

# ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Draft Minutes of the meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> July 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

The meeting was opened at 7.28pm by the Chairman

**14/214 Apologies** - Cllr Roberts is still away on holiday. Wiltshire Councillor, Charles Howard was unable to attend due to two previous meetings during the afternoon. Tony Pickernell of TCAP was chairing another meeting that evening and Cllrs Waight and Holden were both variously delayed but joined the Council during the meeting.

**14/215 Public Questions** - There were no members of the public present and therefore, no questions.

**14/216 Verification of the Minutes** - Cllr Harbottle proposed the Minutes as an accurate record and Cllr Petitt seconded the proposal. All other Cllrs. were unanimously in agreement.

**14/217 Declarations of Interest** - There were none declared.

**14/218 Matters Arising** - Cllr Holdway was questioning why there were no dog-fouling bins. The general answer to this is that the Council do not empty them. As the question arose from mainly MOD land, as opposed to Council land, Cllr Holdway will check on the Army website.

**14/219 Finance** - The Clerk read out the current financial situation though without a July bank statement this was an extrapolation of the June statement. Copies of the Bank Reconciliation were available to Cllrs should they wish to take them. The Clerk was asked to produce a year on year document so as to be able to gauge whether or not the Council's expenditure is higher or lower than usual.

**14/220 Police Matters** - Maria Downham was not able to attend at the beginning of the meeting though arrived later on. Having just returned from 2 weeks leave she had checked to see what events may have taken place in her absence – there were none. The Chairman asked about the 'Hit and Run' incident in Coombe Lane some 6 weeks ago as no one who lives there knows anything about it. Maria said she would look into it. A certain car, known to both the Police and the public, is apparently parking inconsiderately on the public highway. Maria thanked the Council for their time, congratulated them on their Fete in June and duly left the meeting.

**14/221 Army Matters** - The Chairman is trying to find out if there is still a liaison officer with the Army since the departure of Lt Col Nigel Linge some 10 months ago. He will continue with his efforts.

**14/222 Unitary Council Matters** - Cllr Charles Howard was unable to attend but raised two small items by email:

Firstly, that there is free swimming in all Wiltshire Council pools for children under 16 for the duration of the summer holidays.

Secondly, in case it had not already reached Enford, he attached a copy of the Wiltshire Community Area Summer Youth Programme.

Cllr Young reported that the Youth Club already has this and Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine said the Village Hall and Enford Newsletter had tried to get this into the Summer Newsletter (July/August Newsletter) but copies were not forwarded by Tidworth in time for inclusion. Copies to be displayed on the notice boards where there is space.

**14/223 Neighbourhood Watch** - Steve Becker, though retired from this position, was invited to attend though was unable to do so. Cllr Beardsley is now receiving the Police bulletins but says there is nothing there that concerns Enford.

**14/224 Tidworth CAP** - Tony Pickernell was elsewhere chairing a Planning meeting and so was unable to attend. He did not send a 'brief' to the meeting.

**14/225 Planning Applications** - Cllr Petitt advised on both 14/04957/FUL and 14/04975/LBC at the Cottage, Long Street. It was agreed that it would be a positive move and supported by all Cllrs. 14/07053/TCA was also agreed upon.

#### **14/226 Roads and Highways –**

1 At the Tidworth Area Community Transport group meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July the following two items concerning Enford were dealt with:

1a Coombe will get a 30mph speed restriction most probably by 2015 but the signage for the 'Steep Hill' will not be considered until the 30mph restriction has been in place for about a year so that the situation can be monitored.

1b Under the Small Highways Request Scheme, the P.C. had asked for a 'Danger , concealed entrance' sign on the A345 at West Chisenbury. The proposal is being put forward for consideration and will hopefully be accepted.

2 Mr Keith Sanders request for more information (following on from 25-Jun-14, 14/197 Public Questions) regarding who in Wiltshire Council made the decision on the failed 20mph bid has been passed to Wiltshire Council. Mr Sanders was unhappy that Wiltshire appeared to be hiding behind the Parish Council.

3 The latest Community Day was held on 14<sup>th</sup> July and the following jobs were completed:

3a The vegetation by the post and rail fencing at the bridge has been cut back.

3b the mechanical road sweeper was operated as needed.

3c The sign at the bottom of Water Lane has been re-aligned

3d The tree growth around the street light in Water Lane has been cut back

3e Weeds growing in the footpaths in Water Lane and Grants Road were removed

3f The hedge growth around the road signs on the A345 at New Buildings was cut back

3g Some potholes in East Chisenbury were repaired

4 As yet there is no news of a start date for the replacement of the barriers on the A345 at Longacre.

5 There will be another Community day in September/October however most of the work is now done.

6 Mr Murray-Hill recently lost a tyre on Mr Mackie's sarsen stones as he was trying to avoid another vehicle. On speaking to Wiltshire Council it transpires that it is the job of the Parish Council to speak to Mr Mackie as these stones are too close to the road and will need to be moved back by at least one metre. Cllr Harbottle therefore will speak to Mr Mackie.

**14/227 Public Rights of Way (PROWs)** - Cllr Beardsley reported that a footpath direction post on Enford footpath no 4, just north of the Red Lion public house, needs to be replaced.

Enford bridleway no 1 was cleared of vegetation on Thurs./Fri. 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> July

The steps of Enford footpath 25 to the Enford steps were also cleared of vegetation on Thurs./Fri. 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> July .

He had also had a query from a resident of Grants Road regarding the footpath running through the field at the rear of the garages and play area which had recently been ploughed and not re-instated by the farmer. On checking the facts, there is no PROW at that particular location.

Cllr Beardsley also reported that Wiltshire Council does not have the manpower to keep all the paths and bridleways clear. In other areas of Wiltshire there are volunteer groups taking on this job and it could well come to Enford Village though there is more discussion to come on this.

**14/228 The Parish Plan** - Cllr Murray proposed that we use the whole of the Parish Plan to look at and prioritise things we can do, as requested by the Parish. He went on to propose that the Parish Council invites a member from each of the village committees to attend the Parish Council meetings. The reason being that there are five main committees all doing the same job of raising money and distributing this within the village. The massive duplication of such efforts could possibly be reduced/simplified with the different areas of Parish activity involved still benefitting from the process. The five main committees are: The Parish Council, The Parochial Church Council, The Parish Hall Committee, The Village Hall Committee and the Fete Committee (who also provide for the fireworks in November).

Cllr Petitt suggested that email communication between the five would save people attending endless meetings. Cllr Murray pointed out that as the Parish Plan 'results' had come from a 60% response from those within the Parish, all five committees should get together and distribute this jointly. Cllr Beardsley suggested the discussion should continue as an 'informal' meeting but as all the committees are represented on the Parish Council anyway, discussion could be circulated amongst the individual groups.

#### **14/229 Any Other Business –**

**i. EPC to have its own webpage on the village website**(for publishing Agendas, Minutes, important relevant information concerning all villagers etc) –Courtesy of Steve/Tanya Becker's efforts most of this information is already posted on the website though it might possibly be brought together.

**ii. Defibrillator Training Evening**– The Clerk confirmed that this event was booked for the evening of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. The event will be run by Richard Schofield of Community Heartbeat Trust and the session would normally last for about one and a half hours. The Clerk was asked what was the maximum number of people able to attend?... *The Clerk can confirm "As many as you can fit in the building. The session is primarily to demonstrate the process of using a defibrillator and resuscitation. Not everyone who attends such a session wants to practice but we do bring 4 manikins for those who want to do some hands on."*

**iii. Village Co-ordination** – This had already been discussed under subject 14/228, The Parish Plan as it is a component aspect of focussing benefits for the village.

**iv. EPC Housing Survey** – Copies of the Wiltshire Council survey and copies of the Parish Council's proposed alternative were supplied to all the Councillors and a short time was given for everyone to look at and compare the two. Cllr Murray explained that he, the Chairman and the Clerk had held an informal meeting on this matter and had produced the EPC alternative(using the WC's questions) which was thought to be more relevant and direct than the WC's approach which has to include diversity questions on gender, race, religion and sexuality.Cllr Waight suggested a 'Retirement' box should be added to question 3a in the Survey. (done)It was agreed that everyone need time to consider the two and therefore all Cllrs should do so and let the Clerk know their thoughts by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

Cllr Petitt pointed out that this whole process (assessing/building affordable housing) could only proceed with the support of the Parish Council. Should there be a low response rate or a poor sample of responses, this could lead to unrepresentative/inaccurate information being obtained.

If the Parish Council wishes to proceed with the EPC version then the Chairman/Vice-Chairman would contact Helen Taylor to explain the change of questionnaires and get WC's thoughts. However the Councillors decide, there is still the question of distribution. For delivery and collection, the following Councillors have offered to cover the following areas of the Parish:

Cllr. David Harbottle – New Buildings, Enford Hill & New Town

Cllr. Gareth Holden – East Chisenbury

Cllr. Michael Fay – West Chisenbury

Cllr. Norman Beardsly – Coombe Lane & Fifield

Cllr. Pat Holdway – Water Lane

Cllr. Jane Young – Grants Road, Paddocks Close and Palmeston Meadow

Cllr. Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine – Long Street

Cllr. Richard Petitt – Littlecote to East Chisenbury.

Time scales:-

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August - Decisions from the Councillors on the above to reach the Clerk.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August - If necessary, EPC talks to WC (giving time to get EPC version copied by printers if necessary)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August – delivery to the parish.

Wiltshire Council would like the responses by 5<sup>th</sup> September which means that a collection date should be set. The landlord at The Swan has agreed that he will set up a 'drop box' for any responses which may make collating replies easier.

**14/230 Correspondence** - The Clerk provided one email received from a potential house buyer regarding the phone mast on the edge of the village. She was concerned if there had been any protests about it or anyone reporting illness. The Clerk has responded.

The Chairman asked if anyone had any further points they wished to make:

Cllr Harbottle reported on the ownership of the pub car park. Wiltshire Council says it is not their land however Cllr. D'Arcy-Irvine says he has paperwork to show that the area belongs to Highways.

Cllr Young reported that Paul Goodship plus his brother and others had volunteered and were prepared to clear up the area around the Coronation seat. They will use common sense and caution in the process.

**14/231 Date of Next Meeting** - This is set for Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall as usual.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.42hrs.

Elizabeth Harrison – Clerk.