

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 25th June 2014

Present:	Mr Norman Beardsley	Chairman
	Mr Nigel Murray	Vice Chairman
	Mrs Patricia Holdway, Mrs Jane Young	Councillors
	Mr Michael Fay, Mr A D'Arcy-Irvine	Councillors
	Mr Gareth Holden, Mr Richard Petitt	Councillors
	Mr David Harbottle, Mr Bruce Waight	Councillors
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	Mr Charles Howard	Wiltshire Council

The meeting was opened at 7.32pm by the Chairman

14/196 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Richard Roberts who is away at present and Mr Tony Pickernell from TCAP who had to attend another meeting.

14/197 Public Questions

Mr Keith Sanders who lives in Enford but was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting, had written to the Council about his concerns on speeding through the village, stressing the type of vehicles (coaches, lorries and farm vehicles – all large) and wanted to know what had been/ was being done about this. As a member of the Community Speed Watch (CSW) team, Cllr Beardsley said that they do in fact have jurisdiction to cover the C32 as well as the A345 and suggested a couple of 'watches' should be arranged. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine said the school bus went through the village doing at least 40mph. Cllr Harbottle said that in both August 2013 and May 2014 the Parish Council was told it would not get the speed limited reduced to 20mph. Cllr Beardsley asked Cllr Harbottle (Roads and Highways) to respond to Mr Keith Sanders on behalf of the Parish Council and explain the situation.

Cllr Petitt agreed that CSW checks on the C32 would be a good idea and enquired about the procedure. Cllr Beardsley explained the whole process. Cllr Waight asked about the signs that flash up your speed on approach – 'speed indication devices' and Cllr Charles Howard explained that these would only be used and effective for a short period of time as people get used to them quickly and thereafter, ignore them. The devices do not have cameras in or any form of speed/number plate recording.

The new Landlord, Peter and his wife Emma joined the meeting as a way of saying 'hello' and gave a brief run down of their plans. They have a house in Paddock Close which they are selling and will be moving into the Pub itself. Emma will continue her job as a headteacher and will no doubt be helping Peter in the evenings and at weekends. They are very keen to 'give the pub back' to the village and intend to be open 7 days a week and all day at the weekends. Peter is the chef, front of house, barman who loves baking and he will also be offering coffee and freshly baked bread, local eggs and other emergency supplies. The car park is being looked at and hopefully repaired, Southern

Electricity will be cutting down the conifers so there is no interference with cables and they are hopefully going to get BT to deal with their cables which may help phones and broadband generally in the village as they currently 'rest' on the pub's sign. They hope to open next Friday (4th July).

14/198 Verification of Minutes

The Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 9th April (not the AGM on May 14th) were raised. All Councillors had had a copy sent to them recently and these were proposed as a true record by Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine and seconded by Cllr Petitt.

Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine requested that the 'versions' of the Draft Minutes be numbered to assist with knowing that we were all talking about the latest version. The Clerk will do this.

14/199 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

14/200 Matters Arising

No matters were mentioned.

14/201 Finance

The Clerk reported on the Council's financial situation. The bank statement for June has not yet arrived and so the bank figures were taken from the May bank statement. Carrying forward from May to June there was a balance of £7,652.21. All the agreed donations and Section 137 donations were written in June so the out goings were high, including the Clerk's salary (May & June) plus the annual Insurance (£596.26) meant that a total of £3,306.26 has been accounted for leaving a balance of £4,345.95. The 2 donation cheques written for SSAFFA and the Ghurka Welfare Trust totalling £100 have still apparently not been cashed. The Clerk has written to the funeral Directors to chase this up but has had no response from them.

All bar 3 of the recipients of the donations have written to acknowledge safe receipt and to thank the Parish Council for their support.

The Clerk also reported that the Annual Return has been sent to Grant Thornton in Bristol for external audit and they have so far acknowledged receipt – some enquiries may follow in due course but they will be directed to the Clerk who will deal with them.

14/202 Police Matters

PCSO Maria Downham had been planning to attend but was unable to at the last minute. On the morning of 26th June the Clerk received the following brief.

Due to unforeseen commitments I was not able to attend the meeting please see update that would have been past below.

14/04/2014 – minor injury road traffic collision

28/05/2014 – fail to stop RTC Coomb Lane.

04/06/2014 – Hare Coursing - 3 Suspects have been seen with 3 lurcher dogs which had been seen chasing a hare.

01/03/2014-16/06/2014 - 2 X greyhound dogs are continually out of control in a public place after escaping from within their premises under a wooden fence. Enquiries ongoing.

PCSO Maria Downham will however be attending the Village Fete this coming Saturday, 28th June.

14/203 Army Matters

We no longer have a liaison/ contact with the MOD for information/questions.

14/204 Unitary Council Matters

Cllr Howard – referring to an earlier discussion on speed limits – said the review was carried out last year with results sent to those concerned in August 2013. The Draft Traffic Regulation Order could be changed in August 2014 after consultation with a 3 week ‘window’ for comments. If there are no changes then work to implement the review findings would start in early 2015. He had kindly provided a map with the different sections of the C32 and the new speed limits to be imposed. (Please see forwarded copy). Where there is little or no change from the National speed limit of 60mph, Cllr Waight asked if speed ramps might be possible. Cllr Howard replied that these would not be put in rural roads – possibly urban or suburban situations but definitely not on the C32.

Cllr Howard went on to tell us about:

World War 1 Commemoration Events During July –

There will be two interesting World War 1 events at Tidworth during July.

*The first is on **Wednesday 9th July** at the Tidworth Garrison Theatre when there will be a series of lectures by military historians entitled ‘World War 1-The Opening Shots’. The first of five lectures will start at 9.30 am, and they will continue throughout the day until 4.30 pm. There is no need to stay for all five, come and go as you please. The event is free and open to all. The only limiting factor is the capacity of the Garrison Theatre which is 700.*

Posters which give the subject and timing of each event are being placed on most parish noticeboards, and if you want a copy please contact me as below, by email if possible.

*The second is on **Wednesday 30th July at 10 am** when there will be a WW1 Commemoration Event at Tidworth Military Cemetery, organised by Wiltshire Council and the Army to mark and commemorate the sacrifice made by 10,000 soldiers from Wiltshire during the First World War. Each fallen soldier will be represented by a named cross to be produced by Wiltshire schoolchildren and placed on a wall of remembrance which will be the focus of this special event.*

The event will be open to everyone who wishes to attend and reflect on the huge sacrifice made by so many from Wiltshire. There is capacity to host up to 10,000 attendees. Parking will be adjacent to the cemetery and refreshments will be available.

Further information about disabled parking, other facilities and wet weather plans etc is available at www.heritageinwiltshire.wordpress.com

Wiltshire Council and the Army look forward to seeing you on 30th July and welcoming you to this special event.

Cllr Howard also gave the Council interesting information the Social Care Act 2014. His notes are as follows:

The Social Care Act 2014

Wiltshire Council has now taken over responsibility for social care from the NHS.

New regulations about adult social care under the Social Care Act 2014 come into force on 1st April 2015. The rules are complex, but a very brief summary is as follows:

1. *The threshold at which a person qualifies for Council care will increase from assets of £25,000 to assets of £118,000. This means that many more adults will qualify for social care than now.*
2. *Unpaid carers will receive more support than at present, with provision for cover by Council carers to provide respite cover.*

In terms of what this will mean for Wiltshire Council, the following background information is of interest:

- *At present, 40% of the Council's budget is spent on care for 42,000 people. The number of carers is about the same, and a high proportion are paid employees of the Council..*
- *The Council has to spend £35,000 per annum per person for residential care. The cost of care at home is £7,800 per annum.*

The additional cost to the Council from April next year is estimated to be in the region of £35 million which will have to be found from Council Taxpayers. That is going to be a big challenge.

As a final point, Cllr Howard explained how Wiltshire Council had become very unhappy with the performance of Balfour Beatty Living Spaces (BBLS) for dealing with the various jobs the Council had contracted them to do. There are many jobs still undone and those that have been done are not always satisfactory. To cancel the contract with BBLS would be extremely expensive to the Council and they do not wish to do this. Instead they are looking at withholding payments for non-performance. Cllr Howard said the due diligence had been done on them before being contracted and their performance elsewhere had been good but in Wiltshire it has not worked. Cllr Pettitt asked if there was internal resentment. Cllr Howard explained that the workforce from the previous contract had been retained, new equipment had been brought in and one of BBLS's managers had even been sacked but still the performance is poor.

Cllr Howard, having delivered his report/information, then left the meeting at 8.07pm.

14/205 Neighbourhood Watch

Since Steve Becker decided to step down from this liaison, no one has come forward to take it on. However Cllr Richard Roberts will hopefully step into the breach on his return from holiday in August.

14/206 TCAP

Although invited to the meeting, Tony Pickernell was unable to attend and did not send a brief for the Parish Council.

14/207 Planning Applications

There are currently no outstanding Planning Applications

14/208 Roads and Highways

Cllr Harbottle updated the Council with the following information:

- 1 The replacement crash barriers for the A345 have been given the financial go ahead however, there is no delivery/installation date as yet.

2 Cutting back the verges in Fifield – The contractors are no longer able to use the JCB for this job and they are now looking at an alternative modus operandi

3 The pot holes on both the A345 and C32 are both on-going.

4 The next 'Community Day' for Enford will be July 14th (France - Bastille Day!) There will be a meeting on 4th July (US – Independence Day!) to discuss and list the work to be done.

5 The current list of jobs remaining is:

a Vegetation on the footpaths in Water Lane to be cut back/removed

b Straightening the sign at the bottom of Water Lane

c Vegetation around the street lights in Water Lane to be cut back/removed

d Vegetation around the post and rail fence at the bridge to be cut back/removed

e Run offs in Water Lane beyond the 30mph release sign to be cleared and deepened

Cllr Harbottle also said that the Tidworth and CATG would like all 'small highways requests' to be in by the end of June.

14/209 PROWS – Rights of Way

Cllr Beardsley has had reports of problems with two Enford PROW's, the first being Enford Bridleway No 1 which runs in a northerly direction from Chisenbury Court. This is completely overgrown thus making it un-useable. Consequently walkers and horse riders have been using an adjacent field. Weeds and vegetation are encroaching onto the steps of Enford Foot Path No 25, running west from the junction of the A345/Enford Hill. This path is included as part of the route of the Pewsey Avon Trail, and the Great Stones Way walk.

Both have been reported to Wiltshire Council with a request for clearance.

Cllr Beardsley reminded the Council that he spoken at a previous meeting about an application to upgrade three Bridleways to Byways, these being Enford 9, Everleigh 6 & 16. The Everleigh Bridleways are included as they join and have impact on other Enford PROW's. He has now received notification from Wiltshire Council that they have confirmed all three Bridleways as being upgraded to Restricted Byways. This means each route is now open for use by walkers, horse riders, horse drawn carriages and cyclists.

A further application is currently being considered by Wiltshire Council to upgrade another five Bridleways to Byways. These are Enford BridlewaysNos 13,16, 18, 44 and Fittleton 7A. Enford 18, 16 & 44 form a direct route from the eastern end of Coombe Lane to the bungalow at Baden Down Farm. Enford 13 & Fittleton 7A form a second route from Dreweatt's Clump to the Everleigh/Haxton Range Road just west of Beech's Barn. He has surveyed these routes and submitted a report plus photographs to Wiltshire Council and now await their decision.

14/210 Parish Plan

Although Steve Becker was asked in advance of the meeting to provide a topic for discussion, none was forthcoming on this occasion. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine feels we should be in closer contact with him on this matter. Cllr Murray stated that the Parish Plan was a summary of 60% of the villagers' thoughts. It was agreed that the Council should be more involved.

14/211 Any Other Business

a. Holding a village database/ Data Protection Act

It is generally agreed that it would be useful to have a database of those within the parish boundaries for the passing on of information that affects everyone or possibly emergency situations or simply being able to contact all whom the Parish Council represent. This raises two particular matters – one being better communication with the ‘parishioners’ and the other being the Data Protection Act. All parishioners would have to agree to their information (email address) being stored for ‘public’ use. Who would have access to it? Is their privacy being properly protected? Are they even interested in being on such a database? This raises the Data Protection Act which needs to be looked into and the parameters understood. At present no one has enough knowledge on this and therefore Cllr Petitt suggested that the Clerk looks into the matter.

Steve Becker currently holds a database of some 300 email addresses. This covers most of the parish but also is used under various sections for example, members of the Film Club (not all from the parish), members of the Garden Club (again not all from the parish).

With Steve’s assistance earlier in the year (February) and with reference to the Flood Mapping sessions open to the village, the Clerk had tried to use the system from her computer. This was not entirely successful and created considerable extra work.

The Parish Council needs to decide exactly what such a database is to be used for, who will be responsible for using and maintaining it and how this is put to the parishioners in order to get their permission to be included.

b. Playpark – update on remedial work

Cllr Fay says the seat will be repaired in the next two weeks – ie before the school holidays. Cllr Fay and Cllr Young will also repair the fencing before then and Cllr Beardsley has offered his assistance with this.

As it is quite remote within the village an alternative site was discussed, the obvious location being the recreation ground by the Village Hall. Cllr D’Arcy-Irvine (as Parish Council representative on the Village Hall committee) said the only place it might be located is impossible as that is over the main sewerage pipe to Netheravon. Cllr Petitt said this is not unsurmountable.

In February 2013 Emma Lovell and Miguel Fernandes were interested in taking on the running and possible expansion of the Playpark . Below is an extract from the Minutes of 27th February 2013 to give everyone some background information.

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

13/029i The Playpark –Asset Transfer

Meeting between Martin Webb, Emma Lovell and John Price, the Wiltshire County Estates Officer. Free transfer of land to [Parish]Council control only for the benefit of the community. Insurance will need to be arranged. Wilts Council to 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 the EPC but available when needed. This has been done in the past. Tidworth Area Board require 4-6 week's notice of the Asset Transfer before their next Board meeting which will be held in June/July. Emma says there are already five 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 to be checked.

c. Enford Paddock – Affordable Housing (aka The Bungalow Project)

Cllr Petitt explained in more detail how the project had come about – that it was part of Wiltshire's Core Strategy, what it was looking to achieve and how the whole process would work. Please see notes of the informal meeting held with Helen Taylor on 4th June, distributed to all Cllrs on 8th June.

Cllr Holden asked about any upgrading of infrastructure and Cllr Petitt explained that this could be achieved as part of a 'bartering' system.

Cllr Harbottle thinks that this could be the wrong location. Cllr Holdway's own research agrees with this.

Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine has a copy of the Core Strategy and it expressly says that Enford Paddock is not for building on. He too feels this would be the wrong location for older people to move into.

Cllr Holden thinks we should go ahead with the Survey (see attachments of 8th June for sample copies) and Cllr Petitt agrees. When put to the whole Council, it was unanimously agreed that we should go ahead with the Survey to at least get some feedback and an idea of actual requirement. This is non-committal at this stage.

The Clerk will contact Helen Taylor.

d. Summer Activities at the Village Hall

Wendy Higginson has written to Cllr Young and asked if the Parish Council would cover the cost (£20) of hiring the Village Hall for the Summer Activities Day. Cllr Holden offered to pay this personally however Cllr Young said the Youth Club had paid the bill. Cllr Holden wishes to personally repay the Youth Club.

e. Village Hall permission for banner in the Jubilee Garden

The Village Hall have asked permission from the Parish Council to put up a banner to advertise the open air production of Treasure Island in July. As this land is rented, there are many restrictions on advertising on such sites, Cllr Beardsley has written to W Council for guidance and hopefully clearance of red tape. Cllr Murray suggested that when the advertising for the Fete is removed from Cllr Waight's field, the Treasure Island banner could take its place. Cllr Waight is happy for this to go

ahead. A vote was taken and it was agreed to allow the Village Hall to put their banner in place of the advertising for the Fete and see if any action would be taken to have it removed.

f. 'Concealed Entrance' sign at West Chisenbury

Cllr Fay explained the situation regarding the parking, exit and egress to the A345. As there is a bend in the road to the south with large barns blocking one's view, it can be very dangerous as cars are travelling at approx. 50mph (some faster) with approx. 150yds of visibility. With the increased traffic on the roads this could be an accident waiting to happen. Cllr Harbottle will ask Nick Bancroft to check the site to see if it could be a 'small highways' requested job (see last paragraph of 14/208).

Cllr Beardsley asked if anyone had any further comments or requests:

Cllr Harbottle is having a new tank delivered and the old one removed on 9th July. This will unfortunately mean that there will briefly be a lorry on the grass of the Jubilee Garden. Providing no unnecessary damage is done, this should be alright.

Susie Winter is considering developing a house in her garden. She is thinking about applying for planning permission but is concerned by the reaction of the Parish Council and wants to know general thoughts on this before starting any proceedings. The Council did not seem very keen on this.

Cllr Murray explained that he is eligible for a Flooding grant and that this could well help others in the village should they choose to apply.

-He also commented on the state of the village Notice Board opposite his house, Cllr Pettitt has said he will look into this. The Clerk commented that all the Notice Boards (3) could do with being looked at – the one in Coombe is permanently damp causing printed matter to smudge and blur. *(The wood on the one in Enford warps badly in winter and you need a screwdriver to prise it open. The one in East Chisenbury isn't too bad but could do with being twice the size)!*

Cllr Murray also commented on the plethora of notices and asked if there was any way of filtering them.

Cllr Pettitt asked for information on the Defibrillator as he is planning to have an A board at the Village Fete. He also proposed that the Parish Council write a letter of 'Welcome' to Emma and Peter at the Swan which was agreed by all councillors and asked the Clerk to do this.

14/212 Correspondence

There was none that had not already been circulated to the Council

14/213 Date of Next Meeting

The next parish Council meeting will be on **Wednesday 30th July at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall**

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Elizabeth Harrison - Clerk