has been approved by the Tidworth and Pewsey area Boards and it is envisaged to be passed by the Amesbury and Marlborough Area Boards.

Request for a Speed Limit reduction on the A345 from Enford to Newtown and West Chisenbury.

We have written again to Wiltshire Council and The Speed Limit Review Body, reminding them of their report of March 2006. We are now awaiting their reply.

Enford Hill/Water Lane request for signage.

This is still ongoing, we are awaiting round "Slow Down" roundels to be sited on the roads where the Highway official stated they could be put down.

The Swan Accident.

The £70.00 cheque has been sent (3/2/10) requesting the "Stopping Officers" report. And we are still awaiting the Council to put up the two "Warning Signs" each side of the Swan Inn so as the Swans swinging sign can be fitted, both the Police and the Council have been dragging their feet on these issues.

Enford Community Speed Watch.

It's been nearly two years now since the Scheme started here in Enford. There are now 20 Schemes operating within Wiltshire. Our nearest is Rushall/Upavon/Durrington and Amesbury. Pewsey will come on line within a short while. We have now been given permission to monitor the North site on the A345 30mph zone, this is by the Old Vicarage opposite New Buildings.

The Request for 2 New Bus Stops on the A345 at New Buildings West Chisenbury

I would like to read you the response of Wilts and Dorset Bus on this situation.

Are there any questions.

Thank you.

S.Bagwell. EPC (Highways)

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