

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 12th June 2018
Held in the Village Hall.

to be verified at the next meeting, to be held on Tuesday, 17th July 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, Cllr Cliffe-Roberts	Councillors
	Cllr Bruce Waight, Cllr Diane Christie-Rundle	Councillors
	Cllr Vick Exley	Councillor
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	Rhys Teasdale and Evie Chamberlain	Youth Liaison

Mike Germany from Fifield also attended.

The meeting was opened at 7.40pm by Cllr Roberts

18/050 Apologies

WO2 Jeff Hayne the new MOD/SPTA Liaison had been invited but did not attend or send a report. W.Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling had said he would be late due to attending another Council meeting.

18/051 Public Questions

Mike Germany attended to find out what is happening with all the complaints he has made over recent months. One cannot now reach the post box and the streetlight is on all day due to the sensor being blocked. Cllr Harbottle has dealt with these over the months (roads, verges etc needing to be cleaned/cut back) as has Cllr Hiskett who has recently spoken to the Senior Rights of Way Warden at Wiltshire Council regarding overgrown footpaths. Wiltshire Council has said for the extent of road/verge clearance they need a digger however they do not have one available and it is a question of resources – budgets are being cut and the job is too great for the Parish Steward on his own with a shovel – he also happens to have an aversion to dog mess and so cannot help with that either.

Cllr Hiskett has recently spoken to the Public Rights of Way contact at Wiltshire Council who is the only person doing the job for the county. He simply doesn't have the resources and is recommending the best approach is a self-help group to keep things under control. This could be put on the Parish Steward's list but would probably not be done until the winter. Cllr Hiskett offered to go and clear what he could with his strimmer the following day. Mike Germany suggested a new dog mess bin possibly located by the Pumping Station. Cllr Roberts said this was due to be discussed in Matters Arising. Mike Germany then left the meeting.

18/052 Police Matters & Neighbourhood Watch

With no Police presence Cllr Exley reported that the monthly Police report was based on problems within towns rather than being relevant to the rural areas. That doesn't mean that drug dealers are not around and could be exploiting younger members of the community either for taking drugs, selling them on or even offering their housing (known as 'cuckooing'). Rhys Teasdale and Evie Chamberlain thought this was not a major issue in Enford. Apart from a bike being stolen on Salisbury Plain and an incident of road rage in Everleigh, there was nothing locally relevant.

18/053 MOD/ Army Matters

WO2 Jeff Hayne had been invited to attend but sent no apologies or report. The Clerk will contact him tomorrow.

18/054 Unitary Council Matters

Wiltshire/ Unitary Councillor, Ian Blair-Pilling had apologised for the fact he may be late. He gave his report shortly after arriving which was just after 'Planning' (18/060).

-i. He confirmed the date of the local Parish Council Chairmen's meeting at his house next Tuesday (19th June) at 7 o'clock

-ii. The Electoral Review of Councillors has been postponed until 21st August and in Spring 2019 there will be a review of boundaries.

-iii. Special Needs Schools in the county. There will be a Consultation in the near future as it is estimated an extra 240 places will be needed in the next 20 years. He recommended that current schools who may petition should be avoided as this is not an individual approach but an holistic appraisal.

-iv. Outdoor Centres. Braeside and Oxenwood have previously been run by Wiltshire Council who is putting the management and running concerns out to tender. This decision has been put off until the end of December and so far there are four bids. The Council is looking to retain their purpose but obviously want to find the right bidder to continue the excellent opportunities each centre offers. They are not selling them off.

-v. Preliminary Planning Consent, Briefing Note 349. Any development of 9 or fewer houses will be able to get permissions more quickly. Cllr Blair-Pilling recommended that the Parish Council should act quickly if this occurs as there is only a 2 week call in time. There are no exemptions on Conservations areas.

-vi. Everleigh Recycling Centre. Cllr Blair-Pilling urged all Councillors to get involved in the Consultation. Whilst the recently issued budgetary figures do not look good for Everleigh, they have been recorded over a long period of time, he says a strong and concerted effort should be made in damage limitation against losing the site as it is not necessarily foregranted. As well as individual residents writing in, Cllr Roberts asked if bodies such as Parish Councils should do also. It is a possibility but definitely, individual residents should.

-vii. Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). Cllr Roberts reported that the Parish Council had agreed to purchase a device and were awaiting information from the CAGT. There has been no feedback so far from the latest meeting despite it being requested.

-viii. Cllr Blair-Pilling reported that he is now also the Wiltshire Council representative for ICT & Digitalisation.

-ix. WWI Commemoration. Cllr Blair-Pilling showed/passed around the final draft of the book on local people who fought and died in WWI. He is currently getting quotes for printing it and will then be taking orders. The cost will be only the printing production cost (no profit) and he believes a hardback copy would be in the region of £30 - £50. It is to be launched on 11th November 2018.

The mapping project will be on the website. Through Google you will be able to see a pin marker for every person mentioned in the book as well as a map of how the area looked 100 years ago. They are also looking at making verbal information available. Netheravon School want to do an interactive side to this as well for children. All this will be launching on Remembrance Sunday. All of the mapping is being done by Tim Peacock in Netheravon and he is also carrying the bulk of the cost for this project. It is hoped that neighbouring parishes will donate enough to pay the shortfall in costs, just as the book sales hope to cover the printing costs.

Trees. There is a countrywide project to plant one tree for each soldier who gave their lives. For more information on this, contact Marc Read or Mary Towle.

Poppies. These would be large poppies which would be fixed by brackets to lampposts and the like. They can also bear the name of an individual who gave their life although this process adds further cost. Netheravon will be putting poppies on lampposts and a joint order with Enford should help to keep costs down. Again, Mary Towle will have more information.

Cllr Blair-Pilling wants Enford to be very much a part of the commemorations and is hoping for input.

Cllr Roberts said Enford would discuss both Trees and Poppies with Mary Towle. He also asked if it was yet known what the PCC may have planned but it is not. Cllr Christie-Rundle asked if the books would also be available at the Curry Lunch in the Village Hall in Enford on Remembrance Sunday, the answer was 'yes'. The books would also be available at the Church. Cllr Waight suggested that trees should be planted on the tops of local hills so that they stood out for all to see.

Cllr Roberts mentioned the complaints from Mike Germany in Fifield and said Enford would be doing as much self-help as possible. Cllr Balir -Pilling confirmed this was the right thing to do as Wiltshire Council could provide tools but not a service. Cllr Waight mentioned the smashed bus shelter by B crossing on the A345, it is within the parish boundary.

18/055 Verification of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 10th April were proposed as a true record by Cllr Hiskett and seconded by Cllr Harbottle.

18/056 Youth Liaison

Cllr Christie-Rundle said that following a very successful Family Learning Festival in October 2017 there is another one planned for the October half term this year and Enford is taking part again. She, Evie and Rhys are in discussions with Marc Reed over ideas for Enford. Evie had put a note on Facebook requesting response but as yet had had no feedback.

18/057 Declaration of Interests

No Declarations were made.

18/058 Matters Arising

i. Possible fencing of Allotment area in Water Lane. – Cllr Roberts had been approached by Mario Young who wanted to replace the broken fence. His plan is to use the wood from pallets to achieve a post and rail style fence. Provided this is done to a high standard, all Cllrs agreed.

ii. Possible location for extra dog bins in Field - Cllr Young and Norman Beardsley have looked at the area for siting a possible dog mess bin to try and alleviate the problem. They thought overall that the area did not warrant another bin. One possible site was by the barn however this might well be hit/knocked down by tractors. Another was by a house but the owner did not want the bin there. Mike Germany had suggested by the Pumping Station but the two-weekly emptying of bins would not happen as the site is not on the road it is down a path. It was agreed that another could be sited at the end of Coombe Lane by the footpath leading to Fifield – this would at least be emptied regularly and may encourage owners to use it rather than the grit bin.

iii. The Parish Hall – At its meeting yesterday evening the Parish Hall Management Committee (PHMC) resolved, by a clear majority, with only one vote against the motion, to recommend to the Parish Council that it terminate the pursuit of a legal challenge to the move by Medina Cottage of their boundary fence at the rear of the Parish Hall. The PHMC includes in its recommendation that the Parish Council record the reason for the decision, which was that, despite legal advice that the Parish Council had a strong case, it was considered that there was the risk that expenditure of further public money to defend the Council's position could greatly exceed the value of the disputed land and was therefore not an appropriate course of action. The PHMC recommended that the Council's solicitors be instructed to advise Medina Cottage's solicitors of this decision and that the Charities Commission be informed.

Cllr Roberts put the PHMC's recommendation to the Parish Council and it was unanimously accepted by all. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine was not included in this vote.

The condition of the Hall has been independently surveyed and the result is that the Hall is no longer economically viable, nor is it fit for purpose and the building itself will have to be demolished. A Conservation Area Consent for Demolition form is being sought from Wiltshire Council and quotations for demolition will be obtained. The PHMC agreed that the present plot dimensions would be submitted immediately to the Land Registry to avoid any further confusion. Following discussion on the future of the site a clear majority voted that the site would not be sold. It is proposed that a clearance of the contents of the Hall will take place later this year (probably September) and also a public village meeting will be called for everyone to discuss the viable options for the use of the site put forward by the PHMC. Dates to follow.

Cllr Exley asked about the cost to the Parish Council to date. Cllr Roberts reported that a fee review from Trethowans stood at £2,049 and that there would be a small amount further to terminate all correspondence on the matter.

N.B. Correspondence relating to the boundary dispute is available as a public record. Please contact the Clerk to arrange.

18/059 Finance

The Clerk reported that at the end of April the account stood at £19,771.21. The total outgoings for May were £443.30 which included the £35.00 registration cost with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) so at the end of May the account stood at £19,327.91. Already in June the annual donation cheques and letters have been sent out with two very grateful responses and thanks from The Enford Football Club and the Parochial Church Council. The total of donations sent out £2,450.00

18/060 Planning Applications

There were no new applications however a resident in Coombe Lane had written an explanatory letter as to why they would be applying in due course.

18/061 Parish Plan – Youth Funding

Cllr D’Arcy-Irvine read through a potted history of the Playpark from its start in 2006 to the present. He had previously circulated the draft ‘Heads of Terms’ document from Wiltshire Council which would give Enford a 125 year lease on the land to be granted for the Playpark extension and village Allotment site. Once this has been agreed then he will start to apply for grants for new equipment to cater for a greater age range. Just one item can cost between £8,000 to £10,000 so it can be added piece by piece as and when it can be afforded. Cllr Young, Tracy Southard and Paula Brown have been spearheading the fund raising and so far there is circa £1,500 in the kitty. He has also approached Wessex Water regarding a standpipe being installed for the Allotments and is waiting to hear further from them. On top of the cost of the Lease, Enford Parish Council would need to pay any legal costs as well as fencing costs to keep the area secure. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts expressed concern that the unconditional Break Clause included in the Heads of Terms would result in the Lease being un-fundable as the Council could terminate it at any time on a year’s notice. Cllr D’Arcy-Irvine has spoken to the Head of Estates at Wiltshire Council who says this is standard wording and the situation is unlikely to arise unless the site is being used for anything other than the agreed Playpark extension and Allotment site. He asked the Clerk to write and clarify this with Wiltshire Council. Cllr Roberts and the Clerk met with Debbie James of Aster Housing regarding access to the extended area. It is thought the current access would not be sufficient for an increased throughflow of traffic. She was unable to give her thoughts at the time and will contact the Clerk in a couple of weeks or so with regard to a new licence to cross their land. She also reported that the current Licence to cross Aster land was completely out of date and was to be renewed at the same time raising the Licence from £5.00 per year to £100.00 per year. A discussion on other possible access points ensued and Cllr Cliffe-Roberts will check with the Land Registry on any potential sites.

18/062 Roads and Highways

Cllr Harbottle reported that:

- i. The Parish Steward is now back on normal duties from 20th June and asked for anyone to report outstanding repair work that may be required.
- ii. As already notified, the repair work to the A345 is scheduled to start this month in a variety of places. As some of these jobs have been given two differing start dates he will clarify this with Wiltshire Council.
- iii. At the last CATG meeting Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) were again discussed with the possibility of sharing a device with Collingbourne. The Clerk was asked to approach Tidworth Area Board regarding grant funding.
- iv. Both sunken manhole covers on either side of A crossing have been marked for repair – this has only taken 5 years.
- v. He is still chasing for a replacement of the rotten telegraph pole on Enford Hill.
- vi. He has been notified that the work between West Chisenbury and A crossing has been completed.

- vii. The streetlight outside 509 Littlecott has been reported again for failure.
- viii. Cllr Harbottle asked about the progress on signage for The Swan and car parking.

18/063 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)

Cllr Hiskett had no new information for the Council.

18/064 Correspondence

Cllr Roberts read out a letter from Mrs Whelan of Fifield complaining about the state of the footpaths – they are not passable and badly overgrown with brambles, nettles etc - and how she can no longer use them or reach the post box. She has lived in Fifield for 57 years and is angry and distressed at the current state of the village. The Clerk has been asked to respond.

18/065 Any Other Business

There was none however both Cllr Roberts and Cllr Cliffe-Roberts apologised as they will not be able to attend the next meeting in July.

18/066 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.37pm

Elizabeth Harrison, Clerk, Enford Parish Council

Dated: 12th June 2018