

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 20th November 2013

Present:	Mr Ken Monk	Chairman
	Mrs Tessa Manser, Mrs Jane Young	Parish Councillors
	Mr Bruce Waight, Mr David Harbottle	Parish Councillors
	Mr A D'Arcy-Irvine, Mr Norman Beardsley	Parish Councillors
	Mr Gareth Holden	Parish Councillors
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk to the Council
	Mr Steve Becker	Neighbourhood Watch
	Mr Adrian Orr	Parish Planning
	Mrs Patricia Holdway	
	Mrs Tanya Becker	

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.33 p.m.

13/126 **Apologies.**

Were received from - Wilts Cllr Charles Howard, Lt Col Nigel Linge (Army Matters), Cllr Michael Fay Cllr Richard Petitt, PC Ivor Noyce and TCAP rep Tony Pickernell were also absent.

13/127 **Public Questions**

No members of the public attended

13/128 **Verification of Minutes from 23rd October and 6th November 2013**

The Minutes from 23rd October were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine and seconded by Cllr Harbottle. The Minutes from 6th November (Precept only meeting) were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr Beardsley and seconded by Cllr Young.

13/129 **Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

13/130 **Matters Arising.**

i. Appointment of new Vice Chairman

No nominations were put forward and the position remains open.

ii. Playpark Update on Remedial Work

No work has been done as yet because Cllr Fay who is in charge of the matter has a) recently had an operation and b) was not present. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine enquired about the additional land lying next to the Playpark. Earlier in the year there had been a proposal to sign the land over from Wilts Council to Enford Parish to enlarge the Playpark area. There had not been enough volunteers/commitment for this to proceed. The land is apparently still available if wanted.

iii. Parish Hall Governance/Audit.

Cllr Petitt who is the Chairman of the Parish Hall Management Committee was not present to discuss this.

iv. Parish Council representative for the Village Hall Committee

The vacancy has arisen due to Cllr Adrian Orr retiring from the Parish Council in October. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine offered to take this position

v. Co-option of Mrs Patricia Holdway

The Co-option was proposed by Cllr Harbottle and seconded by Cllr Holden. Mrs Holdway signed her Declaration of Acceptance. The Council is now back to the required 11 members.

13/131 **Finance**

The Clerk read out the Council's current financial situation from the bank reconciliation. At the end of November there should be £3,893.60 in the account. This was working from October's bank statement with uncleared cheques. A new expenses claim of £42.50 will reduce this figure to £3,851.10

13/132 Police Matters

PC Ivor Noyce was unable to attend however Michael Bayliss had emailed a brief note which was read out by Cllr Monk...

"The Policing Priority of thefts from outbuildings continues with regular policing operations.

Incidents:

21-Oct-13 Palmeston Meadow, burglary, gardening tools stolen from shed.

There were other minor incidents, lost dog, swan by side of road and cows escaped, all resolved safely."

13/133 Army Matters

Lt Col Nigel Lingewas unable to attend the meeting. He is always happy to answer any questions the Council might raise. No report was emailed to the Clerk and no questions were raised.

13/134 Unitary Council Matters

Wiltshire Cllr Charles Howard sent his apologies for being unable to attend the meeting. No matters were raised.

13/135 Neighbourhood Watch

Steve Becker reported on the Security Presentation that had been organised to try and assist against the increase of thefts from out buildings. Free quotations are available to those interested.

13/136 Tidworth Community Area Partnership

Tony Pickernell did not attend the meeting.

13/137 Planning

13/04747/FUL was looked at and agreed to.

13/138 Roads/ Highways

- i. A 'Community Day' has been scheduled for Enford in the near future and Cllr Harbottle has drawn attention to the outstanding work in Fifield, pot holes on the C32 and Water Lane, road break up on A345, uncut verges at the bridge and on the A345 at Enford Hill, sweeping the footpath from the Church car park to the junction with Long Street, clearing the dead leaves from the roadside along the same length of road and the re-setting of the signs at the entrance to Water Lane.
- ii. Regarding the street light on the bridge, Cllr Harbottle read an email which was 'hot off the press'. The reason for no light is due to the fact that the Council contractors (Balfour Beatty) cannot do the work themselves as this has to be done by SSE. In turn, SSE won't do the work without being paid upfront.
- iii. The MOD will finish cutting the roadside trees and bushes between Glebe Farm and no1 Littlecote once the roadside scaffolding has been removed from Glebe Farm. They will then go from there to Coombe Lane.
- iv. We are still awaiting the delivery of the 1 tonne bag of road salt to be stored in Cllr Young's barn.
- v. Cllr Harbottle now has the telephone contact number for 'out of hours' highways emergency repairs.

13/139 Rights of Way

Cllr Beardsley had nothing to report.

13/140 The Parish Plan - Planning, Housing and Public Land

Steve Becker, as chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Committee was accompanied by Mr Adrian Orr. He explained that the main reason behind this project was to get interest from the parishioners regarding the future of their village. He read out some questions and answers on the above topics. There are currently 4 pieces of land available in Enford. To date permission has been refused for building on 2 of these for various reasons but mainly because of the issues of sustainability (drains, roads, power supply etc). The land owners still wish to build. It is not feasible or particularly desirable to increase the amount of housing in the village/parish by any great number, whether this is for affordable housing or not. It was pointed out that with any waiting list for affordable housing, people would be taken from the top of the list regardless of whether

they had any connection to the village. The matter of more housing being needed in the area generally (particularly with the MOD bring 5,000 more personnel to the area) was discussed. This could distort the value of the existing houses. However any building on a large scale is unlikely to happen in Enford because there are only small areas of land available within the village and even this would impact on sustainability issues.

On the matter of 'Public Land' within the village, this could be used for Allotments, a play facility for older children or an outdoor sports/exercise facility. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine has offered to go through the Land Registry to find out who the land may belong to. Some people have rented various locations but do not own them. Mr Adrian Orr is also waiting to hear from the local Council on this matter. Referring to the land alongside the current Playpark, Steve Becker suggested that maybe this could be 'generally' added to land available for re-use within the village. All projects of this nature would of course require dedicated volunteers to bring it to fruition.

Cllr Harbottle asked about the land at the back of The Swan. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine said that the Council owned the car park at The Swan but not the land. It is a small piece of land which is difficult to access, rendering it almost useless. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine will also check the ownership of this land with the Land Registry.

Cllr Waight asked about the quantity of possible allotments available. Whilst this is too early to predict there is also the question of a water supply.

There is more land in the village owned by the MOD but there is also the question of access to it. Cllr Monk suggested asking the MOD if it could be rented for the benefit of the village.

On the question of Planning Procedures, Cllr Monk explained that there were nominally 6 members of the Parish Council Planning Committee who dealt with any applications although every member of the Council may voice their opinion. Wiltshire council is legally obliged to inform a Parish Council and request their input. Where an application is made to trim back trees, it is generally waived through. When there are applications for house extensions and the like, the details are circulated to the Council members. If there are serious questions or mis-understandings then a site visit is organised. Applications which may be contentious are dealt with at a full Parish Council meeting. Applications which are contentious are dealt with by the Parish Council meeting with the fullest possible public attendance. Decisions are made and reported back to Wiltshire Council via the Clerk.

13/141 **Any Other Business**

Cllr Young reported on the matter of a Defibrillator for the village. Cllr Waight confirmed that the finance (up to £2,000) was available from the South West Farmers Trust. Correspondence (Gift Aid forms, cPAD registration and support documents, cPAD Ambulance Briefing and an invoice) had been sent to the Clerk from The Community Heartbeat Trust. Until the funding is in the Parish Council's bank account, the invoice cannot be paid therefore Cllr Waight has taken the invoice to start proceedings. The equipment will need to be checked once a week and Sue Brown (on whose property the Defibrillator will be located) has agreed that she will do this and email Heartbeat. Cllr Young said she would apply to the Chisenbury Fund to see if they would be prepared to assist with the installation and ongoing maintenance costs.

Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine reported on a new app for smart phones called 'My Wiltshire' through which you can report things to Wiltshire Council, for example, pot holes in roads.

Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine also suggested that as the Parish Hall Management Committee were not going to charge Enford Parish Council rent for use of the Parish Hall, then the saving could be used to increase the donations given to both football clubs in the parish – Enford and Chisenbury. This would be an even and fair distribution and was agreed by all Councillors.

Cllr Manser raised the matter of there currently not being a Vice Chairman on the Council and felt this should be considered and acted upon as a matter of some urgency.

There being no other business Cllr Monk closed the meeting at 20.23p.m.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 15th January 2014** at 19.30hrs in the Parish Hall.

Elizabeth Harrison – Clerk to Enford Parish Council