

# ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
Held in the Village Hall.

to be verified at the next meeting, to be held on Tuesday, 10th April 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 Harbottle	Councillors
	Cllr Jane Young	Councillor
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling	Wiltshire Council

Various members of the public attended including Evie Chamberlain, Rhys Teasdale, Graham Chandler (Coombe Lane Broadband group), Pauline Bagwell (plus other residents of New Buildings), Wayne Meadows, PCSO Maria Downham (off duty), and Mike Germany

The meeting was opened at 7.35pm by Cllr Roberts

With an unusually large attendance from the village Cllr Roberts asked all Cllrs to introduce themselves and say what their role was on the Parish Council.

## 18/017 Apologies

Cllr D’Arcy-Irvine and WO2 Tony Broadbent

## 18/018 Public Questions

i. Graham Chandler representing the Coombe Lane residents’ broadband concerns addressed the Council. The signal is extremely poor and the countywide BT ‘rollout’ has not proved satisfactory – the smaller the area concerned, most probably the more it would cost BT and therefore they go lower down BT’s list of priorities. The group’s research has led them to a company called Greengrass Broadband whose cost and installation appear to offer the best deal using Wireless Broadband. This requires line of sight satellites from a superfast cabinet to take the best signal to Coombe Lane possibly via the Church spire, the Water Lane mast, tall houses etc. Until the exact locations and amount of satellites are known it is impossible to price the operation however as a set up figure Graham thought between £7,000 and £10,000. He was hoping for the physical and financial support of the Parish Council possibly up to 50% of the initial costs however there are other possible funding solutions/grants which may assist. W.Cllr Blair-Pilling has offered to do further background research through Wiltshire Council and the Parish Council will assist as best they can once further detail is established.

ii. Youth Liaison – this was put forward to ‘Matters Arising’

iii. New Buildings – regarding the rejection of Retrospective Planning Application 17/08306/FUL to relocate the office/portabin and store at 555 New Buildings, Enford. This concerns a piece of land at the top of the cul-de-sac private road. Mrs Pauline Bagwell spoke to the Parish Council to explain the concern shared by some of the residents of this cul-de-sac. Since this application was turned down by Wiltshire Council there have been an increased amount of incidents occurring to residents’ property and Pauline Bagwell left a compilation file of photographs for the Parish Council. The Police have been called on more than 4 occasions to these problems however there is no evidence as to the perpetrator. As advised by the Police, residents have installed CCTV cameras for the protection of their property. Whilst the Parish Council supports the residents’ concern, W.Cllr Blair-Pilling pointed out that Wiltshire Council Planning Dept. turned down the application on its suitability only and this should have no impact on the residents – it is not a personal decision. As the retrospective application has been rejected, an Enforcement Notice has been issued giving the owner of the land 3 months from 12<sup>th</sup> April to remove all physical installations. It is a matter for the land owner and Wiltshire Council and should have nothing to do with the residents themselves.

iv. Mike Germany attended the meeting to follow up on his previous enquiries as to when the Council (Wiltshire/Parish) were going to address his concerns regarding the overgrown width of the lanes in Fifield, the dog fouling problems etc. Cllr Harbottle has, over the last three years, repeatedly requested this be dealt with. The Parish Steward is unable to deal with this problem with a shovel and Wiltshire Council say a JCB is required to restore the width of the overgrown road to allow two vehicles to pass. However, they do not have one available and are waiting for enough work required to hire one. Cllr Roberts suggested they may not have the budget for this. Having established that it is a Wiltshire Council adopted road, W.Cllr Blair-Pilling has offered to try and speed up processes to sort the problem if he can.

#### **18/019 Police Matters & Neighbourhood Watch**

PCSO Maria Downham attended the meeting (off duty) having stepped down from the job two days previously on 18<sup>th</sup> March, after 12 years of service in the area. She will miss the genuine friends and contacts she has made over the years but is redeploying to a Police Call Centre in Devizes. The Parish Council would like to thank Maria for her efforts and hard work over the last few years. There will be a new PCSO starting in Tidworth on 23<sup>rd</sup> March however they may not get round to visiting Enford for a while yet. For the time being Lucy Wileman who is the Area Coordinator should be contacted if necessary.

Cllr Exley said that vans were being targeted for whatever their contents and suggested a note in the Newsletter. Another matter of concern is for parents of primary age group children who interact with a game called Roblox. They have recently added a chat room to their site and unpleasant, bullying behaviours have been noted and reported.

In terms of local crimes, Cllr Young reported that a new delivery of dog food had been stolen from her freezer in her garage as well as a car battery a couple of weeks earlier. There has also been a reported criminal damage case where nails have been forced into a tyre and the tyre slashed. In another incident a car owner had wires cut so that thieves could steal the battery.

#### **18/020 MOD/ Army Matters**

WO2 Tony Broadbent was unable to attend but sent in the following report of incidents from 1<sup>st</sup> February to date:

**Complaints total 9** – 2x noise and 7x Military vehicles driving in out of bounds areas. Three of these were in Coombe Lane. Tony has asked if the reporting person could get photos of the vehicle registration number as this make it easier to identify the ‘offenders’

Criminal Damage total 5 – 2x burned out cars and 3x damage to fence posts/barriers

**Incursions total 54** - (1 x Air; 10 x foot; 28 x Groups of Motorbikes; 15 x 4x4 Off-roaders) Mainly located around the Cross Country Driver Training area north of Tidworth

**Litter total 24** - consisting of cars/car parts, builders waste, household waste (fridge, beds, wardrobes), filing cabinets, garden waste and general rubbish.

**Livestock total 16** - 4 x pens in unauthorised locations and the remainder were cattle/sheep out of pens.

**Range Fires total 14** – The unit who cause the fire maintain a watch until it burns out but flags and barriers will remain in place if beyond end of firing time.

**Future Major Exercise:** Ex Joint Warrior (Para/ Commando Ex) 23 Apr – 04 May.

#### **Routine Activity:**

Royal School of Artillery: Live 03 – 06, 09 – 13 Apr

School of Infantry: 21 Apr – 04 May 18

#### **18/021 Unitary Council Matters**

i. Wiltshire/ Unitary Councillor, Ian Blair-Pilling again spoke of the **Everleigh Recycling Centre** and the problems being dealt with. They are still working on the technical solutions and the cost of this problem and whatever they may be, it all has to go before Cabinet who will decide what the best answer is for the area along with a

public consultation. From April 9<sup>th</sup> anyone wishing to use the recycling centre will need to take a form of ID with them – driving licence/utility bill or something that shows they live in the area and are entitled to use the site.

ii. W.Cllr Blair-Pilling raised the matter of the new **Data Protection** laws coming into effect on 25<sup>th</sup> May. The Leader of W. Council has written to Central Govt protesting that the requirement is disproportionate to the risks and means of Parish Councils. He has said not to comply with this until further notice.

iii. **A345** – The recent works were only the first stage of a series of treatments being undertaken on this stretch of road. The recent repairs were designed to take out construction issues with the road, later in the year the potholes will be filled, and then the road will be fully surface dressed. This dressing will cover the recent repairs and forthcoming pothole repairs with a continuous surface course. These works will be programmed during the spring and summer. W.Cllr Blair Pilling has asked for the back lane to Haxton to be cleaned. The Highway Engineer will have a look, but is doubtful as the criteria only include when there is a risk of skid.

iv. **New House Farm** - With regards to the enforcement case 17/01161/ENF (New House Farm), in February the Enforcement Officer confirmed that a further site visit had been made and it appeared that an open sided agricultural barn has been constructed. On this basis, the officer has written to the owner of the property outlining the concerns raised and that the development may be considered such which requires formal planning permission from the Local Planning Authority. The officer also requested that the owner made contact in order to discuss this matter further.

### **18/022 Verification of the Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> January were proposed as a true record by Cllr Holdway and seconded by Cllr Hiskett.

### **18/023 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

### **18/024 Matters Arising**

#### i. The Parish Hall

Note for clarification: At its most recent meeting the Parish Hall Management Committee had agreed that Councillors Cliffe-Roberts and Hiskett would meet with the owners of Medina Cottage as a matter of courtesy to, discuss openly the advice which the PHMC had received from Trethowans (solicitors appointed by the Parish Council) which was to apply to the Land Registry for a correction of the registered title plans for Medina Cottage and at the same time apply for the first registration of title for the Parish Hall. The meeting took place, and Medina Cottage were invited to forward to Trethowans any documentation that might be relevant to the advice given.

Cllr. Cliffe-Roberts checked with all the Cllrs. whether they had subsequently received copies of documents from Parker Bullen (Medina Cottage's solicitors) regarding the boundary dispute. He has sent this information to Trethowans with the request that they advise whether any of this information altered their advice.

Councillor Hiskett felt that the letter from Parker Bullen was excessively adversarial given that the PC had no alternative than to seek legal advice as a consequence of the move by Medina Cottage of their fence onto land previously occupied by the Parish Hall. Cllr Harbottle disagreed and felt this was just typical 'lawyer speak'. He also pointed out the attached survey using GPS detailed layering of Ordnance Survey maps dating from 1900, 1924, 1939 and 1974 with overlays from February 2018 should be the clearest evidence in the boundary dispute. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts said that the Parish Council will be advised by its solicitors.

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

Cllr Roberts reported that Graham Wright from Durrington has suggested talking to a new company based in Shrewton. Andy Stewart is still 'on board' to assist and a location has been found for the best position in Enford. W.Cllr Blair-Pilling suggested the CSW group contact Steven Mantale of Collingbourne Kingston as they are also interested in a SID and this would help the overall financial outlay.

### iii. Coombe Broadband

Having heard the presentation from Graham Chandler (see 18/018 above) the Cllrs discussed the situation further. It was suggested that a 50% contribution from the Parish Council was quite a high proportion of support but it was agreed that until more precise costings can be obtained, the Council could not commit funds but were still very willing to support the project where possible.

### iv. Youth Liaison

The Council were very pleased to welcome both Evie Chamberlain and Rhys Teasdale to the meeting. They had both been sent the role description as a guide to how the new role would work. They are both under 18, they know each other, they know Enford and are happy to work together within the networks of their contemporaries in trying to bring together all age groups within the community. Cllr Christie-Rundle was asked to represent this new and promising project.

### v. The Village Litter Pick

Cllrs were reminded that this is happening on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, meeting at the bus stop at the bottom of Enford Hill at 10.30am. Equipment will be supplied and it is hoped many volunteers will come forward. It is roughly a 2 hour event, nominally ending at 12.30 in The Swan for coffee/tea and bacon butties kindly paid for by The Hub.

### **18/025 Finance**

The Clerk reported that at the beginning of February the account stood at £13,554.01 with only £250 being spent leaving a balance of £13,304.01.

### **18/026 Planning Applications**

There were no new applications.

### **18/027 Parish Plan – Youth Funding**

In Cllr D'Arcy Irvine's absence Cllr Young reported on the progress of the extended Playpark area and equipment. Draft Heads of Terms have been drawn up by Wiltshire Council for a 125 year Lease of the land to Enford Parish Council. There is however a new 'Service Devolution Policy' for the transfer of assets to Town and Parish Councils which will be going before the Cabinet in April. Rather than entering into a long lease, it has been agreed to wait until after this meeting as the land could be transferred absolutely. Whilst awaiting this decision Cllrs Young and D'Arcy-Irvine have met with a Consultant on such matters who might assist with sourcing equipment, layout and funding/grants for the project. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine has suggested that further consultation with families and residents would be useful as it is now some while since the Parish Plan document was produced showing as desire for the extended play area and Allotment site. Future discussion will also include access to both areas as it was deemed that the current, single access point would be insufficient for increased usage in a built up area.

### **18/028 Roads and Highways**

Cllr Harbottle reported that:

- i. The salt bins in Water Lane and Coombe Lane were filled before each of the recent cold/snowy spells. It has been noted that these bins have also been used INCORRECTLY as dog-mess bag collection points! The bin in Grants road, whilst being a W.Council bin, is on Aster housing land and supplies should be requested from Aster. Cllr Harbottle would like to thank Bruce Waight and his son for using their tractors to fill the salt bins and also Cllr Young for storing the village's salt supplies.
- ii. The hedge in Water Lane has now been cut and the cables are free.
- iii. The Parish Steward Scheme has been put on hold as the Stewards are assisting with the increased pothole problem caused by the recent cold weather.
- iv. The patching of the road surface between Enford and Netheravon is now complete however W.Council has been informed that not all the broken areas were dealt with. The Area Engineer will investigate. The further surfacing along the A345 will take place later this year (see 18/021.iii).

### **18/029 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)**

Cllr Hiskett had no new information for the Council.

### **18/030 Correspondence**

There was nothing to circulate

### **18/031 Any Other Business**

- Bench/Asset Inspection. Due to the length of the meeting, this item has been postponed until April.
- Cllr Roberts reported that Cllr Cliffe-Roberts wished to stand down as Vice Chairman due to pressures of work. Cllr Roberts proposed Cllr Hiskett to stand in his place and this was agreed by all other Cllrs.
- W. Cllr Blair-Pilling wanted to explain about a WWI project being undertaken in Netheravon which also involves Enford. Wayne Price has researched a fascinating book on all the local people who went to war, their relatives, where they lived etc. They are looking to produce a web-based map. Using an App which initially uses Google Maps, it connects to a 1920s map of Netheravon and Enford so one can literally see the house/location that the local people left in order to go to war. The interactive map will be 'released' at the same time as the book launch in November with Alan Mallinson (of Fittleton) giving the introduction into living in local villages. This whole project emphasises the link between Enford and Netheravon over the years. There are many local people contributing to this and whilst the final costs are not yet known, the project is moving on apace.  
(Enford Parish Council had previously agreed to allow for a contribution in their Precept planning).
- Cllr Waight mentioned that on 29<sup>th</sup> April there will be a Vintage Tractor run around the Plain.

### **18/032 Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 22.05

Elizabeth Harrison, Clerk, Enford Parish Council

Dated: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018