

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of 25th January 2012

Present: Mr. Ken Monk	Chairman
Mr. Adrian Orr	Vice-Chairman
Mr. Stan Bagwell. Mr Martin Webb.	
Mr. Michael Fay, , Mrs Jane Young	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.

12/001 Apologies: There were apologies from Mr. Norman Beardsley and Mrs. Tessa Manser.

12/002 Public Question Time. Four parishioners were present.

12/003 Verify Minutes of meeting on 14th December 2011: Proposed a true record Cllr. Webb, seconded Cllr. Fay, and passed.

12/004 Declarations of Interest: None.

12/005 Matters Arising. None

12/006 Planning.

- Chairman had agreed to bring forward this item on the agenda to allow discussion on Mr. McKie's application for a transport license. He pointed out that printed copies of a letter from Mr. McKie and opinion from Cllr. Beardsley were displayed, and stated that he had received e-mails and telephone calls from residents who were concerned over the implications of this application.

The application was for a goods vehicle operators licence for 2 vehicles and six trailers. This would involve a change from using tractor to lorry. Mr. McKie said the reason for the change was cost. The purchase price and the relative cost of diesel made the use of a lorry considerably more economical.

Mr Gareth Holt asked Mr. McKie if there would be an increase in traffic. Mr. McKie pointed out that his business had gradually declined over the years and he no longer employed the same number of men. He did not envision any material change to present work patterns.

Mrs Jill Gould asked about Mr. McKie employing a transport manager. Mr. McKie said this was a requirement of VOSA, the licensing authority, to ensure the business was run to their standards, with records kept of maintenance and journey/driver details.

Council asked if both lorries would be used. Mr. McKie said it was his intention to purchase only one.

The license application was to give him a margin. As the VOSA license stood each vehicle was identified on the license, and if it was unserviceable work would have to cease until another could be licensed – a lengthy process. Applying for two vehicles would allow quick replacement and drastically shorten the off-road time. Mr. McKie also said that he had two Ifor-Williams flat bed trailers and, since rule changes by VOSA in December, these trailers require a GVOL in certain circumstances and so form part of the six trailer application.

In response to further questions by Chairman Mr. McKie said that there would be no more and no less vehicle movements from Newhouse Farm but these movements will be by lorry instead of tractor. He also pointed out that using a lorry instead of a tractor would considerably reduce both length and width of the combination.

There were no more questions from the public and council agreed that Clerk should construct a letter to forward these comments to VOSA .

Chairman thanked Alexander McKie for attending and informed him and the other members of the public they were quite welcome to stay for the rest of the meeting if they so wished. This offer was declined.

- Application Ref: E/2011/16171TCA Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area Proposal:-Fell 3 Leyland Cypress Trees to ground level (G1) At: 43 Peelers Cottage Enford Hill Enford SN9 6DJ
Enford Parish Council had no comment

- Application Ref: E/2011/1633/LBC Application for Listed Building Consent Proposal:-New lime render and repair works to cob wall. At: Enford Farmhouse Enford Farm Enford Pewsey SN9 6AT *Enford Parish Council had no comment*
- Application Ref: E/2011/1625/FUL Application for Full Planning Proposal:-Two storey side extension. At: 8 Field View Enford Pewsey Wiltshire SN9 6DW *Enford Parish Council has no objection. As a small extension, it makes sense as it is the only way of enlarging the rooms of 8 Field View. However, we feel that it does result in the extension ending up too close to the neighbouring property.* Cllr Howard said he had visited the property twice and was of the opinion that, although close to the neighbouring property, an objection on the grounds of being overlooked would not be sustainable.
- Application Ref: E/2012/0046/FUL Application for full planning: Single Storey extensions and internal alterations at Eagle Lodge, East Chisenbury, Pewsey, Wilts SN9 6AQ *Enford Parish Council has no objection.*

12/007 Army Matters. Col. Linge stated that he had looked at the signs and white lines at crossing points and agreed that these should be replaced/repainted. This was underway by external contractors. Col. Linge then gave a photographic slide display of the conditions on Water Lane. This lane has been under-maintained by both Highways and Army for some time, and the upper part has been used by wide vehicles including a couple of tanks causing damage to the verge and considerable mud on the tarmac. There is also a large pond which impinges on the road at one point. Col Linge said it was his intention to clear as much of the mud as possible, put down stone and re-inforce verges, and to fill the pond. Cllr. Young agreed with Col Linge that the lane had not been fully maintained by Highways despite her prompting them on a number of occasions. Col Linge said he had asked Landmarc to clear the mud, but he could not fully repair the tarmac and widen the road, nor did he intend to, but he would improve the condition and make it passable. Chairman and council thanked Col Linge for his efforts on our behalf.

12/008 Police Matters: PC Michael Bayliss had attended but needed to leave to attend to some more pressing business. He told Clerk he was happy to report that only a couple of items needed mentioning, these concerned Hare coursing within the parish on 26th December and on 10th January. Enquiries were continuing.

12/009 Unitary Council Matters – Cllr. Charles Howard said that the Browfort offices in Devizes were scheduled to be closed and sold off. A new smaller office would be located more centrally in the town. More distressing news was that the Urchfont Manor unit was to close. This provided training, including residential courses and was much valued. Unfortunately the cost of maintaining this establishment had increased substantially, and it was now losing some £10,000 a month. This was obviously unsustainable and closure was sad but inevitable. Cllr. Howard asked if there had been any problems raised concerning ambulance attendance in the village. Council were happy to report that there were none. Cllr. Young said that when an ambulance was called for an old lady in the village it arrived within fifteen minutes. Cllr. Howard was happy with this saying that he had heard distressing news from Tidworth of an ambulance taking 90 minutes to reach an old lady who had fallen and subsequently died.

12/010 Neighbourhood Watch - Mr. Steve Becker was not present.

12/011 Tidworth CAP – Mr. Tony Pickernell was not present. Information from TCAP had been passed to all councillors.

12/012 Finance – Separate sheet

- Current account stands at £3,945.30 - *Separate sheet.*
- Clerk has actioned the precept demand and received confirmation.
- *Donations – any changes to proposed donations:* Secretary asked for clarification on the sum to be paid to Enford PCC. He understood this was an increase from £200 to £400 in the Annual donation normally paid in May. Council agreed Clerk should pay the £400 in May.

12/013 General Parish Matters

- **Playpark:** Cllr. Webb had nothing to report.
- **Parish Hall:** Cllr. Young had nothing to report.
- **Village Hall:** Councillor Orr
- **Jubilee Celebrations:** Cllr. Orr had received notice that the grant application had been approved. Council were unanimous in applauding Adrian's efforts in securing this. Cllr. Orr agreed it did ease our situation

and he was feeling more relaxed about the task in hand. He was liaising with Cllr. Young, Mrs Brenda Holden and Steve Becker over the events. Still of concern was the proposed Wheelbarrow Race along the C32 which might have health and safety considerations. He was trying to organise photographic sessions to record the village and villagers on the day, including a group photo of East Chisenbury residents in front of the Priory.

- **Highways:** Cllr. Bagwell said that he had made presentations at both Pewsey and Tidworth Area Boards with the following information:

A collective response document from two town councils and nine parish councils to Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy Consultation 2011-2026 regarding Transport Issues along the A345 and A342 comprised a 70 page document containing clear evidence of the increased use of heavy goods vehicles using the roads as a convenient route North to South across the County, causing damage to both the highway and surrounds. Wiltshire Council have consistently stated in their highways documents, and in statements made by their Highways Officers, that the A345 is not a recognised highway for Heavy Goods Vehicles to use and that they recommend the preferred route of the A4 and A34.

In November 2011 large highways signs appeared on the A361 and A342 at Devizes diverting all heavy goods vehicles going south down through the A342 and A345. One of these signs at the Le Merchants Barracks at the A361 roundabout, directed traffic down Windsor Drive through the Nursteed Housing Estate passing the Nursteed Primary School which accommodates 200 very young children, then back onto the A342 south of Devizes.

The selection and erection of these signs would appear to have been a serious misjudgement or an intentional misuse of power by unknown people within Wiltshire Council. This Partnership now requests that the Pewsey Area Board investigates who instigated and passed this decision as neither the Area Boards most affected by this, Pewsey and Tidworth, nor their transport working groups, were consulted. Why was the Head Teacher of the Nursteed Primary School Not Consulted? We would like to see a copy of the Risk Assessment document and Impact Study document for the erection of these signs.

Stan also produced a document from Stephanie Robertson, Chair of Chirton & Conock Parish Council, who endorsed all Stan had said and ended with the following:

The due protocol which we have to follow, appears not to have been followed by Wiltshire Council. To this point the head of Wiltshire Highways has not once replied to any communication he has received on this traffic issue.

This is a very serious matter since these points undermine the very principle on which Wiltshire purport to operate and therefore it needs to be brought to the attention of this meeting as it affects us all and it warrants some considered follow up on ethical grounds alone.

Stephanie A Robertson B. Ed(Hons), CertEd (Distinct), MA CTESL, MIPTI.

Vice-Chair Pewsey Community Area Partnership
Chair Chirton & Conock Parish Council

- **Rights of Way:** Cllr. Beardsley was not present, but had said that there was nothing of note other than the Water Lane issue discussed earlier.

12/014 Correspondence

- Chairman had received a thank you note from Enford Village Hall concerning the voted donation for the coming year.

12/015 Any Other Business. None.

12/016 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 29th February 2012.

Bill Vergette, Clerk to Enford Parish Council.

Wednesday 25th January 2012