

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of 29th September 2010

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

Chairman opened the meeting at 7.35 p.m.

10/075 Apologies: Major Peter King, Mr. David Marks, Cllr. Charles Howard, PC Michael Bayliss, Mr. David Carter, Mr Adrian Orr.

10/076 Public Question Time. No members of public present.

10/077 Verify Minutes of meeting on 18th August 2010: Proposed a true record Cllr. Fay, seconded, Cllr. Bagwell, passed.

10/078 Declarations of Interest: None.

10/079 Matters Arising: Item 10/073: Mr. David Marks' offer of a tour of new Army road still stands although Mr. Marks is unable to attend. He would appreciate names/numbers and best dates to set up the tour.
Item 10/071: Work parties from Community Payback. A specific project needs to be set forward with approximate dates. Grass cutting is usually done by contractors. Cllr. Webb asked Clerk to write with details of Playpark fence painting to set up an early date.
Clerk to action

10/080 Police Matters: PC Michael Bayliss was unable to attend due to unexpected requirements elsewhere.

10/081 Neighbourhood Watch - No representative. Chairman said that there had been some developments. Cllr. Beardsley said that there had been an attempted theft of Diesel from Coombe Mill. Cllr. Fay said there was evidence of Oil spillage near his house and thought that this might be siphoning stolen Oil. Cllr. Young said she had a number of names for the Watch. Chairman said that Steve was still in the process of sorting things out.

10/082 Army Matters. Major Peter King said in an e-mail that he had nothing to add to the Newsletter.

10/083 Unitary Council Matters – Cllr. Charles Howard was unable to attend.

10/084 Planning

- **Application Ref: E/10/1084/TCA** Validated: 19/08/2010 Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area. Proposal:-The removal of four elder bushes from land to the south of Chisenbury Court. At: Land to the south of Chisenbury Court East Chisenbury Pewsey Wiltshire SN9 6AH – *Approved with conditions 21/09/10*
- **Application Ref: E/1 0/1155/FUL Validated: 02/09/2010 Application for Full Planning Proposal:-** Construction of simulated Afghan compounds **At:** Badens Clump Longstreet Down Near Everleigh Wilts **Grid Reference: EAST 418298 NORTH 153217**
- **Application: E/1010950/FUL** - Highbank Water Lane Enford Pewsey Wiltshire SN9 6AP. Alterations and extensions to bungalow to create one and a half storey dwelling; Replacement of existing garage/store; Alterations to parking arrangements and hardsurfacing of existing track (public bridleway).
Decision: Approve with Conditions **Decision Date:** 15/09/2010

The recent alterations to planning consultations mean that responsible councils do not receive decisions on individual proposals. The proposals now come in Adobe format for the area. Individual decisions cannot be copied. This was done despite the majority of Parish Clerks, including yours, protesting strongly. It now means we are more likely to miss important decisions and it is more difficult to forward the information. Much easier for Wiltshire Council though.

10/085 Finance – Separate sheet

- Current account stands at **£4,459.91.** *Separate sheet.*
- The returned Audit was available for councillors to inspect: will be displayed in notice boards.

10/086 General Parish Matters

- **Playpark** -Martin Webb: The fencing needs painting as mentioned in 10/079, and Cllr Webb said he and Cllr. Carter had nearly finished the repair on the Playpark bench.
- **Parish Hall:** Clerk received a call from Gavin Pottinger of Health & Safety, Wiltshire Council (East) Public Protection Services, who wished to inspect the hall following a complaint. Clerk attended with Mr. Pottinger who found various items which needed immediate attention. A copy of his report was passed to councillors. Mr. Pottinger mentioned he was given two contact names by the complainant. The second contact was Richard Pettit, but the telephone number he had been given was wrong. Clerk was unaware that Richard Pettit was the new chairman of the Parish Hall committee, but had had a long conversation with him after the event. Chair said that he was confident Richard had everything in hand, and many councillors would be attending a work-party this coming Saturday to help clear rubbish.
- **Highways:** Cllr. Bagwell said that the A345 road surface from Enford to Netheravon had now been relayed, and the road markings will soon be restored. We have appealed against Wiltshire Councils decision not to decrease the speed limit through West Chisenbury and Newtown, giving information on housing and photographs of accidents.
Parish Council have again requested another traffic Metro loop to be deployed on the C32 in Long Street. This request now has to go through Wiltshire Council because the Wiltshire and Swindon Safety Camera Partnership has been closed down.
The C32 is a single track lane in places and, as is the case in many rural areas, only subject to the national 60mph limit. Enford Parish Council has long campaigned for a speed reduction to be put in place on this minor road. It has been registered as part of "Sustrans" cycle network and is now signed as route 45 from the Coast to the Midlands. It is also now part of the Pewsey Avon Trail for walkers, from Pewsey through to Chichester, and is soon to be part of the Great Stones Way from Avebury through to Stonehenge.
Council note with sadness the recent tragic death of a cyclist after an accident in Coombe, and view the expected increase in bicycle and pedestrian traffic on this road with grave misgivings.
The Police/Parish Proaction Day. 19th August 2010 was a great success, hopefully our Neighbourhood Policing Team will be able to arrange another one in the future.
The Community Speed Watch is now the only real form of traffic monitoring within rural village areas. Enford CSW continues to send the Police all the information that is required by them on their CSW report form.
The A345 Footpath on the west side of New Buildings is scheduled to be laid this Autumn.
The Swan Inn finger post sign has still not been replaced. We are told it is "On Order".
Certain highway signs on the C32 now need replacement but cost is prohibitive. It is hoped to apply for a grant for their replacement.
Finally Cllr. Bagwell reported on the need for Gritbins. Enford PC had asked for two further bins but it seems that stocks are extremely low. We look for some further action before winter sets in.

- **Rights of Way:** Cllr. Beardsley said that Councillor Bruce Carter had done a considerable amount of work by cutting down the nettle growth on Enford Public Footpath no 19. His work has not gone un-noticed and many favourable comments have been received from residents.

As stated by Cllr. Bagwell, the C32 road through Enford Parish has long been recognised as part of SUSTRANS route No 45, and on Thu 9 Sep 10, a number of new signs relating to route 45 appeared along the C32. However, at East Chisenbury, the route is signed to turn west along a Public Footpath, (Enford no 31) to join the A345 at West Chisenbury. At this point there is a sign showing "TEMPORARY END TO SIGNING. ROUTE UNDER DEVELOPMENT"

On Wed 15 Sep 10, I wrote to a local SUSTRANS representative; pointing out that cycling is not permitted on any Public Footpath, and asking what the associations regulations are with regard to including such Public Rights of Way as part of a cycle route.

No response was received, therefore on Sun 19 Sep 10, I re-sent, the correspondence, this time adding that prior to the footpath being included as part of the route, there had been no local consultation. A copy of this was also forwarded to Mr Richard Broadhead, head of Wiltshire Council PROW Department.

Mr Broadhead was away on leave until Mon 27 Sep 10, but responded to me on Tue 28 Sep 10, that he had forwarded my request for information to another Wiltshire SUSTRANS representative.

On Wed 29 Sep 10, I received a further note from Mr Broadhead, and I quote, "*It is usually the case that when Sustrans promote a cycle route over a public footpath, they have first sought the permission of the owner of the land (if identifiable) and the highway authority. I am not sure that Mr ***** will be able to advise whether this is the situation in this instance. As far as my interest in this matter goes, I have not been aware that use of the footpath by cyclists has been causing any particular problem and I have not, therefore, opposed the practice.*"

I have since responded to this noting that it was not until Thu 9 Sep 10, that the route was signed along the footpath, therefore no issue had previously been raised.

FRIENDS OF THE RIDGEWAY-THE GREAT STONES WAY

On Mon 20 Sep 10, Councillor Stan Bagwell and myself attended a Tidworth Area Board meeting during which a twenty minute presentation was given by Mr Ian Richie, Vice Chairman of The Friends of The Ridgeway Group. The group are currently working on a project to promote a walking route, following where ever possible, existing PROW's, between Avebury and Stonehenge, From looking at their map, it seems that the route will enter Enford Parish to the west of West Chisenbury, through Compton, Longstreet, and along the C32 to Coombe from where it will continue to Fittleton and Netheravon. The presentation was well received, and Mr Richie accepted an invitation to give a further presentation to Netheravon, Fittleton, Enford and Figcheldean, details of which are yet to be arranged.

- **Tidworth Community Area Partnership:** Tony Pickernell, the Coordinator of TCAP, and Mr David Marks, both were unavailable for this meeting, but would try to attend the next meeting.

10/087 Correspondence None not already passed to councillors.

10/088 Any Other Business

- Cllr. Manser reported that a Moped was still being ridden up the Bridleway near the Red Lion, although recent occurrences were less frequent. If further transgressions occur council will ask the Police to speak with the person involved.
- Cllr. Webb reported that Dog Fouling was again becoming a problem at the top of Water Lane. Chairman said that this was an ongoing situation and did not think anything could be done. Cllr. Webb asked Clerk to check if a bin could be placed at this location and notices displayed. *Clerk to action.*
- Jane Young reported that Rosie Taylor would be moving out of the village shortly, and this meant that the voluntary work Rosie did clearing rubbish and cutting grass in the Playpark would have to be done by someone else. Clerk pointed out that grass-cutting was nearly always a requirement on precepts for most villages and towns, and perhaps it was time to go this way in Enford. Clerk to make this an agenda item for next meeting. Cllr. Young said she knew of a good-hearted lady who might be willing to undertake rubbish collection, and would ask.
- Cllr. Young also asked about some roadside dwellers in Coombe, Enford and Chisenbury placing stones on the road edge to stop vehicles damaging the banks. Council agreed that this practice was misguided and left the house owner open to legal action in some cases. *Cllr. Bagwell to look into this problem.*
- Cllr. Bagwell reported that although we were not part of Pewsey Area we still figured in their Area Plan.

10/089 Date of next meeting: Next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd November 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

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