

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 15th December 2015

Held in Enford Village Hall

Present:	Cllr Richard Roberts	Chairman
	Cllr Patricia Holdway, Cllr Jane Young	Councillors
	Cllr Keron Taylor, Cllr Bruce Waight	Councillors
	Cllr David Harbottle, Cllr Richard Petitt	Councillors
	Cllr Richard Petitt, Cllr Gareth Holden	Councillors
	Cllr Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine	Councillor
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	Tony Broadbent	MOD/SPTA Liaison.

The meeting was opened at 7.32pm by Cllr Roberts, Chairman

15/437 Apologies

- Received from Cllr Nigel Murray, Cllr Michael Fay and Wiltshire Councillor Charles Howard

15/438 Public Questions

- No members of the Public attended and there were no questions raised.

15/439 Verification of the Minutes

- The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th November were proposed as a true record by Cllr Holdway and seconded by Cllr Harbottle.
- The Minutes of the Precept Only meeting held on 10th December were proposed as a true record by Cllr Holdway and seconded by Cllr Harbottle.

15/440 Declarations of Interest

- There were no declarations of interest.

15/441 Matters Arising

- Update on the Solar Park application. There is no further news on this application at present. The Clerk continues to hold a fighting fund of just under £2,000 should it be required. Cllr Holden said he had heard that the deadline on the dates for this could be as far out as April 2016.
- Update on the Gypsy & Traveller site application. Cllr Roberts has sent Enford's official response to Wiltshire Council's website. He thanked Cllr Petitt for his contribution to this document. To date there have been 158 letters published on there with very few in support.
- Update on the Everleigh Recycling Centre, proposed closure. There is a Tidworth Area Board meeting on Monday 21st December to discuss this with Wiltshire Council's (WC's) reasoning being presented. Cllrs Roberts, Murray and D'Arcy-Irvine will be attending this meeting and all Cllrs agreed we should fight this (WC) proposal.
- Update on Emergency Plan. Cllr Roberts reported that this was still in progress. All the sand and the bags and signage were stored in Cllr Waight's barn.

v. Volunteer Group for care of Public Rights of Way (PRoW). This is due to an email from Marc Read (Community Engagement Manager) for the Tidworth Area Board/Wiltshire Council. In this Mr Read is offering assistance where possible to any community wishing to set up its own volunteer group for tending the Public Rights of Way in the Parish. Due to the lack of action/support from Wiltshire Council on this over the last six months to a year, Cllr Taylor thought it should be discussed in the Spring as most of the paths are passable during the winter months.

15/442 Planning Applications

- As Cllr Pettitt needed to leave early it was decided to bring forward the Planning Section of the meeting.

15/10823/FUL – Proposed Garage at East Chisenbury. This was queried at the last meeting as there was no information on the height/size/scale of the proposed garage. The Architects have since produced such a drawing and this was discussed in detail. The roofing materials were questioned – clay tiles v thatch - as was the overall size of the garage. It was felt that the proposed garage was too large for the existing building and no Councillor supported the application. A query was also raised as to the possible change of use in the future but as this would need another planning application, it was not a relevant consideration at this time.

15/11701/FUL – Single storey extension at the rear of the property for use as a Garden Room. Cllr Pettitt talked the Cllrs through the drawings and all agreed on their support.

15/11979/TCA – Old Bengers, overhanging trees for pruning. Cllr Taylor explained the exact situation and all Councillors agreed on their support.

15/443 Finance

The Clerk gave the Council's current financial situation as at the end of November. There is £4,535.72 in the account with no major expenses envisaged for December. Cllr Roberts signed off the Minutes for the 2016/17 Precept requirement.

15/444 Police Matters

There was no Police Liaison present. Cllr Waight reported that a barn at Downs Farm had been broken into last night with several items taken.

Cllr Roberts reported on Neighbourhood Watch matters. The glass window in Netheravon shop had been smashed and on Sunday 13th December there had been a 'till snatch' at Upavon shop.

15/445 Army Matters

Tony Broadbent reported that the loss of two Police officers and Land Wardens now meant that there are only three Training Safety Marshalls trying to cover the whole of the Plain. He reported the following incidents for November:

21 x hare coursing (for 8 of these the Police were in attendance), 3x raves, 4 occasions of motorbikes coming out of the back of Transit vans and using the Plain. Providing they stay on the PRoW, they are not illegal however going cross-country on bikes is breaking the law. In terms of Theft and Damage he reported that a military Landrover had been stolen and a four wheel trailer. One of the buildings at Larkhill Racecourse was broken into, one of Landmarc's Graders had had its wheels removed, glass smashed and pipes drained. There were two burnt out cars and two incidents of Fly-tipping one included freezers, sofas, BBQs etc and the other was car parts, old radiators, exhausts and the like. Tony Broadbent says fly-tipping is definitely on the increase since the start of the two-days-a-week closure at Everleigh Recycling Centre. They are desperately trying to get the Wardens replaced and more military personnel allocated to patrolling the Plain.

The training exercise Wessex Storm is now over and they are trying to get all the crossings cleaned up.

The AS90s were in use during Wessex Storm and the noise levels, although below 130 decibels, were commented on. This is because the army was using up 'war stock' as opposed to their normal training ammunition. They will be used again at the end of February. There may be more similar activity in future as there are three AS90 brigades moving back to Tidworth.

The flags on the Plain are now down for Christmas and will go up on 4th January '16 with training starting on 5th.

15/446 Unitary Council Matters

Cllr Howard was unable to attend. Cllr Harbottle explained the current situation with the Speed Camera – it is to be shared between Huish & Wilsford, Manningford, Rushall, Upavon and Enford.

15/447 Neighbourhood Watch

See the Police report above (15/444)

15/448 Planning Applications

See report above(15/442), moved for timing purposes.

15/449 Parish Plan

Cllr Murray was not present however he will be meeting with Steve Becker to discuss the next moves

15/450 Roads and Highways

Cllr Harbottle reported that:

There is a new provisional date for re-surfacing the A345 from Enford Hill to Compton – this will be March 14th – 26th.

Nick Bancroft (WC) thinks he may have located the missing Coombe Lane sign and if so, will get it put back up after Christmas.

There is no news on the reinstatement of the crash barrier on the A345 by Long Acre. It is unlikely to be done until after Balfour Beatty's contract is over.

The potholes in the road between Enford Hill and West Chisenbury have been placed on the 'Patch' list.

The A345 between Long Acre and the tank crossing is showing signs of break up on the south carriageway verge. It has been reported and remains under review.

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) – These require money to operate and move, plus a trained operator. It appears Upavon is to be given one after attending an introductory meeting. A result of this, it could be that Huish, Wilsford, Woodborough, the Manningfords, Upavon and Rushall could join together to reduce the costs. There is a £250 joining fee, new batteries cost £400, the running costs are approximately £70-100 per annum with an additional circa £10 for insurance. There will be a meeting held in the new year on this and Cllr Harbottle would like to know if Enford would wish to join in. If so he will attend the meeting. There was a brief discussion on this and it was decided that Cllr Harbottle should attend.

15/451 Public Rights of Way (PROWs)

Cllr Taylor will call Wiltshire Council to discuss/explore the possibilities of the self-help proposals.

15/452 Correspondence

There was no correspondence not already circulated.

15/453 Any Other Business

Cllr Roberts had been approached by a parent concerned that too many cars are coming down Enford Hill to turn left and are cutting the corner. This is a potential danger to children waiting at the bus stop. Cllr Roberts will raise the matter with the Police to see what, if anything, can be done.

The Clerk reported that there is no action as yet from Aster Housing regarding the state/repair of the garages in Grants Road. They have sent a 'Working at Heights' team to assess the situation and are waiting for the Surveyor to report on what action should be taken. The Clerk had requested they contact her with an update some 48 hours before this meeting however there had been no news. The Clerk will continue to chase the matter.

Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine put forward information for the Clerk on a digital recorder for the meetings. She will follow this up.

15/454 Date of Next Meeting

This will be on **Tuesday 26th January 2016 at 6.00pm in the Village Hall**

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.03hrs.

Elizabeth Harrison, Clerk – Enford Parish Council