

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes For the Meeting of 23rd May 2012

Present: Mr. Ken Monk	Chairman
Mr. Adrian Orr	Vice-Chairman
Mr Martin Webb, Mr. Norman Beardsley	
Mrs Jane Young, Mr. Michael Fay,	Parish Councillors
PCSO Maria Downham	Wiltshire Police
Lt. Col Nigel Linge	Army Liaison
Cllr. Charles Howard	Wiltshire Council
Mr. Bill Vergette	Clerk to the Council

Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30p.m.

12/033 Apologies: There were apologies from Mr. Stan Bagwell, Mrs Tessa Manser, Mr. Tony Pickernell.

12/034 Public Question Time. – There were no members of the public present.

12/035 Verify Minutes of meeting on 29th February 2012: Proposed a true record Cllr Fay, seconded Cllr Orr, and passed.

12/036 Declarations of Interest: None.

12/037 Matters Arising. None

12/038 Army Matters. Col. Linge said that progress with Project Ubique to provide managed public access is progressing and some matters are now with the portfolio holder in Wiltshire Council subject to a one week approval, they will then be passed to the Department of Transport. Col Linge thanked Enford Council for its support. Nigel said that redundancies and reorganisation meant that his responsibilities will now stretch as far as Land's End. The armed forces have been somewhat "stove piped" as the training estate used to be controlled by GOC Districts (or Commands). All the Training Estate (plus proof and experimental establishments, Adventure Training huts, TA camps etc) are now a part of the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) called the Defence Training Estate (DTE). Our Super region is one of the six that the DTE is broken into. This change could mean that he would not manage to attend every meeting of this Parish Council, or any other. Cllr Orr said he quite understood and asked whether the Navy could provide any help, Nigel said DTE is a "purple" organisation (a combination of green, navy blue and light blue). In military speak that means the Navy has already been included. Chairman thanked Nigel for his time.

12/039 Police Matters: PCSO Maria Downham said that little of note had occurred in the village in the last couple of months. An RTC in March with no casualties, no further action. Police attended a neighbour dispute and there was an attempted burglary resulting in slight damage to a door, the culprits did not gain access. Maria asked that council publicise the fact that theft from parked cars was on the increase and stressed that public should take care not to leave valuables in plain sight in the car. Cllr Young asked Maria if it was an offence to ride a bicycle without a working bell as one of the drawbacks of being on a cycle route was that some riders sped through the village and the lack of audible warning was dangerous. Maria replied that as far as she knew it was not an offence. Clerk asked Maria whether driving under the influence of drugs now carried the same penalties as drunk driving. Maria said it is now illegal to drive under the influence of drugs, there is a test that can be done to determine this the same as an alcohol test for drunk drivers. Cllr Beardsley asked about a car being parked for a long period of time with two wheels on the road surface and no tax. Maria said she would investigate. Cllr Orr asked Maria if she was aware that the road (The C32) would be closed for an hour for the wheelbarrow race. Maria said that she expected that there would be a police presence at some time during that day but council must appreciate that there were a huge number of different events, all of which meant that Police leave had been cancelled but resources would still be stretched. Chairman thanked Maria for her time.

12/040 Unitary Council Matters – Cllr. Charles Howard said he had one item to report which was that all public swimming sessions at Public Baths would be free to under 16s during Wiltshire Council school holidays starting with the 4th – 8th of June until March next year. He asked that council publicise this. Charles said that the Olympic Torch would pass through Tidworth on the 11th July. Charles also thanked Martin Webb for his contribution to the

Queens Visit in May where there was a display of village photographs, some going back 60 years. Chairman thanked Charles for his time.

12/041 Neighbourhood Watch - Mr. Steve Becker was not present.

12/026 Tidworth CAP – Mr. Tony Pickernell was not present.

12/042 Planning

- No applications since last meeting.

12/043 Finance – *Separate sheet*

- Current account stands at £5,775.16 - *Separate sheet.*
- Audit verification – Council were given the opportunity to look at the financial breakdown for the past year, and acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Cllr Martin Webb, seconded by Cllr Michael Fay and passed.
- Internal Audit will be completed by Mr. Steve Becker.

12/044 General Parish Matters

- **New Timing for Bridge Construction** – Cllr Webb reported that the cygnets had hatched and gone. Start date was now 6th June.
- **Playpark:** Cllr. Webb asked if Bin Bags could be obtained, Clerk said that wearing his other hat as Secretary to Figheldean Working Men's Club they had used bags with labels costing £2.84 each. They had now arranged for Wiltshire Council to supply a bin at a cost of around £200 per year to be emptied once a fortnight. He would investigate whether different rates would apply for a council and would report back
- **Parish Hall:** Cllr. Young said that the clean-up had taken place around the outside of the building 5 weeks ago, otherwise little had changed. She was confident the committee was functioning successfully.
- **Village Hall:** Councillor Orr reported that the Hall had passed a grade 2 hallmark accreditation and that finance seemed to be good with £25K invested and £5K in the account.
- **Jubilee Celebrations:** Cllr. Orr said that plans are on track for the celebration with a wheel barrow race between 2 and 3 o'clock, starting at the Red Lion and finishing at the Swan. Children's tea party would follow with the bar opening at 6pm. In the evening there would be a free hog roast, two bands and a big raffle. There would be 3 choices of a plaque for the bridge and parishioners could vote on that evening.
- **Highways:** Cllr. Beardsley had organised speed checks with help from David Harbottle during Stan's absence. Martin Webb reported that trees had been brought down onto the A345 and the road blocked for a time. Tree surgeons had removed some trees and more trees were now marked for clearance in the near future. Chairman stated that Coombe Lane had several dead trees along the roadside. Col Linge said that if they were on MOD land to let him know but it depended on the exact location who was responsible.
- **Rights of Way:** Cllr. Beardsley said that during Feb 12, Ian Ritchie, Chair of the Friends of the Ridgeway/Great Stones Way Group, contacted me as he wished to organise a short walk from Casterley Camp to Enford, and after a break for lunch, a meeting in Enford Village Hall. This meeting was primarily for the benefit of Enford parishioners and was scheduled to take place on Sat 31 Mar 12. The event was brought to attention at the EPC meeting on Wed 29 Feb 12, published in the Enford Newsletter on Fri 1 Mar 12, and distributed to a wide section of the community on two occasions by the Village hall committee via email. In the event, I was embarrassed and thoroughly disgusted with the turnout. Only one person from Enford attended the walk, and only two for the meeting. The other eight at the meeting were members of the GSW group and had travelled in as support for project, and included tow from Gloucester.
- There are three issues raised via Tidworth Area Board for repair work to be carried out on PROW's. All were updated on Tue 22 May 12.
 - Enford FP 19 & 31. - Repair to surface. No funding is available during this financial year (Apr 12 - Mar 13). The repair cost is expected to exceed £20,000. This item is to be kept on the programme.
 - Enford FP 19 - Footbridge. The Bridge is to be replaced with work commencing on Mon 2 Jul 12, and is expected to last for two weeks. There will be a Temporary Closure Order in force during this time. A copy of the Order will appear in the next publication of the Enford Newsletter. Separate correspondence from Wiltshire Council describe the replacement bridge as being a pre-fabricated aluminium structure, already in use in other parts of Wiltshire.

- Enford FP 25 The handrail and steps are to be repaired shortly by volunteers and funding from the GSW group as soon as negotiations with GSW are complete. Thanks go to Bruce Waite for being very helpful in allowing passage across his fields.
- PROJECT UBIQUE A consultation document has been prepared by Wilts Council. Enford Parish Council have responded in favour of the proposals submitted by the MOD. Lt Col (Retd) Nigel Linge MBE, has indicated his intention to commence work on PROW's within the Eastern sector of SPTA. The first phase will be signage during June & July 12. Please bring any concerns re PROW's to me for onward transmission to the MOD. Council and Nigel discussed problems possible with different users – cycle/horse/foot including different signage. Nigel said that tarmac might be a problem.
- Complaint from Mr. Gregory Shenkman of Fifield who noted that the footpath had been signposted as part of the Great Stones Way and he had received no notification. He objected to that hamlet being used as a through route for hikers. Cllr Beardsley remarked that the route had been signed as a Pewsey area trail for the last two years and had been used by walkers for this purpose. He did not think the addition of Great Stones Way signs would significantly affect numbers using the route. Chairman pointed out this was a right of way. Clerk to contact Mr Shenkman.

12/045 Correspondence - Clerk had received a letter from the Audit Commission advising us of the appointment of an external auditor for 2012/13 and future years. The good news is that for income/expenditure bands of £0 - £10,000 no fee would be payable.

12/046 Any Other Business. Cllr Orr apologised in advance for his absence from the next meeting as he would be in Bali, studying the native dancers.

There being no other business Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37pm

12/047 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 27th June 2012

Bill Vergette, Clerk to Enford Parish Council.

Wednesday 23rd May 2012