

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 31st July 2013

Present:	Mr Ken Monk	Chairman
	Mr Adrian Orr	Vice Chairman
	Mr Michael Fay	Parish Councillors
	Mr Richard Pettitt, Mr Gareth Holden	Parish Councillors
	Mr Norman Beardsley, Mr David Harbottle	Parish Councillors
	Mrs Jane Young, Mr A D'Arcy-Irvine	Parish Councillors
	Mr Bruce Waight	Parish Councillor
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk to the Council
	PCSO Aaron Heath	Wiltshire Police

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m. and welcomed everyone present

13/078 **Apologies.** Were received from - Cllr Tessa Manser, Lt Col Nigel Linge(Army Matters), Cllr Charles Howard(Unitary Council Matters), Tony Pickernell (TCAP), Steve Becker(Neighbourhood Watch)

13/079 **Verification of Minutes from 26th June 2013**

These were proposed by Cllr Norman Beardsley. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine had issue with the Draft Minutes of the June meeting. He felt it inaccurate recording (Finance section 13/066) that the Village Hall should be asked to contribute to the cost of the Activities Day on Wednesday 7th August. At the June meeting it was agreed by the Parish Council that the charge of £14 per hour would be paid by the Parish Council to the Village Hall in order to ensure the Activities Day for the children of the village went ahead. It was also agreed by the majority of Councillors, though not voted on, that the Village Hall be asked to contribute.

13/080 **Matters Arising.**

With reference to the above objection Cllr. Orr suggested contacting the Community Fund. Cllr Holden made the point that the Parish Council had already donated £500 to the Village Hall. Cllr Orr suggested that the Chairman of the Village Hall and the Chairman of the Community Fund should talk to each other. Cllr Harbottle suggested that in future years for similar events (i.e. benefit of Enford children) the Community Fund should be approached in advance. Cllr Monk read out a letter from Julie Tremlin (Correspondence, 13/091 – Julie is the Activities Day organiser) stating that the Village Hall had said they would underwrite the cost again this year if necessary.

There were no Declarations of Interest

Cllr Harbottle wished to raise the matter of the accounts for the Parish Hall. As custodian Trustees of the Parish Hall, the Parish Council are answerable to the Charities Commission. He suggested that every quarter the Management Committee of the Parish Hall provide the Parish Council with a written report and a financial statement for the preceding quarter with fully audited accounts at the year-end which could be published in the Newsletter. Cllr Pettit suggested Cllr Harbottle attend the Parish Hall meetings to hear the financial reports and Cllr Holden pointed out that auditing the Parish Hall accounts would probably cost more than the annual turnover.

13/082 **Police Matters** – This was brought forward in the running order of the evening so as not to take up too much of PCSO Aaron Heath's valuable time.

30-Jun-13 A mobile phone was reported lost

7-Jul-13 There was an attempted theft from a vehicle in Longstreet and the rear screen was broken.

9-Jul-13 There was an incident in Grants Road where one vehicle collided with a parked vehicle. The driver was seen to get out of his vehicle, inspect the damage, then returned to his vehicle and drove away.

27-Jul-13 There was an attempted burglary of an outbuilding in Longstreet. Entry was gained and damage done to the contents but nothing was taken.

Cllr Pettit suggested discussing the parking situation in Enford on the C32 where damage has again been done to the thatch of a cottage (see Correspondence 13/091). Cllr Monk briefed PCSO Aaron Heath on the situation who agreed that the road is very narrow at that point. Cllr Monk asked him to discuss the situation with his colleagues to see if a satisfactory solution could be found. PCSO Heath then left the meeting.

13/081 Finance

The Clerk read through the monthly bank reconciliation for the Council despite the bank statement not being available, the figures were given and accepted by the Council. The balance as at 31st July 2013 stands at £4,917.53 taking into account all known payments to date.

Cllr Monk explained that out of six original sets of litter picking equipment, two had been broken, two had been lent out and two were remaining. In order to satisfy a request for the loan of the equipment, he had to go and purchase four additional sets himself and presented the bill for approval at the meeting. It was agreed that in future the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk should all be able to authorise such necessary expenditure and act on it, later putting it to the Council for approval (at the next meeting). Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine asked if there was a cap on this figure. It was generally agreed that £100 would be sufficient. If the figure were larger, then it was agreed that either emails or phone calls would be made to every Councillor for their approval.

13/083 Army Matters

Lt Col Nigel Lingewas unable to attend the meeting and sent his apologies.

13/084 Unitary Council Matters

Wiltshire Cllr Charles Howard was unable to attend the meeting and sent his apologies.

13/085 Neighbourhood Watch

Steve Becker had emailed his apologies that he was unable to attend the meeting but had circulated the latest issues from the Police reports on 28th July to all Councillors.

13/086 Tidworth Community Area Partnership

Tony Pickernell was unable to attend the meeting and sent his apologies.

13/087 Planning

The Council had previously been made aware of all the current Planning Applications – reference numbers 13/01015/TCA, 13/02089/TCA, 13/01831/HRN and 13/01870/VAR within the village and no objections were raised.

13/088 Roads/ Highways

Cllr Harbottle attended the CATG meeting and reported the main points as follows:

- 1 There is no longer to be an annual speed limit review with a central budget
- 2 The budget is now added to discretionary Highways Funds which are available to District Boards/CATGs who can decide either to continue with reviews or use the funds for other CATG schemes.
- 3 The Tidworth Budget has now risen from £11,757 to £17,757
4. The cost of installing a speed limit is around £2,000 per route and signing costs are £1,000 per km. All this is now covered by the Area Board Discretionary Funds.

Cllr Harbottle has met the MOD land agent, Mr Tom Theed, and he has agreed to the cutting back of the trees and brush that is fouling the overhead utility lines (telephone) at the bottom of Coombe Lane and between Littlecot Mill and Littlecot House within the next two months subject to funds being available.

Cllr Harbottle has been in touch with Julian Haines regarding the extra fencing on the approach to Enfordbridge from the west. Mr Haines says he will visit the site before their next meeting where he will put

forward his proposals. The untrimmed vegetation has now been cut though not well but hopefully the next cut will improve the overall appearance.

Cllr Harbottle continues to press Mrs Dallimore on the pothole situation. Some have been filled but not all those listed. They have to reach a certain level of severity before they will be attended to.

Following the report from Mike Germany (Minutes of June 26th 13 item Public Questions, 13/063iii) about the problems in Fifield, Cllr Harbottle has had a site visit/meeting with Mrs Dallimore to point out the various problems that need to be rectified. Since then the untrimmed length of roadside bank has been cut but there still remains work to be done.

Cllr Harbottle has also contacted the Council about the blocked drain north of The Old Barn, East Chisenbury. The Council are well aware of this problem after the heavy rains and hopefully this will be sorted in due course.

13/089 Rights of Way

Cllr Beardsley reported that after waiting for 29 weeks, the bulb in the streetlight has now been repaired! Apart from this great news, he had no more to say.

13/090 General Parish Matters

Cllr Young had previously suggested the village should have defibrillators. Cllr Holden suggested some fund raising and an approach to the Community Fund as they are reportedly around £2,000 each. Cllr Monk asked if Cllr Young would research the project and present the results including costs, who would look after the equipment, where it would be stored etc. Cllr Young agreed to take on this project and will report back at the next meeting.

13/091 Correspondence

Parking on the C32. Cllr Monk read out a long explanatory letter from Colin Hill concerning the 'pinchpoint' in the village (by River Cottage, Cherrypicker Cottage, The Cottage and Wayside Cottage) where cars are parked on the narrow road making it difficult for some larger vehicles to get through. At this point not all the houses have off-road parking and the most recent incident was caused by a coach trying to get through but being too close to the thatch netting of River Cottage, managed to damage it (for the 3rd time in 5 years). He writes that it is time some decisive action is taken. The local council is averse to putting yellow 'no parking' lines through the village – as are the villagers. He hopes that with the Parish council involvement and the local Council, some solution can be found. It is also a point of concern that emergency vehicles (ambulances/fire engines etc) may not be able to get through.

Quality of River water. Mr Denis Collings of Pewsey has written to the Parish Council concerning the quality of the river water. He is a member of a fishing syndicate that fishes the stretch of water from Enford Bridge to Compton. He is concerned about the amount of siltation, at a recent weed clearing session most of the weed was covered in brown sediment. He has contacted the Environment Agency but says they were not particularly helpful and has asked the Council if they would also approach the Agency to get something done. Cllr Harbottle explained that the river above Upavon branches into two sections, one being normally clear and the other carrying sediment. Cllr Waight added that after heavy rainfall the run off from the roads and culverts also pollutes the river - the two rejoin and mix. The Environment Agency is already dealing with this matter by trying to create more meanders which will help to speed up the flow of the river and clear the water. The Clerk was asked to respond to Mr Collings with this information.

Email of 17th June 2013 from Cllr Pettit to Cllr Monk – This relates to the Parish Hall Management Committee's response to the request for feedback on the Parish Plan. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine says this email is defamatory and incorrect and demanded some comments were withdrawn or he would take the matter further. This was felt not to be a matter for the Parish Council as a whole to discuss at this time.

13/092 Any Other Business

All Councillors were asked if they had anything they wished to raise:

Cllr Orr said that after many years on the Parish Council he would be retiring on 23rd October. He is unable to attend the next meeting in September. It was agreed that he would be much missed. As another resident of East Chisenbury (Enford north ward), Mr Steve Brown has been approached about joining the Parish Council.

Cllr Beardsley said he had been contacted by Mrs Sarah Everett with complaints about people walking their dogs through the cemetery and allowing them to foul. She had found this extremely offensive as it was not even restricted to the footpaths. Cllr Monk suggested this should be raised in the newsletter and possibly signage to be placed for those people who come from out of the village. There is no objection to owners walking their dogs through there but they must not be allowed to foul the area.

Cllr Beardsley said he would not be able to attend the next meeting.

With reference to the email of 17th June (see Correspondence 13/091), Cllr Pettit asked Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine to write to him itemising his issues. He would be pleased to review the comments made and respond to Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine's concerns accordingly.

13/093 **Date of next Meeting**

This will be on Wednesday 11th September 2013 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm

Elizabeth Harrison, Clerk to Enford Parish Council