

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 10th April 2018

Held in the Village Hall.

to be verified at the next meeting, to be held on Tuesday, 15th May 2018

Present:	Cllr Richard Roberts	Chairman
	Cllr Mark Hiskett	Vice Chairman
	Cllr Patricia Holdway, Cllr Diane Christie-Rundle	Councillors
	Cllr Jane Young, Cllr David Harbottle	Councillors
	Cllr Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine	Councillor
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	WO2 Tony Broadbent and WO2 Jeff Hayne	MOD/SPTA Liaison
	Rhys Teasdale	Youth Liaison

Various members of the public attended including Mike Germany, Tracy and Elliot Southard, Paula.

The meeting was opened at 7.37pm by Cllr Roberts

18/033 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Cliffe-Roberts, Cllr Exley, Cllr Waight, W.Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling and Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine notified the Clerk of his probable late arrival. Evie Chamberlain – Youth Liaison was unable to attend.

18/034 Public Questions

i. Tracy Southard wanted to know about the progress with the renewal of equipment at the Play/skate Park in Grants Road. She has done a lot of fundraising for this already involving both parents and children. Cllr Roberts put forward the thanks of the Council for all her efforts to date. She has also been canvassing on Facebook for people's current thoughts/opinions and a copy of this was circulated. Cllr Christie-Rundle suggested a survey to the younger members of the village and Rhys said that he had already made a start on this with some results to date and will continue to monitor these. He suggested a paper questionnaire in the newsletter. Cllr Hiskett said that he believed the extension to the Playpark was still pending on Wiltshire Council granting the freehold of the land to the Parish Council but he understood the verbal indication was looking promising. Cllr Young who rents some of this land for grazing said there was nothing shown on her renewal papers. Anti-social behaviour was mentioned as a big concern and Cllr Roberts suggested this should be discussed at a 'Playpark Meeting' at a later stage when further progress had been made.

ii. Mike Germany said that there used to be a salt bin at the top of road from Fifield to the A345. Some 8 years ago this had been removed and positioned on the other side of the A345 at the junction of B Crossing. It is currently there but in pieces. He would like a new bin to replace it. Cllr Harbottle said the W.Council salt bin in Grants Road which is on Aster property land could be re-located.

Mike Germany again raised the matter of dog mess on the footpath between Fifield and Coombe. Cllr Roberts explained that there was not a lot the Council could do about it. He offered Mike some stickers to remind dog owners to clear up after their dogs, a suggestion of putting up notices on posts was rejected as Mike thought these would simply be ripped up. Cllr Roberts suggested another dog bin and Mike thought this might help.

18/035 Police Matters & Neighbourhood Watch

With no Police presence and in Cllr Exley's absence, Cllr Roberts read out the listed crimes in Enford from the Police report. These were:

Target Patrols at New Buildings – A total of 26 patrols have been made by the Police since 20th February as a reassurance to the residents who had been reporting a wave of damage to their properties.

The perpetrator of a recent burglary in the village has since been traced to Pewsey.

Again vandalism has occurred at the Village Hall where wooden bollards and handrails have been carved with a sharp instrument.

18/036 MOD/ Army Matters

WO2 Tony Broadbent was accompanied by WO2 Jeff Hayne who will be taking over his role shortly. Lt Col Stewart (Tony's CO) is pleased to announce the arrival of 5 new Military of Defence Police Officers(MDPs) for the south west area. This will help with security and in the Landmarc renewal contract the MOD are requesting that the vedettes are once again manned.

Incidents reported since 1st March include:

14x complaints – including one for noise and 8 for military vehicles out of bounds

2x criminal damage – one of these was where the owner had left a handbag and a laptop on the front seat of their car. A silver Cmax Ford was seen leaving the area at speed.

7x environmental issues – one chemical/diesel spillage into the Avon and 5 fires which were all contained.

19x fly-tipping – the usual fridges, freezers, mattresses etc plus two truck-loads of rubble.

5x Livestock – this was in the west of the area

26x incursions – including 6 off road bikes, 7 dog walkers, 2 bicycles and 1 drone

Exercise 'Joint Warrior' will be taking place between 23rd April to 4th May. This will involve more aircraft and parachuting than usual.

Wessex Storm will run from 11th to 30th June. Meanwhile there will be live firing at Warminster and Larkhill.

Cllr Roberts thanked Tony for his help and involvement with Enford over the last few years and wished him well for the future. Both Tony & Jeff left the meeting

18/037 Unitary Council Matters

Wiltshire/ Unitary Councillor, Ian Blair-Pilling had sent his apologies that he was unable to attend the meeting and had not sent in any notes.

18/038 Verification of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 20th March were proposed as a true record by Cllr Holdway and seconded by Cllr Hiskett.

18/039 Youth Liaison

Rhys/Cllr Christie-Rundle reported they had had a very successful meeting with Evie Chamberlain and Marc Read covering many topics and possibilities for Enford's Youth Liaison representatives. PC Lucy Wileman is keen to meet them and join in with discussions and assist where possible. She explained about the Youth Café in Amesbury which Rhys and evie are keen to visit. Whilst it was agreed that this would not be the best way forward in Enford it is hoped that Enford's youth might be encouraged to attend.

Regarding the extended Playpark area, Rhys explained further about his tick box survey which has so far produced 36 responses – 16 would like to have improved facilities, 15 would like to update the equipment and have the area re-landscaped. Twenty five (75%) said they would like the Allotments and other 'activities' that involve parents and children. Cllr Christie-Rundle said that the preferred option would be 'a bit of everything' not just equipment focussed on one sport. At the meeting with Marc Read they had also raised the matter of drugs use in the village which is not being reported to the Police, Marc Read said this should be done if you actually see it happening. It is known to happen by the garages/Playpark area and by the Village Hall. Cllr Christie-Rundle was asked to put a note in the Newsletter targeted at parents, making them aware of the problem. It was suggested that a 'drug and alcohol awareness' meeting could be held for parents in Enford and surrounding villages, but this would not happen just yet, maybe later in the year.

18/040 Declaration of Interests

There were none.

18/041 Matters Arising

- i. Asset Register inspection. This was brought forward from a previous meeting (January) where it had been noted that some of the benches in the village had possibly seen their 'sell by' date. The Clerk maintains the Parish's Asset Register which is linked to the insurance paid and Cllr Hiskett said he would be happy to assist with the inspection, noting the condition of the Assets.
- ii. Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC). It was agreed last year to take out a trial subscription at £235.58 p.a. which should give the Clerk and Councillors access to more detailed information concerning local government. The Clerk reported that you need to be a member to log in to their website but that no welcome pack/passwords/ assistance had been forthcoming. Cllr Roberts had had difficulty in getting in touch with them and it was agreed that this year's subscription of £242.87 would not be taken up.
- iii. The Annual Litter Pick.- Cllr Roberts reported that this had again been a success with fewer bags collected than last year which was the first occasion. He wanted thank all residents and Councillors who turned up to help as well as The Hub and The Swan for their 'refreshing' assistance. He will send some photographs to the Newsletter in due course. Cllr Harbottle said that the top of A Crossing was particularly bad – he had collected 6 bags of rubbish from there alone. Cllr Roberts suggested this should be raised with Jeff, the new MOD Liaison at the next meeting.
- iv. Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) Cllr Roberts will be getting one more quotation before the Community Speed Watch (CSW) group make a decision on the model best suited for Enford. They can be solar or battery powered, they can collect speed data either recording it or sending to W.Council/Police and have many other facilities as well. It had previously been agreed that a SID would be of benefit to the village and Enford will purchase one in due course.

18/042 Finance

The Clerk reported that with the final bank statement at the end of the financial year the Parish held £12,473.71 in the account with a further 2 cheques totalling £255.00 not yet having cleared. The first tranche of the 18-19 Precept will be due to arrive in the account circa 20th April and the auditing process is underway. As last year, Alan Day has kindly agreed to carry out the internal audit before the relevant papers are submitted to the external auditors. This is no longer Grant Thornton based in Bristol but PFK Littlejohn LLP based in Canary Wharf.

18/043 Planning Applications

There were no new applications.

18/044 Parish Plan – Youth Funding

Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine reported that there was no further news since his last letter from Wiltshire Council which indicated a high probability that the extended Playpark area would be transferred Freehold to the Parish. Following emails confirming agreement, it also contained draft Heads of Terms, though Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine is still waiting to hear from Wiltshire Council on whether this will be a 125 year lease or a freehold transaction. The cost to the Parish Council would be the conveyancing and fencing off of this whole area. The Clerk will approach Aster Housing regarding a possible alternative access to the area so as not to increase the traffic going through the housing and garage area. Until W.Council confirms the transfer of the land, nothing further can be done. The Youth Fund account currently stands at £1,284 and it is hoped that everyone in the village will assist with various fund-raising efforts to get behind these plans. The Allotments were a very popular request on the original Parish Plan survey of some 5 years ago. It is hoped there could be as many as 12 small areas for villagers. A water supply to the area will also have to be arranged and Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine is working on this as well. If an 'Outdoor Exercise Park' was also important to the residents, this could be sited at the Village Hall but residents would need to raise money for it separately from the Youth Funding project.

18/045 Roads and Highways

Cllr Harbottle reported that:

- i. The break-up of one of the newly patched potholes has been reported.

- ii. The fact that a considerable number of the potholes between Long Acre and B Crossing were not repaired has also been reported.
- iii. The potholes on the northbound carriageway between West Chisenbury and A Crossing have been reported. Cllr Harbottle received an email today (10th) saying that the work was all done however on checking this himself, it is not correct.
- iv. As yet he has received no date for the application of the final surface dressing of the road between Long Acre and Netheravon.
- v. There is still no news on when the Parish Stewards will return to their normal duties
- vi. Cllr Harbottle reminded the Council that there is still a £100.00 donation waiting to be used for the benefit of the roads/safety in Enford. The CATG are waiting to hear how this will be used as they have offered to match the figure with possibly a small amount more as well.

18/046 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)

Cllr Hiskett had no new information for the Council.

18/047 Correspondence

Cllr Roberts read out a letter to Mrs Bagwell which had been 'cc'd to the Parish Council from Wayne Meadows.

18/047 Any Other Business

- It was proposed that the Council purchase further dog bins for the Parish. After some discussion it was agreed that there should be one in Coombe/Fifield and one at the top of Water Lane. The proposer was Cllr Hiskett and the seconder Cllr Christie-Rundle. When the exact location is agreed, Cllr Christie-Rundle will organise the installation. They are emptied every 2 weeks at a cost of £2.50 each.
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18/049 Date of Next Meeting

The Parish Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the Village Hall at **6.30pm on Tuesday 15th May 2018**

This will be followed by **The Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm**. All residents are welcome and there will be refreshments/wine available.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.15pm

Elizabeth Harrison, Clerk, Enford Parish Council

Dated: 10th April 2018