

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of 26th September 2012

Present: Mr. Ken Monk
Mr. Adrian Orr
Mr Martin Webb. Mr. Norman Beardsley
Mrs Tessa Manser
PCSO Maria Downham
Mr. Bill Vergette
Mr. Hamish Scott-Dalgleish
Emma Lovell

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Parish Councillors

Wiltshire Police
Clerk to the Council

Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30p.m.

12/080 Apologies: There were apologies from Mr. Stan Bagwell, Mrs Jane Young, Mr. Michael Fay, Cllr Charles Howard and Lt. Col Nigel Linge

12/081 Public Question Time. Hamish Scott- Dalgleish spoke as a member of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England about involvement with the Best-Kept Village competition. This competition was not just about flower displays and decoration, but involved the community and the provision of facilities. Hamish asked if this competition had figured in councils plans in the past, and whether they would support such a venture in the future. Cllr. Manser said yes , but what the project required was a leader. Chairman said an entry into the competition had been mooted on several occasions, but there had been little interest on the part of parishioners. Mr. Scott- Dalgleish said he would investigate further and establish the qualification criteria. Chairman thanked Mr. Scott-Dalgleish.

12/082 Verify Minutes of meeting on 15th August 2012: Proposed a true record Cllr. Manser, seconded Cllr. Beardsley , and passed.

12/083 Declarations of Interest: None.

12/084 Matters Arising. None not covered under the agenda.

12/085 Army Matters. Lt Col Linge was not present but left the following comments:

- a. The Bridge on Bravo Crossing has been repaired – thank you for letting me know.
- b. Work on Charlie Crossing road widening finished at last (Quarry had problems providing the right stone on time)
- c. Hedge on the C32 is ongoing but Tom Theed is keeping Cllr. Orr informed of progress.
- d. Diversion of Tails... We hope D o T will issue the plan for formal consultation shortly.

Cllr. Orr. Stated there had been problems with wood encroachment to the North of East Chisenbury, in particular affecting hay wagons. Cllr. Orr said that the 30mph sign was completely obscured by the encroachment. Authorities are deciding who does the work.

12/086 Police Matters: PCSO Maria Downham said that sometime over the weekend between 1800 on Friday 21 Sep and 0800 Monday 24 Sep, thieves broke the lock off a diesel bund, stealing approximately 500 litres of diesel using nearby plastic containers.

The thieves then used a disc cutter to grind the lock out of a storage container before smashing the lock off, and then also stole a poker vibrator, two shovels (high voltage protected) a Stabila spirit level, value £100, 2 metal jerry cans and other small tools.

In addition, a large amount of reinforced steel has also gone missing - 54 reinforcing bar links, each the weight of a fridge.

The thieves were working on the A345 side of the bridge. It looks like they made a break in the site fencing then opened the vehicle access from the inside.

If anyone spotted anything suspicious over the weekend, or during the lead up to the weekend, or has any information which might be useful, then please contact Phillippa Royston

Phillippa.Royston@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk - Parishioners can also report any information by telephoning 101.

PCSO Downham asked if Enford wished to have a representative at the next Tasking Group meeting which decided priorities, or were we happy to receive information from Councillor Charles Howard? Council agreed that Charles would provide the information we needed.

Maria mentioned that Michael Bayliss would be retiring from his post on January 25th. It was hoped to arrange a Neighbourhood Watch day for the whole area served. This could include lecture on Crime Prevention, a Firearms demonstration and a contribution from the Dog-section. To be confirmed. All councillors were invited. Chairman thanked Maria for attending.

12/087 Unitary Council Matters – Cllr. Charles Howard was unable to attend but had sent an e-mail voicing concern over the new arrangements for the Parish Steward that were introduced about a year ago under which the Parish Steward goes looking for things to do, rather than being given a list by the parish. His view is that many of the jobs that used to get done such as clearing grips, cleaning signs and the odd bits of strimming are just not being attended to. He wished to have councils view.

Council discussed this at length with Chairman describing the process in previous years, where he would list problems and forward them to the authority who would then prioritise and allocate the Stewards.

Council thought this method produced a better result than the present rather hap-hazard inspection.

12/088 Neighbourhood Watch - Mr. Steve Becker was not present.

12/089 Tidworth CAP – Mr. Tony Pickernell was not present .

12/090 Planning

- Application Ref: E/2012/1009/TCA Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area Proposal:-Fell one Sycamore tree (1) and 3 No Maple trees (2, 3 & 4) At: Chapel House East Chisenbury SN9 6AQ
- Application Ref: E/2012/1014/TCA Application for Work to Trees in a Conservation Area Proposal:- Crown reduce 2 No Ash trees (T1 & T2) by approx 20% Crown reduce one Box tree (T3) by approx 20% At: The Swan Inn Long Street Enford SN9 6DD
- Application Ref: E/2012/1139/TCA Application for Work to Trees in a Conservation Area Proposal:- Fell one Cherry tree and reduce one Willow tree by approx 50% and shape crown. At: Troutbeck East Chisenbury SN9 6AQ

Council had no objection to any of the above applications.

12/091 Finance – *Separate sheet*

- Current account stands at £5079.56 – *Separate sheet.*
- Mazars have returned the Audit documentation with no adverse comments. The financial statement has been placed on notice boards and the invoice paid. NB. Mazars will not be external auditors next year.

12/092 General Parish Matters

- **Village Odd Job Man:** After the last meeting, where a decision was made to locate a suitable tradesman because of the use of machinery and other H&S considerations, council decided to offer the job to Avon Valley Maintenance. Clerk spoke to Mr Kane and discussed the work. Mr. Kane was informed that an initial target of no more than £1000 pa was set. Mr. Kane said he would undertake the job and submit invoice to clerk after each grass-cutting when the extent of work necessary would be clearer.
- **Council Representative on Parish Plan Committee:** Clerk had originally volunteered for this position but because of personal issues could not now work on this committee. Clerk feels it is important that council has a representative as the Parish Plan is intended to represent the future of Enford Parish. After discussion Cllr. Orr stepped into the breach and will represent Enford Parish Council at Village Plan meetings.
- **Playpark:** Cllr Webb introduced Emma Lovell who described her ideas for improving the Playpark, obtaining equipment and future projects. To accomplish these aims she proposed holding a village meeting on 10th October in the Parish Hall. Cllr. Webb said he would chair this meeting and said that Emma's involvement could provide a new impetus to the Playpark. Council went on to discuss possible sources for funding, and Emma pointed out that she was in communication with Chrissie Alexander from Aster who were very interested in promoting projects for young people. Cllr. Webb said he would attend the next Parish Plan meeting on 9th October and make them aware of this plan. Chairman thanked Emma Lovell for her input.

Parish Hall: Cllr. Young was not present but Richard Petitt, the Chairman of the Village Hall committee had sent an e-mail copied below:

I am sorry but I am unable to be at the meeting tomorrow.

Regarding the Parish hall Reading Room; We have just had a successful Bingo night and a successful Jumble sale on the 15th September. Prior to that we had a very successful Curry night.

FYE 2013 from March to date is;

Income; £2221

Expenditure £737

Cash at bank £2124

Cash in hand £360

We have reduced expenditure and increased income. We are planning a Wine tasting evening for November. A Christmas bingo will be held in December. We are also planning a book sale and are currently requesting book donations. Circuits are going well and are on going, we have bought some equipment from the revenue circuits generates. With this years contribution from the PC, for which we are very grateful, we are intending to re clad the south elevation. We are looking at grants that might be available for the hall's refurbishment. We are also looking at uses for the hall befitting its size and location and that will benefit the village. We hope to make an announcement in the coming months. Please e mail me if you require further information.

Kind regards, Richard Petitt

Chairman Enford Parish Hall and Reading Room

- **Village Hall:** Councillor Orr said that the Village Hall had held it's AGM on 11th September but he had been away on holiday. He was able to report that Mrs. D'Arcy-Irvine remained as Chairman, and as far as he knew there were no other changes to the committee.
- **Highways:** Cllr. Bagwell is still unwell but now at home and improving. Cllr. Beardsley had donned the mantle in his absence. Norman reported that traffic had been travelling more slowly on the C32 possibly because drivers were now familiar with the road and its dangers. The A345 had also seen a slowing of traffic – thought to be a result of the speed check program. Cllr. Webb asked if there was less traffic. Chairman said there were fewer cars but more HGV traffic. Chairman went on to say that he had attended both Pewsey and Tidworth Area Board meetings, expecting to hear some criticism of the way diversion signing had been erected in Devizes after the report on its lack of consultation. Richard Tonge had given a lengthy explanation of the process at Pewsey and no such comment had followed. Chairman was disappointed by the response of both Area Board committees. Cllr. Webb asked if this decision was now final. Chairman said yes. Cllr Webb remarked that he had been told that bridge completion could be a month ahead of schedule.
- **Rights of Way:** Cllr. Beardsley had nothing to report.

12/093 Correspondence -

- Wiltshire Council have notified the result of their deliberations on the complaint against Cllr. Monk by Judy D'Arcy Irvine. Copy available on table.
- Chairman had received a letter from All Saints School asking for Enford's view of the service and what in particular was required. Council thought that this was perhaps a question best answered by the Parish Plan as far as future needs were concerned, but thought that given the age group of council we were not best placed to comment on requirements. Chairman would talk with All Saints School.

12/094 Any Other Business.

- Cllr. Orr reported that the Time Capsule would be installed at 4pm on Monday next.

There being no other business Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm

12/095 Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 31st October 2012

Bill Vergette, Clerk to Enford Parish Council. Wednesday 26th September 2012