

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of 14th December 2011

Present: Mr. Ken Monk	Chairman
Mr. Adrian Orr	Vice-Chairman
Mr. Stan Bagwell. Mr Martin Webb.	
Mr. Michael Fay,	Parish Councillors
PCSO Philippa Royston and colleague	Wiltshire Police
Mr. Bill Vergette	Clerk to the Council

Chairman opened the meeting at 7.32 p.m.

11/127 Apologies: There were apologies from Mrs. Tessa Manser, Mrs Jane Young.

11/128 Public Question Time. Mr. Alan Wood was present as an interested party.

11/129 Verify Minutes of meeting on 9th November 2011: Proposed a true record Cllr. Webb, seconded Cllr. Bagwell, and passed.

11/130 Declarations of Interest: None.

11/131 Matters Arising. None

11/132 Army Matters. Col. Linge did not attend

11/133 Police Matters: PCSO Philippa Royston and her colleague were late on parade due to their unavoidable attendance at an RTA. Philippa had little to contribute as far as crime in the area was concerned, and on the issue of possible harassment of two householders said that legally no crime had been committed, though she had sympathy for the householders in question. Both officers were thanked for attending on this cold evening.

11/134 Unitary Council Matters – Cllr. Charles Howard was not present

11/135 Neighbourhood Watch - Mr. Steve Becker was not present.

11/136 Tidworth CAP – Mr. Tony Pickernell was not present

11/137 Planning

- Application Ref: E/2011/1471/FUL Application for Full Planning Proposal:-Placing of 2 no. ISO containers and erection of surrounding hoarding 2.4 metres in height, to create 1 no. civilian population compound At: OCCD East Salisbury Plain Training Area Near Everleigh Wilts
- Application Ref: E/2011 /1527/LBC Application for Listed Building Consent. Proposal:-To install a Schrijer System to remove moisture from the walls and treat penetrating damp and condensation which is causing damage to the structure of the building which cannot otherwise be treated effectively by traditional damp-proofing methods. At: Old Bengers Enford Pewsey Wiltshire SN9 6AW
- Application Ref: E/2011/1574/FUL Application for Full Planning Proposal:-Proposed change of use and alterations to provide 5 No. letting rooms. At: Troutbeck East Chisenbury Pewsey Wilts SN9 6AQ

The first two applications had been accepted without comment. 1574/FUL would need a visit as would 1625/FUL at 8 Field View, Chairman will organise.

11/138 Finance – *Separate sheet*

- Current account stands at £4254.70 - *Separate sheet.*
- Precept 2012/13. All councillors received copies of the Chair/Vice-Chairman's deliberations.
 1. *Donations – any changes to proposed donations:* At this stage Chairman introduced the request for funding for a new mower for the Church under agenda item 11/139. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that the grant to PCC be increased to £400. Donations to the Village Hall were also discussed at length. For the last two years the donation has been £900 to help with getting the hall up to speed and hopefully self-sufficient. Cllr. Orr summarised the state of finances as he understood them, and although the hall did

make a small profit last year the forecast for the coming year was for a loss. Council felt they should not continue to support at such a high rate, with some councillors wanting the rate to be cut to £400. Eventually a compromise figure of £700 was agreed.

As far as donations under section 137 were concerned the only concern was Enford Football Club. Cllr. Orr reported that there was much interest in the Red Lion team, but Enford FC seemed to be in decline. Council deliberated and authorised Clerk to earmark £150 for the club, this amount to be kept in reserve until further information on the club was received.

2. *Precept – any changes, any additions for specific projects* Council were in agreement with the estimate with one or two small adjustments. The aim was to reduce the precept in view of the current economic situation. One issue discussed was the continued subscription to Wiltshire Association of Local Councils – about £200 p.a. - Cllr. Beardsley said he had attended meetings and had communication with WALC on many occasions. There had not been much response and he failed to see what use the organisation was. In addition he pointed out that smaller parishes were being penalised by paying more per head of population than larger parishes or towns. It was decided to discontinue this subscription.

The Playpark lease from Landmarc had risen to £40 p.a.

Finally Council agreed a request for a Precept of £6,439 for the year 2012/13. This represents a saving of £1,311 over the current year. Clerk was authorised to action.

11/139 General Parish Matters

- **Playpark:** Cllr. Webb had nothing new to report, all necessary repairs had been completed.
- **New Bus Shelter:** Cllr. Webb had nothing to report.
- **Parish Hall:** Cllr. Young was not present
- **Village Hall:** Councillor Orr said that Steve Becker had accepted the post of Vice-Chairman. Further changes in management might follow and this gave rise to some uncertainty. Adrian said that he was also concerned with the present state of football as this was an integral part of the Village hall organisation. There was the possibility of portable floodlighting for training/evening games, but although funding might be available through the FA, this would still be costly and the stability of the teams needed to be established. Cllr. Fay said that he had been mightily impressed at a recent impromptu church carol service for the Youth Club children
- **Jubilee Celebrations:** Cllr. Orr stated that discussions were continuing with Mary Cullen and other interested parties. A progress meeting would be held at the end of January.
Request for funding for Church Mower: Chairman read the letter from the PCC. The request was for £1000 towards a John Deere mower priced at £3,875. Council discussed this request and agreed that so large a percentage of the precept should not be allocated to this project, but that the grant to PCC should be increased to help with maintenance.
- **Highways:** Cllr. Bagwell reported that we were still waiting for a reply from Mike Penning MP under Secretary for State Department for Transport, asking why his previous letter totally ignored the A345. The DfT has now released their findings and we are waiting for a hard copy of this report. Several high profile highway signs have appeared in Devizes diverting all large heavy goods vehicles going south away from the A360 and down the A342/A345. This was done without prior warning or discussion with the Parishes along the route or the Area Boards. The problem was referred to Parvis Khansari, Head of Wiltshire Council Highways. We await his reply. The Councils statement in their last transport document was that they “discourage” hauliers and HGV drivers from using the A345 and encourage use the recognised preferred routes around Wiltshire. This is clearly is not now happening. Wiltshire Councillor Charles Howard and Stephanie Robertson Vice Chair of PCAP and Claire Perry MP are now awaiting a reply for Parvis Khansari to their letters that was sent to him regarding this issue. The C32 has been nominated to be one of the first two roads to be assessed when the National Review of "C" class and Unclassified Roads takes place in 2012.
I am pleased to say that Peter and Sarah Griffith who have just moved into Newtown have decided to take part in Neighbourhood Watch and also to become members of the Pewsey Community Area Partnership Transport and Road Safety Sub Group. This group now covers the A345 from Oare to Durrington, the A342 from Chirton to Upavon and the A338/A346 Burbage and Gt Bedwyn. There are no meetings to attend, we all communicate by email, phone or by word of mouth. I take their issues and raise a report for them a put it in the agenda for the quarterly meetings that PCAP has at Rushall.
- **Rights of Way:** Cllr. Beardsley said that in the Dec 11/Jan 12 edition of the Enford Newsletter he placed an article about Outstanding Matters relative to PROW's. Without repeating the full saga again the first one relates to the decaying and damaged state of the metal footbridge over the river on FP 19, Fifield to Coombe. This was first reported to Wilts Council on 26th June 2010, but as no action was taken, and Wilts Council failed to respond to requests for updates on the situation, the matter was raised as an ISSUE with

Tidworth Area Board on 18th Aug 11. On 21st Sep 11 Wilts Council reported that the bridge had been inspected, and put on the list for replacement.

The second one is FP 25, which runs in a westerly direction from the junction of the A345 and Enford Hill, and climbs steeply through a small wooded area for a distance of about 30yds. This section is stepped, but due to seriously decaying timbers forming these steps, the path is covered with loose soil which turns to mud after a very short period of rain and becomes very slippery. A metal hand rail has a broken bracket at the bottom thus making it very unstable. This path forms part of the Great Stones Way Walk and the Pewsey Avon Trail. This problem was reported to Wilts Council on 14th Feb 11 but as they as no remedial action was taken with regard to this and previous reports, this too was reported as an ISSUE to Tidworth Area Board on 18th Aug 11.

The latest information available is dated 21st Sep 11, reporting that work has now been programmed as a priority.

The third matter involves FP31, East-West Chisenbury. On 5th Mar 11 a West Chisenbury resident reported cracks and potholes in the path surface. The report was passed to Wilts Council, but again, no response.

This was also reported to Tidworth Area Board on 18th Aug 11 as on ISSUE. Again, the latest information available is dated 21st Sep 11 reporting that the Work has been programmed.

11/140 Correspondence Nothing not already passed to councillors.

11/141 Any Other Business.

- **Proposed dates for 2012** Clerk gave council copies of the proposed dates. These were accepted and he was instructed to contact Parish Hall treasurer. Dates are as follows:
25th January
29th February
4th April PC AGM 6.30, then Annual Parish Meeting 7.30
23rd May
27th June
15th August
26th September
31st October
5th December
- Cllr. Fay said he had visited Haxton Bridge and was impressed by the standard of workmanship. He was encouraged to think that Enford's new bridge would be as satisfactory.
- Cllr. Bagwell said he had talked with John Parker about the problems he was experiencing. Council sympathised but had little or no authority to take any action. It might be that Mr. Parker's only recourse would be his solicitors.

11/142 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 25th January 2012.

Bill Vergette, Clerk to Enford Parish Council. Wednesday 14th December 2011