

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the meeting of 27th February 2013

Present:	Mr Ken Monk	Chairman
	Mr Adrian Orr	Vice-Chairman
	Mrs Jane Young, Mrs Tessa Manser	Parish Councillors
	Mr Martin Webb, Mr Michael Fay,	Parish Councillors
	Mr Stan Bagwell, Mr Norman Beardsley	Parish Councillors
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk to the Council
	Ms Emma Lovell	MilleniumPlaypark
	Mr Miguel Fernandes	MilleniumPlaypark
	Cllr. Charles Howard	Unitary Council

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.05 p.m.

13/017 **Apologies.** Lt Col Nigel Linge

13/018 **Public Questions.** There were no public questions.

13/019 **Parish Plan Questionnaire – Responses Presentation**

A presentation was given on the collated results of the Questionnaire, mainly in terms of percentages, as to how the inhabitants viewed various aspects of living in the Parish, the transport usage and availability, what they felt the Parish lacked, what they felt might improve the overall lifestyle in terms of community benefit. The respondents (377) ranged in aged from 12 to over 65. The presentation lasted an hour and a hard copy would be sent to the Clerk with electronic copies sent to the Councillors. There will be further meetings throughout the year with other Parish committees and further clarification of the findings with the final report being available at the end of the year.

13/020 **Verification of Minutes from 9th January 2013**

These were proposed as a true record by Cllr Fay and seconded by Cllr Beardsley

13/021 **Matters Arising.** There were none

13/022 **Finance**

The current account stands at £2,760.13 with all payments up to date. There is one further known item due for payment which is to the retired Clerk for his services during January plus his computer allowance and minor expenses. This has so far not been requested and therefore an accurate figure cannot be given.

13/023 **Police Matters**

P.C. Ivor Noyes, Community Beat Manager, has now taken over from PC Michael Bayliss. His talk of incidents in the Parish was requested immediately after the Responses Presentation so as not to waste his time. He reported that on 29th Jan there were two offences one being a breach of HIN in Grants Road, Enford where a female was arrested and the other being a flatbed truck seen in suspicious circumstances at New Buildings, Enford. Possibly looking at domestic oil tanks but no offences had been committed/reported. On 30th Jan a resident of Coombe Lane had received offensive texts, the offender has not yet been identified. On the Plain beyond Coombe Lane a 4x4 was seen, possible hare coursers but the Police did not find them. On 5th Feb a tree was reported leaning dangerously over the A345 at New Town and the Council dealt with this. On 11th Feb there was a case of Road Rage on the A345. A white transit van was unable to overtake a female driver. When she pulled over, the Transit's driver did so too and banged on her roof, shouting at her – Police enquiries continue. On 13th Feb there was an attempted burglary of an outbuilding in Long Street, Enford. They drove over fields, cut fencing and attempted to force their way into a barn. Nothing was taken. On 21st and 25th February officers were called to assess the amount of mud on the Enford to Coombe Road. On both occasions they decided it was not dangerous.

13/024 **Army Matters** Lt Col Linge was not present as there are no immediate concerns

13/025 **Unitary Council Matters**

Cllr Charles Howard spoke on behalf of Wiltshire Council covering three main subjects. Wiltshire Council have approved the budget for 2013/14 and they have agreed Council Tax on a Band D properties will remain unchanged at £1,222.43. This will be the fourth successive year it has remained frozen

Out of a £17.8m increase they will be spending £8.6m on vulnerable children and adults. There will be £27.6m of savings in the budget which have come from procurement and service efficiencies.

Capital spending on maintaining and improving highways will be £21.4m compared to £18.7m in 2012/13. They will also increase spending on housing and improved Broadband speeds across the County

Further details of our Council's budget are available on the Wiltshire County Council's website. Cllr Howard also said that where in the past we had the option to pay the year's bill in one payment, or with 10x monthly payments, we shall now be able pay it with 12x monthly payments. Further details will be found on our bills which will be with us shortly.

Another note made by him was on the timing of repairs to the roads. As we can still expect some more cold and wet weather, it is a waste of time and money to immediately mend damaged roads. These will be done but at a later date when the repair work will settle properly and last for longer.

As Cllr Howard will be standing for re-election on May 2nd, he will be unable to attend our meeting on 3rd April as this may be construed as 'electioneering'.

Cllr Manser asked him about the road signs covered with black bags. These are for a 50 mph speed limit and when all the signs are in place, the bags will be removed and the speed limit reduced from the National 60mph.

Later this year there will be a speed limit review on C32.

Cllr Monk asked about parish Elections, these do not have to take place as there are less than the 11 minimum councillors.

13/026 **Neighbourhood Watch** Mr Steve Becker was not present

13/027 **Tidworth CAP**

13/028 **Planning**

Cllr Manser asked about the situation with 'Avalon'. Cllr Monk replied that amended plans had been sent through, seen and agreed. The Clerk has replied to the Council. The property 'Three Horseshoes' was mentioned but no information is available. The Clerk will look into this matter.

13/029 **General Parish Matters & Any Other Business**

13/029i ThePlaypark – Asset transfer (Brief précis of Martin's email of 8-Feb-13)

Meeting between Martin Webb, Emma Lovell and John Price, the Wiltshire County Estates Officer. Free transfer of land to Council control only for the benefit of the community. Insurance will need to be arranged. Wilts Council cover the legals at their own cost. EPC do not necessarily need a solicitor but would have to pay if one was used. Overall size of the Playpark would be 20.0m x 50.0m (currently 20.0m x 20.0m), categorised as one parcel of land for which EPC would no longer have rental payments.

EPC to formally agree on application for Asset Transfer

Apply to Tidworth Area Board for it, Martin has the forms already

Area Board to consider and vote at their next meeting – probably June/July

County estates organise transfer

Emma Lovell and Miguel Fernandes both attended the meeting as they are in the process of setting up the Playpark Committee. They also need to raise funds and Emma has offered to be the non-Parish Council representative for the Playpark. It was agreed that they could use the banking facilities of Enford Parish Council and that their funds would be ring-fenced from EPC but available when needed. This has been done

in the past. Tidworth Area Board required 4-6 week’s notice of Asset Transfer before their next Board Meeting which will be held in June/July. Emma says there are already 5 adults and 35 young persons showing great interest in the project.

EPC would need to fence the new area and pay extra on the insurance once this goes through.

Previous costs of posts and fencing etc for the Playpark will be checked.

13/029ii Mesh for Enford Bridge . (Brief precis of Adrian’s email dated 12-Feb-13)

Cllr Orr said he had spoken with Mr Julian Haines the Wiltshire Council bridge engineer on bridge matters. Due to the fact that the Plaque is fixed horizontally to the Bridge, Mr Haines had agreed that Wiltshire Council would file down one corner of the plaque to allow the accumulated water to drain off.

Adrian Orr drew member’s attention to Mr Haines’s email on attaching mesh to the sides of the bridge to assist on safety measures. A Risk Assessment had been carried out by Wiltshire Council and they were satisfied that the present design was sufficient but if the Parish Council requested mesh protection then Wiltshire Council would design, install and pay for it. Mesh would stretch from the middle railing on the outside and be fixed to clips on the outer bolts of the stanchions.

The Parish Council approved by a majority vote for the installation of mesh to both sides of the bridge.

13/029iii Letter of resignation from Cllr. Martin Webb

On behalf of all the councillors, Cllr Monk thanked Martin for the hard work he has put in for the Council. Cllr Webb is extremely busy at present with work and commuting but has said he might return to the Council in a few year’s time.

13/029iv **Any Other Business**

As part of a recruitment drive for the Parish Council, notices to be placed in the Newsletter.

Cllr Monk reported that on speaking to the Information Commissioner’s Office, they had not received the last four emails. He has since printed these off and put them in the post.

Cllr Orr reported that the electricity would be cut off in East Chisenbury for several hours on 20th March. This is due to some trees being cut down. The Red Lion will be closing on 20th March.

Cllr Young has reported that there have been complaints by some people of the wooden railings which continue in the line of the bridge at Enford. Due to previous structures, there is a drop in the ground level which could be a hazard.

Cllr Manser continues to collect litter from around the village. It was suggested that with Cllr Young’s connection to the Youth Club that there should be a special litter collecting day arranged.

Cllr Webb reported that the bin that was attached to the side of the bus stop has now disappeared – only the bracket remains. Cllr Fay will call to find out whose bin it is and therefore the responsibility to replace it.

Cllr Beardsley reported unsafe tractor driving on the road between Enford and Coombe. The farmer is Mr David Sheppard and where the field with his cows is extremely muddy and churned up he continues to drive directly on the road, covering it with a slippery layer of mud, as well as driving too quickly thus ‘spreading’ the mud even further – onto other vehicles, houses, walkers etc. He has been carrying bales with both his car and tractor without even tying the bales down as well as ‘walking’ his dog along the road in front of the vehicle. He has been taking water from the river and allowing slurry to seep back in. A letter of complaint will be written to Mr Sheppard and copied to Mr Scott-Dalglish whose land he rents for his cows. Both letters will contain a copy of the ‘Guidance for Farm Vehicle Operators’ laws.

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Date of next Meeting

3rd April 2013, AGM to start at 6.30pm

Followed by APM at 7.30pm

Mr Ken Monk – Chairman, Enford Parish Council. Date: 3rd April 2013