

# ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
Held in the Village Hall.

to be verified at the next meeting, to be held on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Present:	Cllr Richard Roberts	Chairman
	Cllr Cliffe-Roberts	Vice Chairman
	Cllr Patricia Holdway, Cllr Vick Exley	Councillors
	Cllr Diane Christie-Rundle, Cllr Mark Hiskett	Councillors
	Cllr Bruce Waight, Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine	Councillors
	Cllr Jane Young	Councillor
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk

Members of the public, Mike Germany and Robin Hibberd were also present

The meeting was opened at 7.36pm by Cllr Roberts

## 18/001 Apologies

Cllr David Harbottle, Maria Downham (Police Liaison) and Wiltshire Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling

## 18/002 Public Questions

Mike Germany who attended the December 17 meeting attended again to get an update on what Wiltshire Council are doing. Unfortunately Cllr Harbottle was not present however he has chased W.Council regarding the clearing of the verges to allow 2 cars to pass and also to cut back vegetation. W.Council says this will require a JCB and they do not have one available at present. Cllr Harbottle will continue to chase for a result. Mike Germany said the rain over the Christmas period had made things worse and someone has slipped in the mud already. The dog mess on the path from Fifield to Coombe is as bad as ever. The Council will look at possibly purchasing a further bin to encourage dog owners to clear up after their dogs.

## 18/003 Police Matters & Neighbourhood Watch

As Police & Neighbourhood Watch Liaison, Cllr Exley said she would be attending a meeting organised for 16<sup>th</sup> April to try and gain closer contacts and information for the village. The Police Report listed no incidents for Enford in December. The Police have achieved in their crack down on Class A drugs but this was focussed in Salisbury. Cllr Waight said hare coursing was still active.

## 18/004 MOD/ Army Matters

WO2 Tony Broadbent reported on the incidents from 1<sup>st</sup> December to the present:

Incursions x 31 – 8 pedestrian, 2 cyclists and 21 vehicular

Fly-tipping x 9 – this was mainly household rubbish and of course, old Christmas trees

Criminal Damage – there has been a lot of damage recently which has so far required 27 fences to be repaired.

A gamekeeper has reported his pens broken into, batteries stolen etc. A few goods have been traced to and found in a scrap yard in Pewsey and the owner has been prosecuted.

The Classic Car Rally which took place on 30<sup>th</sup> December on Salisbury Plain, did not apply for a licence this year.

It appears that the event has changed from a few cars getting together and driving sedately (speed limit 30 mph) to an actual race, as 'winners' have been declared. Unfortunately a member of the public had their vehicle 'wiped out' at C crossing by a speeding rally car and Cllr Waight reported cars driving at night up 100mph. With no licence, no Marshalls or Police to oversee the event, Tony has asked for as much advance warning for the future should they try to Rally again next year or organise another event during the year.

There will be communications exercises up until 27<sup>th</sup> January and in February, (27<sup>th</sup>) to March 11<sup>th</sup> Wessex Storm will take place for light wheeled vehicles.

Cllr Roberts mentioned that a considerable 'wash' off the Plain had been reported at Crossings A and B. Landmarc say this is the Army's problem not theirs and Tony will ask the local Safety Marshall to inspect this. Cllr Roberts also reported that black bins sacks of chopped up deer carcasses had been found near Silbury Hill. The deer management team would not have 'culled' in this fashion and it is presumed to be an illegal venture with no apparent gain.

### **18/005 Unitary Council Matters**

Wiltshire/ Unitary Councillor, Ian Blair-Pilling was unable to attend but did raise a couple of points by email. Firstly, to say he is very aware of the continuing levels of service from Everleigh HRC and the implications for the future. He intends to remain very active with this alongside neighbouring councillors.

Cllr Roberts said both he and other members of the public had been turned away when trying to recycle previously acceptable rubbish and wonders if they may be trying to close the site by stealth.

Secondly W.Cllr Blair-Pilling put forward an idea that circa twice a year the Chairman and Clerk should get together with him and the Community Engagement Manager, Marc Read to discuss more local, village issues as opposed to Area Board meetings which are aimed at a much wider scope and different community (i.e. Ludgershall and Tidworth). He feels this might be a better way to approach more common issues or one-off particular problems.

Cllr Roberts wants to engage W.Cllr Blair-Pilling with the ongoing problems had by Coombe residents with their broadband (or lack of it). Claire Perry MP is working hard for Wiltshire residents to have an acceptable broadband service which currently not the case in Coombe. Jonathan Lewis is attempting to get a fixed line infrastructure in place which could involve grant funding and the Parish Council will support Coombe as best they can with this.

### **18/006 Verification of the Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> December were proposed as a true record by Cllr Holdway and seconded by Cllr Hiskett.

### **18/007 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

### **18/008 Matters Arising**

#### **i. The Parish Hall**

Cllr Cliffe-Roberts reported that the first meeting of the new Parish Hall Management Committee will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January in the snug at The Swan. This is not intended to be a public meeting but to elect relevant Officers. There will also be an update on the boundary dispute with Medina Cottage.

#### **ii. Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)**

Cllr Roberts has spoken with Andy Stewart who has volunteered to look into the possible purchase of a SID. He has also spoken to Mr Wright who is in charge of the 5 devices in Durrington and a meeting between the m plus Alan Day and Cllr Hiskett is arranged for next Wednesday night at 6.30pm. Mr Wright can offer invaluable information on which model is best suited to Enford (solar powered).

From the Speedwatch point of view there have been fewer cars on the road over the last two weeks but their average speeds have been higher than usual. Cllr Hiskett is taking the speed-gun course next Tuesday.

#### **iii. New bin at the Playpark**

Cllr Christie-Rundle is due to meet her contact at IdVerde, Mr Spanswick, at Grants Road next week. She has a location in mind which would be visible as well as accessible to walkers in the field as well as path users.

### **18/009 Finance**

The Clerk reported that at the beginning of December the account stood at £14,263.13. From the cheques written the balance at the end of December should be £13,999.01 however this was estimated without a bank statement.

Cllr Hiskett asked about the Police and Crime Commissioner's open consultation which proposes a further £1.00 per household per month. This is open to all individuals to attend and is not a Parish Council matter.

### **18/010 Planning Applications**

There were none.

### **18/011 Parish Plan – Youth Funding**

Cllr D'Arcy Irvine reported that, although in the past Wiltshire Council may have agreed to a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of the freehold interest in the land required for community use, the current policy is that individual sites will no longer be transferred in this manner and their preferred option with respect to play areas is a grant of a lease for a term of 7 years. Following several discussions with them, Wiltshire Council is now prepared to grant Enford a new lease of the land for a 125 year term as a special case and they are drafting heads of terms which will be forwarded as soon as possible.

He is arranging for specialist play park suppliers to provide draft designs of layout and quotations. Equipment for the playpark and skate park could total circa £28,000. Once the agreement for the new 125 year lease has been finalised, applications for grant funding can be initiated. Total funds to date are c£1,350 and a vote of thanks goes to Tracy Southard for her hard work in fund raising. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine said he would also look into the matter of providing a standpipe for the Allotment area.

### **18/012 Roads and Highways**

Cllr Harbottle sent in a brief report regarding:

- i. The potholes on the A345 near B Crossing have been reported but the current weather conditions will continue to make them appear.
- ii. The pothole reported in Grants Road near Water Lane turns out to be on Aster Housing land and is not a Wiltshire Council road. Therefore W.Council will not repair this and the Grants Road residents will need to report this to Aster Housing.
- iii. The complaints he has received from several people regarding the 'wash' coming off the Plain at A & B crossings as mentioned earlier in 18/004 – SPTA/MOD Liaison.

### **18/013 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)**

Cllr Hiskett is still chasing W.Council for an updated map of the Public Rights of Way through Enford Parish. Cllr Roberts said the Camera Club were looking to create a 'visual' map for display in the village.

### **18/014 Correspondence**

Cllr Roberts gave a brief explanation of an email from David King. He used to be a Wiltshire Council employee in the field of Neighbourhood Planning however he now does this for individual parishes, getting closely involved and taking on the production of correctly timed and submitted paperwork for the parish. Obviously this entails a fee as well. It was felt Enford did not need his services at this time.

### **18/015 Any Other Business**

- Cllr Christie-Rundle suggested that the Parish Council should try to engage better with the 'youth' of the village which may help to stop the vandalism particularly at the Village Hall. Getting younger members of the village involved was agreed as a very good idea and she will be placing a note in the Newsletter to this effect. No younger members of the community (under 18s) would be allowed to be on the Parish Council but could easily attend a meeting and put forward ideas and suggestions to assist with the viewpoints of all age ranges in the village.
- Cllr Christie-Rundle also mentioned some of the notices on the board were out of date. These were for events in the village. A discussion on the noticeboards generally around the village ensued. The Clerk pointed out that the one in Coombe may not be much longer for this life and should be replaced. It was mooted that the central board in Enford could be moved to the bus stop opposite. It was also noted

that some of the village benches were not much longer for this life either and could possibly be replaced. The Asset Register will be brought to the next meeting.

- Cllr Young mentioned the bank along the bend in the narrow part of Longstreet was encroaching again. This is where the house owner was asked to reduce the bank and remove the nettles growing along it as it was a hazard to pedestrians and cyclists. The problem will become worse in the summer.
- Cllr Holdway suggested there should be a path up Water Lane
- Cllrs Hiskett and Roberts will replace the latch (again) on the Playpark gate tomorrow.
- Cllr Waight asked if we should mention the Car Rally to Wiltshire Council. Cllr Roberts will mention this at the next Area Board meeting as well as to W.Cllr Blair-Pilling.
- Cllr Christie-Rundle reminded everyone the deadline for the next edition of the Newsletter is 19<sup>th</sup> January.

### **18/016 Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10

Elizabeth Harrison - Clerk, Enford Parish Council

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018