

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of 28th September 2011

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| Present: Mr. Ken Monk | Chairman |
| Mr Adrian Orr | Vice-Chairman |
| Mr. Stan Bagwell, Mr Martin Webb, Mr. Norman Beardsley | |
| Mrs. Tessa Manser, Mrs Jane Young, Mr. Michael Fay, | Parish Councillors |
| Col (Retd.) Nigel Linge | Army Liaison |
| Mr. Bill Vergette | Clerk to the Council |

Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

11/95 Apologies: There were apologies from Cllr Charles Howard and Pc Michael Bayliss.

11/96 Public Question Time. Mandy Farrow and Steve Brown were present for item 11/99.

11/97 Verify Minutes of meeting on 31 August 2011: Proposed a true record Cllr. Beardsley, seconded Cllr. Webb and passed.

11/98 Declarations of Interest: None.

11/99 Matters Arising. The Diamond Jubilee and Village Fete: Cllrs. Orr and Young. Chairman invited Cllr. Orr to lead on this subject. Cllr. Orr said he and Cllr. Young had been in discussion with interested parties including Mandy Farrow and plans were afoot for next year's celebrations. The Parish would go ahead and celebrate both the Diamond Jubilee in early June and the Village Fete on 30 June 2011. The aim was for the Jubilee celebration to be for the Parish and that the Fete would be for a larger audience and include the valley.

For the Jubilee, Jane Young would initially lead on a Children's party in the Village Hall in the afternoon and she hoped that Rob Coultard would lead on the evening entertainments which would include a hog roast and music etc. Dates are still to be confirmed but would be either 4 or 5 June 2011. It is also hoped that there would be other attractions (wheelbarrow race etc).

When discussion turned to funding, Cllr. Orr said he had been volunteered to organise the bid for funding which would be up to a possible £1100. Mandy Farrow said that the Enford Community Fund was for just such a purpose and they would entertain any requests for additional money. Chairman thanked Mandy Farrow for attending and asked if she would help Cllrs. Orr and Young with the details and any other needs.

11/100 Army Matters. Col Nigel Linge informed council of the position of the Defence Infrastructure Organisation, stating the aim that army strength would be reduced severely over the next few years. The impact of this procedure was already being felt with the imminent loss of 40 Field and 19 Light Brigades. Two brigades will be recalled from Germany, one going to Scotland, and the emphasis would be on widening the scope of such units to provide a "mixed bag of golf clubs" to deal with a widening range of requirements. This process was further affected by the Civil Service early retirement scheme which had the unfortunate side effect of removing experienced officers from posts and stretching the administration. On a more local level Nigel reported on the increased signage that was being installed with the collaboration of Tread Lightly. 59 new posts and 16 updated posts have already been put in place. The aim is to increase safety and accommodate access by civilians. Col Linge said that there had been many claims to update Bridleways to Byeways (which allow motor vehicle access) but the rules governing such claims had changed. Under DEFRA guidance claims could be submitted under "ready to go" under the old rules. Claims are now subject to the "Winchester Ruling" which includes a need to prove usage. This affects many of the current crop of claims. Restricted Byway claims (horse and cart) are unaffected. Col Linge said that road shavings might become available to help with problem areas, and that he was trying to keep C crossing as smooth as possible. Cllr. Bagwell asked if the white lining on crossing points could be renewed as these were becoming worn and muddied, Chairman adding that many drivers both military and civilian overshot at crossing points. Col Linge asked Stan to e-mail him and he would pass on the message. Cllr. Webb asked if there was any possibility of having additional flag information closer to road junctions, as in one particular case there was quite a distance from the road before a flag could be seen. Col Linge said the easiest answer was to telephone Range Exchange as they would have up to date information. Chairman thanked Col Linge for his contribution.

11/101 Police Matters: PC Bayliss sent the following message. *Bill, I'm unable to be with you tonight, but there is little to report:*

- *A road traffic collision where a driver lost control of their vehicle, and it flipped. No injuries and nobody else involved;*
- *A possible fraudulent charity collection – said to be Wiltshire Air Ambulance, but collector did not have ID; and*
- *There was a man 'acting strangely' in the bus stop, but when Police arrived he had gone.*

Regards, Michael (Bayliss)

11/102 Unitary Council Matters – Cllr. Charles Howard sent the following message: *I am afraid that I am booked elsewhere that evening, so please give my apologies. If there are any matters arising that require my attention, please let me know.*

Noted that your next meeting is on 9th November.

Regards, Charles Howard.

11/103 Neighbourhood Watch - Mr. Steve Becker did not attend.

11/104 Tidworth CAP – Mr. Tony Pickernell was unable to attend. He notified us of a PROMS band concert on 19th October 2011 at the Garrison Theatre, Tidworth, featuring the Band of the Prince of Wales's Division. Ticket reservations 01980 602018 / 07765 382678 Admission £12 all seats. 6.30 for 7.00. I will place a poster in the Enford board. Chairman said he had attended some of these events and they were in his opinion well worth the money.

11/105 Planning

- Application Ref: E/2011/1199/FUL Application for Full Planning. Proposal:-Installation of solar array onto tractor shed. At: Littlecott Farm Enford Pewsey Wiltshire SN9 6AN

Planning committee discussed and Cllr. Manser decided council would not comment. Clerk to action.

11/106 Finance – *Separate sheet*

- Current account stands at £4915.43 - *Separate sheet.*
- Smith Gore Rent £40 (Landmarc): Council concluded this was probably the Playpark rather than the gardens, although no indication was given on the invoice, and noted the price had increased.
- Further payments made at the time were £13.99 to Martin Webb for petrol tank and petrol, and £19.50 to Stan Bagwell for key copying and ink cartridge.

11/107 General Parish Matters

- **Playpark:** Cllr. Webb said he had expressed his gratitude to James and Steph Patterson for volunteering to cut the grass. A mower had been purchased as the previous one had been declared unfit for purpose and beyond repair. Martin had also provided James with a can and small amount of petrol, asking him to let us know when he needs more.
- **New Bus Shelter:** Cllr. Webb / Richard Pettitt had repaired the damage to the roof of the bus shelter.
- **Parish Hall:** Cllr. Young and Chairman reported that various events were mooted, including wine tasting, a games evening and work projects. No details as yet.

- **Village Hall:** Martin Webb had attended the last meeting but there appeared to be no progress on appointing a new Chairman. Council voiced concerns over the football teams, Red Lion seemed to be going well but doubts were raised over Enford FC.

Community Garden: It is hoped that the Gardening Club will take over the maintenance of these gardens.

- **Highways:** Cllr. Bagwell reported: We await developments after the submission of the A345 Collective Response by two town councils and nine parish councils to Wiltshire Council Core Strategy 2011-2026 (Transport/Freight). The 30mph Speed Limit from the A345 down Enford Hill to the junction of Long Street C32.

There have been complaints of fast moving vehicles between the A345 Enford Hill and junction of C32. This lane is all part of the 30mph speed limit that exists on the A345 and the C32. The Police are fully aware of this situation, which is a well-known "Rat Run" from the A345 along the C32 and then exiting onto the A342. The Enford Community Speed Watch Team will be monitoring this lane in future together with the C32 at the Water Lane junction.

Only two "C" class and unclassified roads per Area Board will be reviewed per year. We have just recently lobbied the Tidworth Area Board Wiltshire Councillors for the C32 to be one of the first two roads to be reviewed and we have made our case that there are two Conservation villages along this route, Enford and East Chisenbury, no pavements for pedestrians and that the road is now to be used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders, and as such we would wish for it to be given priority.

We still expect the C32 Long Street from the junction of Enford Hill to the New Village Hall to be resurfaced later this year or early spring.

The Enford Community Speed Watch team are still curtailed to monitoring 12 days per month because of sharing the Unipar equipment. There was talk of procurement of more equipment but sadly Enford have not seen any progress along these lines.

MoD will be pruning trees along the A345, Enford to Bravo crossing.

- **Rights of Way:** Cllr. Beardsley described three problems he had raised as issues with the Area Board, some going back to 2010. The issues as follows:

1. Enford Footpath No. 19 and Fittleton No. 6 bridge in poor state.
2. Enford footpath No 25 decaying timbers on steps, broken handrail,
3. Enford FP31 Chisenbury damage to tarmacadam surface.

The response to all these issues is short of rapid.

Item 1 got a response more than a year after first raised stating that a site visit had been carried out and the bridge is on the list for replacement.

Item 2 got the response "A site visit carried out. Work on footpath now programmed and priority has been raised."

Item 3 only took 5 months to elicit "Site visit carried out. Work to be programmed."

The originator of these issues was not invited to accompany the official on any of these site visits despite information to the contrary on the Area Board Issue Information sheet.

We are no further forward. It appears that the county has insufficient funds and personnel to deal with these issues. Perhaps some of the money consumed by glossy brochures could be re-directed?

11/108 Correspondence

- WALC AGM 28th October Chippenham Town Hall from 11.30, business to commence at 12 Noon.
- Salisbury Market Square appeal for comments on "Vision" which appears to involve cutting down trees.

11/109 Any Other Business.

- Cllr Young raised the problem of a large pothole/pond at the top of Water Lane. This is unsightly and hazardous. Once again the question of ownership of this area is important. If this is MoD land then the route is through Col Linge, if council owned then Clarence is the way. Cllr. Beardsley was of the opinion that any land beyond the Bylaw sign was Mod, but this needs to be confirmed.
- Cllr Beardsley remarked that he had been told that under new planning procedures City and Town councillors would be invited to accompany Unitary Council officers on any site visit they needed to undertake, but this did not apply to Parish Councils. This, perhaps, as an item for Cllr. Howard to check?

11/110 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th November 2011.

There being no other business Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

Bill Vergette,

Clerk to **Enford Parish Council.**

Wednesday 28th September 2011