

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of 18th August 2010

Present: Mr. Ken Monk	Chairman
Mr. Stan Bagwell. Mr Martin Webb. Mr. Norman Beardsley Mrs Jane Young, Mr. Michael Fay. Mr. David Carter Mr Adrian Orr Bill Vergette Major Peter King Cllr. Charles Howard PC Michael Bayliss Mr. David Marks	Parish Councillors Clerk Army Liaison Officer Wiltshire Unitary Council Ludgershall & Rural NPT Tidworth CAP

Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

10/060 Apologies: Mrs. Tessa Manser

10/061 Public Question Time. No members of public present.

10/062 Verify Minutes of meeting on 7th July 2010: Proposed a true record Cllr. Jane Young, seconded, Cllr. Stan Bagwell, passed.

10/063 Declarations of Interest: None.

10/064 Matters Arising: Cllr. Jane Young's query under 10/055 - Clerk did not pay £100 to the Youth Club in addition to the £1000 held in reserve. Clerk pleads concentration lapse. Cheque passed to Cllr. Carter.

10/065 Police Matters: PC Michael Bayliss reported that there had been an attempted break-in at a garage in Coombe, but that the garage was difficult to open and the intruder had run off when an alarm sounded. The intruder left behind an item that might later identify him. Chairman asked PC Bayliss about a mugging attack on an aged person walking his dog. PC Bayliss was not familiar with the case, and assumed it is under investigation by another branch of the police. Chairman thanked PC Bayliss for his time.

10/066 Neighbourhood Watch - No representative. Chairman said that there had been some e-mails from the Watch. Cllr. Beardsley asked if there was any feedback from the Annual General Meeting. Council was not aware of any reports.

10/067 Army Matters. Major Peter King said that the Plain was quiet at the moment apart from the presence of many Cadets. September looks to be a quiet month but a lot of activity is planned for October, with heavy armour involvement. Much of the future of the Plain will depend on the outcome of the Strategic Review. Cllr. Fay and Cllr. Carter commented on the renewed work at A crossing, where a new foundation slab appears to have been laid, and Cllr. Beardsley said that the bridleway crossing point on the EIP had been completed very satisfactorily. Major King said he was pleased with the progress of the project. Chairman thanked Major King.

10/068 Unitary Council Matters – Cllr. Charles Howard said he had little in the way of fresh news, adding that the A345 resurfacing was scheduled to start the second week in September, and that Enford bridge was probably being strength tested. Cllr. Howard would remain to comment on Highways under item 10/071.

10/069 Planning

- **Application Ref: E/10/0724/FUL** - Application for Full Planning for a single storey side and rear extension. At: The Dovecote East Chisenbury Pewsey Wiltshire SN9 6AQ - Permission granted
- **Application Ref: E/10/0950/FUL Validated: 23/07/2010 Application for Full Planning**
Proposal:-Alterations and extensions to bungalow to create one and a half storey dwelling; Replacement of existing garage/store; Alterations to parking arrangements and hard surfacing of existing track (public bridleway). At: Highbank Water Lane Enford Pewsey Wiltshire SN9 6AP *Council had commented on profile being high but otherwise no objection.*
- **Application Ref: E/10/0961/FUL Validated: 29/07/2010 Application for Full Planning**
Proposal:-Replacement of existing single garage At: Fulbrook Water Lane Enford Pewsey SN9 6AR *Council had no objection.*

10/070 Finance – Separate sheet

- Current account stands at £5,121.15 *Separate sheet.*
- Audit: Clerk sent the audit to Mazars A telephone call asking for more information had been answered. We await Miss Sophie Lloyd's return of the audit.
- Cllr. Young asked if a cleansing grant could be obtained to allow villagers to be paid for litter collection. Council were a little concerned about H&S. Chairman said we did not have the grant because we did not apply this year. Cllr. Howard said such grants were available at the moment but might not be next year.

10/071 General Parish Matters

- **Playpark** -Martin Webb and Bruce Carter: Cllr. Webb reported that the broken bench had been removed and now awaited repair/disposal in his garage. He will organise a working party with Cllr. Carter to tidy up the site/paint the fence and asked for help from councillors. Cllr. Carter added that grass cutting was being done by a local resident. Cllr. Howard remarked that Val Powley might be able to help under the Community Payback scheme. Clerk to investigate. While on the subject of grass cutting, Cllr. Young brought up the fact that some churchyards and cemeteries were cut by council contractors. It was thought that certain cemeteries were in the care of councils as opposed to Church owned graveyards. Chairman added that a donation was made to PCC every year.
- **Parish Hall:** Cllr. Young and Cllr. Carter had attended the recent meeting, and it had been decided to pursue some fund-raising to maintain the hall for the present while village opinions were canvassed on how to proceed. This investigation to be in the form of flyers and then a follow up to gather information. Cllr. Young said there were quite a few suggestions as to possible usage including a Thrift Club, a small library, a gymnasium and small shop. Cllr. Carter said it was important that any usage should complement the new Village Hall and not compete.
- **Highways:** Cllr. Bagwell.

A345. After the resurfacing of the A345, starting scheduled 8th September, we have asked that white lines, Slow Down Roundels and the 30mph "Gateway Treatment be re-instated. After this work has been carried out be mindful of your car window screens.

Enford Parish Council's request for a reduction of speed from the 30mph zone north past West Chisenbury and south past Newtown has been refused. A further request with full documentation will be sent as soon as possible. Time is limited for this appeal.

The Wiltshire and Swindon Camera safety Partnership Unit has been closed so that at present no further Metro loops will be deployed, although Cllr. Charles Howard has ascertained that there will be access to Metro loops in the future. This closure together with the close down of fixed camera units leaves only police cars and the community speed watch teams to monitor speeds. This will probably mean higher rural road speeds with the consequent risk increase for all road users.

The A345 Footpath at New Buildings (West Side) will be laid in the autumn.

The A345 30mph Missing Road Sign (RTA 30th Jan 2010) has been replace, but we await the replacement of the missing Swan finger post sign (Junction of Enford Hill/Long Street)

Police/Parish Proaction Day on Thursday 19th August is still going ahead subject to weather. Our local Police say they are going to join us from 9am through to 1pm. We are first carrying out a Community Speed Watch at Enford Hill from 8.30am to 9.30am when after we trust that the police will join Enford Parish Councillors and then circulate the villages on foot.

Enford Community Speed Watch Scheme.

We are making good progress with this scheme and have now been carrying it out since Aug 2008. We attended the Durrington Town Council Vehicle Awareness Day, Our CSW Team members were Norman Beardsley Ken Monk and I. We showed our camera equipment and various CSW brochures also photographs of road accidents that had occurred on the A345 in Enford Parish.

Enford Hill. Avon River Bridge.

A vehicle information box was positioned on a post north side of the highway presumably to gain data for the new bridge scheduled for the summer of 2012. The value of this information is open to question.

The Swan Accident of May 2008 is now being referred to the Police Complaints Commission.
- **Rights of Way:** Cllr. Beardsley had written the following message to Esther Daly, Senior Rights of Way Warden. As on many occasions in the past progress was very slow with these problems and a reply was eventually received through Charles Howard stating that maintenance for the Eastern Area of the county was on a very tight budget of £60K. Esther Daly apparently finds Cllr Beardsley's requests to be unreasonable, and consequently very difficult to deal with, "especially as he does not accept any explanation as to why it is not possible to deal with his demands".

Since no help can be expected from Wiltshire Council in the near future Council agreed that we must look at self help. The possibility of Community Pay Back being involved was mentioned.

The following defects which require attention have been noted on Enford Footpath no 19/Fittleton Footpath no 6.

- a. Approximately 30yds into the path from the Coombe end, three fence posts have been noted as broken, thus leaving Barbed Wire lying along the ground, but currently covered by weed. Other fence posts along this same line are in a fragile state, (rotting at the base)*
- b. The stile at the junction of Enford Footpath 19 and Fittleton Footpath 6 has been totally destroyed, leaving a broken post formerly attached to it and the remains of the Barbed Wire fence concealed by weed.*
- c. On the footplate of the metal bridge crossing the river, are a number of small rust holes, one of which measures approximately 4" x 3", Also, one of the lower guard rails has rusted and broken at two points.*
- d. Continuing along the path in the direction of Fifield, and on both sides is evidence of more broken fence posts, again with Barbed Wire lying on the ground and concealed by weed*
- e. As Enford Footpath 19 is the connecting route between two residential areas and pedestrian access to the A345, (Public Transport), it is requested that attention be given to cutting back the weeds to the full recorded width of this PROW. The length of Fittleton Footpath no 6 between GR 148501 & GR 148503 is also fenced along the eastern aspect However, a number of the fence posts have been broken/removed., thus again leaving Barbed Wire lying on the ground, concealed by weed.*

Can I please be given a Report Reference Number to cover the above?

Norman Beardsley Enford PC PROW Rep

- **Tidworth Community Area Partnership:** Clerk read a letter from Tony Pickernell, the Coordinator of TCAP, enclosing details of various projects and courses for young people, mostly based at Tidworth but some of interest to Youth Club. Cllr Young and Cllr Carter would peruse these later. Details of working groups within TCAP were also given to Council. Clerk introduced Mr David Marks, who was standing in for Tony, and he described the purpose of TCAP and how it was evolving, stressing that it was up to individual Councils to make use of the opportunities TCAP could provide.

10/072 Correspondence

- Review of Leisure facilities – letter from Wilts Council stating that all leisure facilities would be assessed. Some would be renewed, some handed over to local management and some closed. Cllr Howard expanded on the reasoning and some local facilities. Chair asked those Cllrs who made use of the facilities, namely Martin Webb and Bruce Carter, to complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Council.
- Precept Communication – letter from Wiltshire Council saying that in future much of the precept organisation would be done electronically.

10/073 Any Other Business

- Cllr Webb said that the Memorial Garden is now looking good, anyone interested in helping would they please come along.
- Cllr Young said that a nature walk for children was planned on the 10th September, for H&S reasons she needed a couple of Councillors to undertake monitoring, with HiVis jackets, especially at the bottom of Water Lane, at around 6.45pm. Councillors volunteered.
- Cllr Beardsley remarked that the tongue and groove boarding on the Bus Shelter was shrinking and that daylight could be seen through the boards. Cllrs Carter and Webb to check if repair work was needed.
- Mr David Marks said the Project Manager for the Ring Road, Mr Robert Barr, had mentioned that he would be prepared to show Councillors around the work. Several Cllrs were enthusiastic and Clerk to liaise with Mr Marks.
- Mr Marks also mentioned the 10th Anniversary of Tidworth Leisure Centre on the 26th all welcome.

10/074 Date of next meeting: Next meeting will be on Wednesday 29th September 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 p.m.

Bill Vergette, Clerk, Enford Parish Council. 18th August 2010