

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 22nd May 2013

Present:	Mr Ken Monk	Chairman
	Mrs Tessa Manser, Mr Michael Fay	Parish Councillors
	Mr Richard Petit, Mr Gareth Holden	Parish Councillors
	Mr Norman Beardsley, Mr David Harbottle	Parish Councillors
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk to the Council
	Cllr. Charles Howard	Unitary Council
	Mr Steve Becker	

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.32 p.m. and welcomed the new co-opted members of the Council

13/032 **Apologies.** Lt Col Nigel Linge, Mr Adrian Orr, Mr A D'Arcy-Irvine, Mrs Jane Young, Mr Stanley Bagwell, PC Ivor Noyce, Tidworth CAP representative

13/033 **Public Questions.** Mr Steve Becker representing the Parish Plan Steering Committee said there was concern over the lack of response from the Parish Council and the Parish Hall Management Committee to the presentations, survey results and report delivered in February and March '13. He hoped that a positive response would be forthcoming before the Public Presentation (2nd July) as this would help to give a stronger, more community-based message to the village as a whole. They would like a statement of intent.

In response the Chairman said there had already been meetings and discussions on the results of the survey but these were still in 'note' form and would be written up for presentation.

As the representative for the Neighbourhood Watch in Enford, Steve also reported at this point that his previous contact, PCSO Phillippa Royston had now left the job to join the Constabulary. Aaron Heath has taken over serving under PC Ivor Noyce. There had been a theft of a catalytic converter from a van. Mr Steve Becker then left the meeting. See Agenda point 10)

13/034 **Verification of Minutes from 3rd April 2013 (AGM)**

These were accepted and signed as a true record.

13/035 **Matters Arising.** There were none

13/036 **Co-option of additional Councillors**

In addition to Mr David Harbottle and Mr Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine recently joining the Parish Council, Mr Richard Pettitt and Mr Gareth Holden were both accepted and welcomed. Mr David Harbottle said he'd put one other definite candidate forward and possibly had a second. A short discussion ensued on the correct procedure for co-option. The Chairman said that there may be availability for new councillors arising in the coming year and thanked Mr Harbottle.

13/040 **Unitary Council Matters**

Cllr Charles Howard was asked if he would like to speak at this point in case he needed to get away earlier and he accepted, raising 3 points.

1. As from today (22nd May) all Planning Applications will need to be sent to Salisbury instead of Trowbridge. This is due to efficiency measures which will mean less travelling distance etc. Any Appeals will continue to go to Devizes.
2. The Community Area Grant Scheme. Mary Cullen is the manager. Where there used to be a maximum of £1,000 this has now been reduced to a maximum of £500 which will get 'matched'. This is for capital projects only, not for maintenance of existing facilities.
3. New Community Co-ordinator – Imogen Dallimore. (Her introductory letter of 18th April was available for the council to read, entitled 'The future of Local Highways and Streetscene Service').

This is a streamlining of services, they are currently running 'workshops' to discuss this with the public. It was agreed that she should be invited to the next council meeting on 26th June.

Mr Norman Beardsley asked if match funding could be arranged in terms of labour rather than 'cash', Cllr Charles Howard thought this would still be possible. Tidworth area had been allocated £50,000 with some set deductions. Mr Gareth Holden enquired about the application forms and how to contact them.

13/037 Finance

The current account now stands at £9,030.08 due to the Precept payment of £6,768.00. Bank statements were only available until 29th April 2013. To this point in May (22nd) no payment had been made but known payments are the Clerk for the month of May and the agreed donations (January meeting) which total £1,480.00 which would leave a balance of £7,550.08.

13/038 Police Matters

P.C. Ivor Noyes, Community Beat Manager, was unfortunately unable to attend.

13/039 Army Matters

Lt Col Lingewas unfortunately unable to attend. Mr David Harbottle spoke of a presentation he had attended on the Army's re-housing of servicemen and their families by 2017. It had been suggested that some housing could be 'added' to local villages rather than to a local base/camp. The Chairman mentioned approximately 4 acres of land where this could happen within the parish boundaries. It was generally agreed that this would not be good for the village (lack of infrastructure etc). Mr Richard Petitt mentioned that all the hangars at the Upavon Camp had been re-furbished and Mr Michael Fay said the housing stock on site had also been re-furbished. There was concern over the amount of people potentially coming into the area.

13/042 Tidworth CAP

No representative from the Tidworth CAP attended. There was however a letter from the Chairman, Mr P J Tabor, asking councils for funding. The letter was circulated and read by the new councillors and a vote was taken as to whether Enford should/could send funds. It was agreed not to do so and the Clerk has been asked to reply to the letter.

13/046 General Parish Matters & Any Other Business

13/046 a) The Playpark – Asset transfer and progress

Miguel Fernandes who is working with Emma Lovell on the proposed new Playpark Area at the top of Grants Road had sent the Chairman an email which was read out to the Council.

They have formed a committee/group to develop the park area. They are looking at costs and talking to people in Grants Road and the adjoining roads. Emma has created a facebook page which has gained interest. They see the project as long term and require the support of the Parish Council, not just for a point of contact but also advice on funding etc. They would like to brief the Parish Council later in the year to give an update on how things are going. He also asked if the Council could remove the bin in the Playpark area as it was being used for everything including dog waste and not being emptied.

The Chairman said he had asked Mr D'arcy-Irvine if he would take on the role of Parish Council representative/Liaison for the Playpark but he declined. Mr David Harbottle suggested buying some litter collection equipment, however the Council already has it and when asked, no one comes forward to do it. Mr Harbottle also raised the point of litter in the long grass being harmful to Mr Kane's lawnmower. (Mr Kane cuts various public areas of grass in the village). Mr Richard Petitt suggested doing something to involve the people who live around that area to try and get them to take responsibility for it. It was agreed that the Parish Council cannot do it for them.

013/046 b) Parish Emergency Planning Exercises

No-one on the Council felt that attending these classes would be of benefit. The Clerk has been asked to email and decline attendance at the courses.

013/046 c) Community First Membership

A letter and application form had been received from Community First. Apart from the Council's insurance it was felt that there was no benefit to becoming a member. The Clerk has been asked to decline the offer.

13/044 **Highways**

Mr David Harbottle will in future be taking over the Highways responsibility from Mr Norman Beardsley who has been covering the job during the absence of Mr Stan Bagwell.

Mr Beardsley reported that 5 repeater signs had been removed from Enford and the speed limit is 30mph. Mr Richard Pettit commented on the amount of mess left by Ridgeway. Mr David Harbottle has a list of matters to raise regarding the roads in the parish and would like to be updated with any problems. Mr Beardsley suggested going to Tidworth to get the potholes sorted.

13/045 **Rights of Way**

Reporting on the Rights of Way, Mr Norman Beardsley said the Sustrans signs were removed in April which has helped to reduce the traffic. A report of a damaged footpath in 2011 has now resulted in the repair work to FP31 from East to West Chisenbury actually happening. A defective light was reported on 4th Dec. 2012. It has since been reported another 3 times. Wilts Council say they have tried to visit the site but can't find it. In 2 weeks time this will reach the 26 week period when the cost to do the job will become higher.

13/047 **Correspondence**

A letter of thanks to all the Councillors from Bill Vergette was read by the Chairman. As a parting gift to the outgoing Clerk the councillors had privately raised a sum of money which has gone (at Bill's request) towards a mobile chemotherapy unit run by the charity 'Hope for Tomorrow'.

13/046 ii **Any Other Business**

Mrs Tessa Manser reported that her garden would be open on 16th June and she would appreciate the council's support on the day.

13/043 **Planning Applications**

Ref: E/2013/0352/TCA Glebe Farmhouse, Enford. Application for work to trees in a conservation area.

Willow and Alder to be reduced in height by one third at The Council accepted this with 'No Comment'.

Ref: 13/00413/FUL. Littlecote Farm, Enford. Application for full planning permission. Refurbishment of barn and convert part to form swimming pool and changing rooms. Alterations to existing access and construction of tennis court. Demolition of grain store building. This is a re-newal of permission granted in 2009 (Ref: E/09/0773/FUL). The Council agreed this application as it is simply to keep the permission alive and it was thought unlikely to be followed through by the current owner.

13/049 **Date of next Meeting** 26th June 2013

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.45pm

Elizabeth Harrison – Clerk to Enford Parish Council