

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of 9th January 2013

Present: Mr. Ken Monk	Chairman
Mr. Adrian Orr	Vice Chairman
Mr Martin Webb, Mr. Norman Beardsley	Parish Councillors
Mrs Jane Young, Mr. Michael Fay Mr. Stan Bagwell	
Mr. Bill Vergette	Clerk to the Council
Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison	
Mr. Marshall Kearney	

Chairman opened the meeting at 7.32p.m.

13/001 Apologies: There were apologies from Mrs Tessa Manser, Cllr. Charles Howard and Lt. Col Nigel Linge. Chairman took the opportunity to welcome back Cllr. Bagwell after his recent illness.

13/002 Public Question Time. Mr. Marshall Kearney stated his objections to the planning application for a side extension and attached garage at Avalon, Long Street, Enford. Mr Kearney said that in his opinion the plans were not accurate enough for a definitive assessment of the work. He stated that the fall in ground level of around six feet between the road and the base of the house, and the apparent similar level of the garage would mean a very steep exit from the road. He was concerned that road safety would be compromised, and by creating a four bed-roomed property more vehicles would be using the house, thus aggravating the problem of access on a blind bend. Mr. Kearney also mentioned the possible effect of the access on springs and sub-surface water flows. He concluded by saying that the position of power lines and telephone poles was not clear, and he thought the whole plan carelessly presented making it impossible to draw appropriate conclusions. Chairman thanked Mr. Kearney for his input and said this would be considered by planning committee.

13/003 Verify Minutes of meeting on 5th December 2012: Proposed a true record Cllr Beardsley, seconded Cllr Fay and passed.

13/004 Declarations of Interest: All Parish Councillors had presented an application for dispensation, having a pecuniary interest in the Parish mostly through their house properties. This was accepted and enables all to vote on the precept proposals.

13/005 Matters Arising. Under agenda item 12/126 the present clerk tendered his resignation. The post was advertised and one application, from Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison, was received. Cllr. Fay proposed that Mrs. Harrison be offered the post, seconded by Cllr. Webb and passed. Mrs. Harrison accepted the offer. Bill Vergette will stay on until end of month to complete the handover, and will be available thereafter for reference purposes.

13/006 Finance –

- Precept: Preliminary considerations of donations within Enford Parish were discussed by Cllrs. Monk, Beardsley and Orr. These were presented to council for discussion. Council first discussed the annual donations to various organisations, it was decided to allocate funds to two organisations; Enford Football Club and the Mothers and Toddlers Group, but not to issue the funds until a clear idea of their future use was apparent. Allowance was also made for the £600 contribution to the new pathway to the Church, although this may not all be needed. Precept was recalculated at £6,768, proposed by Cllr. Young, seconded Cllr. Bagwell and passed. This means that there will be very little increase in the precept portion of Council Tax this year despite the re-calculation of Band D house numbers by Wiltshire Council. Whether this will be the case next year is open to question.
- Current Account stands at £3,572.88 - separate sheet.

13/007 Police Matters: PCSO Aaron Heath was welcomed by Chairman. He stated that he had joined PCSOs Royston and Downham at Tidworth, but that his other job was working at Wellington Academy. PCSO Heath went on to say that on Sat 8th December a 4x4 had been stolen from Palmerston Meadow and later recovered in Ramsbury. It had been identified as figuring in some rural crime around Collingbourne Ducis. Some suspects have been identified and enquiries are still underway. There had been a two vehicle road traffic accident near Enford Hill which resulted in minor head injuries to one individual, but no police action was necessary. Cllr. Webb asked if there was any news on the Church break-in, and PCSO Heath said he would check on any progress and report to Clerk. PCSO Heath concluded by reminding councillors that there would be a crime-prevention evening at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall on the 25th January, and this would also be PC Michael Bayliss' last duty. There would be refreshments afterwards. PC Bayliss' replacement would be PC Ivor Noyes. Chair thanked Aaron for his time.

13/008 Army Matters. Lt Col Linge had telephoned Clerk to send his apologies, and stated he had reservations about the projected BMX track. He pointed out the difficulties that Netheravon had experienced, and advised the playpark committee to talk to Cllr. Geoff Dyer. Col Linge asked to be informed of any ongoing concerns.

13/009 Unitary Council Matters –

Cllr. Charles Howard was unable to attend but had sent the following e-mail with his apologies:

Dear Bill,

Thanks for the meeting details, and for the list of proposed meeting dates for this year.

I am afraid that I have to be elsewhere on the 9th, so please give my apologies.

Please see the attached report about the new arrangements for highway and street scene maintenance which are due to start in June -*separate sheet*.

I am also pleased to be able to report that Wiltshire has been granted an additional £3.6 million by Central Government for road repairs, spread over the next two years.

Please let me know any matters arising at the meeting that require action by me.

Regards,

Charles.

13/010 Neighbourhood Watch - Mr. Steve Becker was not present.

13/011 Tidworth CAP – Mr. Tony Pickernell was not present .

13/012 Planning Application

Ref: E/2012/1533/FUL. Application for Full Planning - Demolition of garage, porch and conservatory & erection of two storey side extension & attached garage at Avalon Long Street Enford Pewsey SN9 6DD
Chairman decided to delay any comments until the Planning committee had visited the site.

13/013 General Parish Matters

- **Council Representative on Parish Plan Committee:** Cllr Orr said that all questionnaires were now in with a 55% return - much higher than expected. Collation of results was underway and Mr. Becker hoped to attend the next council meeting with some news of progress.
- **Playpark:** Cllr Webb said that he had taken on board the comments from Col. Linge with reference to MoD land, and had contacted Netheravon Clerk Geoff Dyer. He described the present situation with forming a working group for the Playpark and it was hoped that this could be finalised. He had identified a contact within Wiltshire Council, a Mr. John Price, who had been very helpful and there was now a workable plan to extend the present site. This might be possible under an Asset Transfer scheme. Martin said he had arranged to meet with John Price and with Mary Cullen from Tidworth Area Board to further discuss the project.
- **Parish Hall:** Cllr. Young had no news other than there was a planned Burns Night supper on 18th.

- **Village Hall:** Councillor Orr had nothing of import other than he was keeping an eye on the progress of the Mothers and Toddlers Group.
- **Highways:** Cllr. Beardsley had nothing to report. Cllr. Bagwell said he had been looking into the positioning of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)
- **Rights of Way:** Cllr. Beardsley had nothing to report.

13/014 Correspondence: None not already passed to councillors or displayed this evening.

13/015 Any Other Business.

- Cllr. Orr reminded council of the completion of Enford Bridge and the installation of the commemorative plaque. He would Liaise with Cllr. Young - possibly Monday?
- Cllr Fay remarked that the Youth Club Carol Singers had done an excellent job.

13/016 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 27th February 2013.

Bill Vergette Clerk to Enford Parish Council. 9th January 2013

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