

# ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Draft Minutes of the Meeting of 5th December 2012

<b>Present:</b> Mr. Ken Monk	Chairman
Mr. Adrian Orr	Vice Chairman
Mr Martin Webb. Mr. Norman Beardsley	Parish Councillors
Mrs Jane Young, Mrs Tessa Manser, Mr. Michael Fay	
Cllr. Charles Howard	Wiltshire Council
Mr. Bill Vergette	Clerk to the Council

**Chairman opened the meeting at 7.32p.m.**

**12/112 Apologies:** There were apologies from Mr. Stan Bagwell, and Lt. Col Nigel Linge.

**12/113 Public Question Time.** No members of the public were present.

**12/114 Verify Minutes** of meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012: Proposed a true record Cllr Beardsley, seconded Cllr Orr and passed.

**12/115 Declarations of Interest:** The matter of Parish Cllrs. dispensation to allow voting on Precept will be deferred until the meeting on 9th January 2013.

**12/116 Matters Arising.**

**12/117 Finance –**

- Precept: Preliminary considerations of donations within Enford Parish will be arranged. Precept will be authorised on 9th January. Problems occasioned by change of heart at Wiltshire Council mean that a delay is advised to gather further information. The crux of the matter is the change likely to the "Tax Base" which is in effect the number of Band D houses. If this number falls, which we are informed will probably happen due to external calculation changes, then an application for the same precept as last year will result in a larger tax bill (Precept contribution) for each parishioner.  
The previously issued number of Band D properties for Enford was 263.31. The new number is likely to be 238.10. This would give an increase of around £2.50 per band D household for the same precept and a proportional rise for other bands. Wiltshire Council may offset this by funding the difference from other sources. This will be decided later this week.
- Current Account stands at £4,307.42 - separate sheet.

**12/118 Police Matters:** PCSOs Philippa Royston and Maria Downham had called to say they might be late, but other police matters then had precedence. Philippa had sent the following e-mail:  
*Over night on the 15th November - Unknown suspect has removed the dust caps from the two rear tyres of the victims motor vehicle and fully removed the air from the tyre. One dust cap was replaced but the other as no where to be found. All enquiries were negative.*  
*Between 19th October and 3rd December - Unknown suspects, by unknown means, have stolen 1200 litres of heating oil, two £767.34 from tank in victims rear garden, accessed probably via insecure (high) side gate. Enquiries ongoing.*  
*On 3rd December at 1800 hours - Male was seen at back window in victims garden. When victim disturbed him, he ran off. Male did not enter the property. Enquiries are ongoing.*

**12/119 Army Matters.** Lt Col Linge was not present but asked to be informed of any ongoing concerns.

### 12/120 Unitary Council Matters –

- Cllr. Charles Howard said that in the absence of Nigel he would impart some news about the Basing Announcement due on 17th December. It is expected that the Secretary of State will announce where various regiments will go on return from Germany. It is expected that four major units will be located at Tidworth with an Engineering unit going to Perham Down and a further unit to Bulford. This will probably mean an increase of around 3000 soldiers with Tidworth getting much bigger to house them. Cllr. Manser asked how much this was costing. Cllr Howard replied that it will be considerably less than the cost of maintaining those troops in Germany.
- Cllr. Howard mentioned the fact that Clare Perry is pursuing the possibility of the electrification of the Rail network extending as far as Pewsey and Westbury.
- Charles also remarked that the Wiltshire Online programme was ongoing with BT as the main contractor and some of the funding coming from EU. Further information in the Spring.
- Cllr. Howard noted that it was Council Budget time and in particular the Formula Grant would be notified by Central Government. This is the sum allotted to county councils by government. Charles said that in these times it may not be as much as desired, but Wiltshire Council were better placed than some other counties by virtue of the Unification cost cutting process.
- Cllr. Howard asked if flooding was a problem in Enford at the moment. Chairman replied that houses in the centre of Enford were always at risk during periods of heavy rain, but the problems were minor at the moment and caused by springs rather than downflow from the hills. It appeared that the drains were doing their job. Chairman thanked Charles for his time.

12/121 Neighbourhood Watch - Mr. Steve Becker was not present.

12/122 Tidworth CAP – Mr. Tony Pickernell was not present .

### 12/123 Planning Application Ref: E/2012/1408/FUL Application for Full Planning

Proposal:- Two overhead firing towers within existing field firing boxes on the perimeter of the impact areas on Salisbury Plain Training Area at Building 21, Westdown Camp, Tilshead, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP3 4RS -*Council had no comment to make.*

### 12/124 General Parish Matters

- **Village Maintenance.** Andy Kane has completed the second grass cutting and said he would make another cut in March/April 2013 as and when weather allowed.
- **Council Representative on Parish Plan Committee:** Cllr Orr said that the Parish Plan Questionnaire had been issued and he urged everyone to complete the form. He stressed that the more coverage we could get the more representative the plan would be. Chairman agreed that this document could provide a valuable source of information. Adrian mentioned that there would be a raffle ticket given for each completed questionnaire with the possibility of winning a bottle of Ribena (or other prize).
- **Playpark:** Cllr Webb said that a further meeting had been held but attendance was poor. It was hoped to generate more interest in the project and Emma Lovell was confident that she could form a committee. Various possibilities had been discussed and ideas were still in the melting pot but problems had arisen.  
Ownership of land was being established and to that end Martin asked Cllr. Howard for his help in tracing a source in Wiltshire Council. Cllr. Howard agreed to do this.
- **Parish Hall:** Cllr. Young said that the hall was still in regular use with income to date of £2,718 and expenditure of £1,168. Capital in bank was £2,823. Valuation had risen due to the rebuild resulting in insurance costs rising by £400. Repairs to a leak in the roof were in hand and new cladding for the south gable would follow in the new year.

- **Village Hall:** Councillor Orr said that at the most recent meeting committee were pleased that a profit of £742 had been achieved. Target for the next year was an income of £11.5k and expenditure of £10k. Community Fund had donated £846 which represented their stated aim of a third of profit going to the hall.  
The Mothers and Toddlers group had got off to a reasonable start but with typical problems finding chairs/tables small enough. Cllr. Orr said that there were no changes in personnel mooted on committee. Finally Adrian said that Hamish Scott-Dalglish was well pleased with his new Harrow thanks to Community Fund.
- **Highways:** Cllr. Beardsley said that he had been unable to organise speedwatch over the last few weeks, mostly due to adverse weather. Norman said that the C32 was much quieter now that Enford Bridge was open. He thought that the planned closure of the C260 Netheravon to Everleigh might once again increase traffic on this road.
- **Rights of Way:** Cllr. Beardsley had little of note. He had reported one defective light and one footpath flooded, but the footpath was subject to annual flooding. Plans for project Ubique had generated around a dozen complaints from off-roaders. Finally Norman said that the Casterleigh to Larkhill track was due to be resurfaced.

**12/125 Correspondence:** None not already passed to councillors.

**12/126 Any Other Business.**

- Dates for meetings in 2013 - proposed dates were given to councillors for comment.
- Enford Bridge is now open for traffic. Cllr Monk said that Wiltshire Council had agreed to extend the pavement over the bridge up to the Church car park and to the Bus Stop in the other direction. Wiltshire Council asked that Enford Council pay 10% of the cost (£600).  
The Chairman and Cllr Orr agreed and the extended pavement has been completed. To help with payment, Cllr Charles Howard had been approached. He replied that the Tidworth Community Area Transport Group had the budget for such matters, but it may have to come out of their 2013/14 budget. Julian Haines from Wiltshire Council had said that payment could be delayed to the 2013/14 FY.
- Clerk to Council announced his resignation for personal reasons. He will remain in post until a suitable replacement can be found and established.

**12/127 Date of next meeting:** Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2013.

A preliminary precept meeting to be arranged prior to this date.

*Bill Vergette, Clerk to Enford Parish Council.*

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012