

# ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Held in the Village Hall.

to be verified at the next meeting, to be held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Present:	Cllr Richard Roberts	Chairman
	Cllr Mark Hiskett	Vice Chairman
	Cllr Patricia Holdway, Cllr Jane Young	Councillors
	Cllr David Harbottle, Cllr Bruce Waight	Councillors
	Cllr Peter Cliffe-Roberts,	
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	W. Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling	Wiltshire/Unitary Council

The meeting was opened at 7.40pm by Cllr Roberts

## 18/085 Apologies

WO2 Jeff Payne – MOD Liaison, PC Lucy Wileman, Cllr D’Arcy-Irvine, Cllr Christie-Rundle and Cllr Exley.

## 18/086 Public Questions

There were no members of the Public present.

## 18/087 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch

There was nothing relevant to Enford to report from the latest Police newsletter. Cllr Waight reported that a 40ft trailer of his which had been used to block entry to a field had been set alight by, he believes, hare coursers. The Fire Services were called and it took some while to put the fire out. Meanwhile entry had been gained to another field and fences and batteries had been stolen. Cllr Roberts noted that at the previous night’s meeting of the Tidworth Area Board a Colonel had spoken of the huge expense to the Army of bringing the forces back to the UK, creating housing etc but it appears there is no money for ‘policing’ activities on the Plain. Cllr Hiskett explained that there had been two rural policemen, employed by the MoD, who were responsible for policing Salisbury Plain, but the posts had been removed in funding cuts. He stated that service personnel did not have a ‘warrant’ to police the Plain. W Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling will take up the overall point of funding for policing and possible MOD Police with the Army and Wiltshire Council.

The Clerk was asked to contact Jeff Payne regarding the situation of MOD Police.

## 18/088 MOD/Army Matters

WO2 Jeff Payne was unable to attend but sent in the following list of incidents recorded from 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August on the Plain.

Accidents:	3 – all incidents involving Cadets
Near misses:	26 – (vehicles x24, Cycles x1, Air x 1)
Fly tipping:	17 in total
Environmental:	8 – all of which were fires
Criminal Damage:	4 in total
Complaints:	5 – (Military Training x 4 and Noise x1)
Live Stock:	6 – all of which were regarding cattle that had got loose.

## 18/089 Unitary Council Matters

Boundary Commission Consultation: The first half of the Wiltshire Council review has been completed and where there had previously been 99 Councillors the review has reduced this to 98. The second stage has to be completed by October. There has been a huge growth in local towns and therefore there could be a shift of certain areas covered by each Councillor. Wiltshire Council has focussed on the amount of houses (up to 2021)

in any division/ward with the equality figure set at 4,291 to be represented by a Councillor. In the Netheravon, (Enford), Chutes and Collingbournes which W Cllr Blair-Pilling currently represents there is a lower equality housing figure of 3,900. The Boundary Commission's Consultation review can be found on the Wiltshire Council website. The Boundary Commission are having workshops with all Area Boards. Tidworth and Amesbury Area Boards have a surplus (i.e. more than the 4,291 equality figure), however Pewsey Area Board is below the 4,291 equality figure. It is possible any boundary changes may 'shrink' the area which could mean that Netheravon, Fittleton and Enford (1500 houses/voters) could be pushed out of the Tidworth Area but the question is, where to the villages go? A discussion was had as to whether Enford felt more drawn to the 'north' or the 'south' of the area. Cllr Blair-Pilling said that Netheravon and Fittleton felt more drawn to the south. Cllr Roberts suggested the villages stay together as a first choice. As rural villages, town-based Area Boards do not necessarily cover the requirements of a rural community and therefore the villages should remain together. Nothing has been determined as yet but it is a matter that will be dealt with in the future – possibly out of our local control.

Cllr Harbottle asked if this is to do with the Parliamentary Review. W Cllr Blair-Pilling said it is not but that those decisions can affect the 2021 county review.

The Jubilee Commemorations: W Cllr Blair-Pilling passed round a softback copy of the book to be released on Remembrance Sunday, it is about to go to the printers and said that the website "Our Soldiers" was almost ready. He stressed that Enford are just as involved in this project as Fittleton and Netheravon. He had previously released a precis of the events which will be going on to the Netheravon Newsletter and Cllr Roberts will adapt this for Enford's newsletter. The book and website launch will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November in Phoenix Hall, Netheravon. Limited copies of the book will be available for sale at the ABF Curry Lunch event on Sunday in Enford Village Hall. Martin Webb will be invited to attend demonstrate the associated website in the Village Hall during the lunch and Cllr Hiskett suggested it might have more impact if someone were to 'present' the book. W Cllr Blair-Pilling has said he would attend briefly to give a short talk about the book.

The book will have an initial print run of 100 copies. Netheravon will take 75 and Enford 25. Jane Young will be in charge of books sales. At £25.00 per book this should raise £2,500.00 which will cover the initial print run cost of £2,000 and allow money to be donated (to the British Legion) at the same time. He has asked that people are not greedy and buy two copies to start with, rather order however many copies are wanted which will cover the cost of the second print run. W Cllr Blair-Pilling has said the costs incurred with this project have been £900 – this has been proportionately divided between the parishes concerned and Enford would contribute £300. Cllr Hiskett proposed agreement to this spend and Cllr Cliffe-Roberts seconded the proposal with all other Cllrs in agreement.

W Cllr Blair-Pilling went on to mention the Poppies being made in commemoration – this is a topic on which the Clerk is liaising with Mary Towle (Netheravon Clerk). He also wanted to stress that this is a local event, a history of our communities, it is not a county-wide competition or PR exercise.

Before W Cllr Blair-Pilling left the meeting Cllr Harbottle raised a matter of the storm drain at the top of Enford Hill. He had reported this to Wiltshire Council who said that it was un-important and they were not going to fix it. However they have spent time and money on repairing potholes at the far end of Water Lane which is generally only used by farm vehicles. Cllr Harbottle feels this is inappropriate and W Cllr Blair-Pilling will take this up with the Highways Department. W Cllr Blair-Pilling then left the meeting.

### **18/090 Verification of the Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> July were proposed as a true record by Cllr Harbottle and seconded by Cllr Holdway.

### **18/091 Youth Liaison**

Cllr Christie-Rundle, Evie Chamberlain and Rhys Teasdale had all sent their apologies for not being able to attend.

### **18/092 Declaration of Interests**

No Declarations were made.

### **18/093 Matters Arising**

- i. The Jubilee Commemorations – book launch, website, poppies etc. Details of the book launch are now clearer from the above item 18/089. The Clerk has been in touch with Mary Towle regarding the Poppies. The names of those fallen will have to be attached to the poppies on arrival. They do not come with brackets and so the Council will need to find ways of attaching them for display. During a brief discussion it was agreed that they could be displayed (possibly on the bridge) along Enford Hill and the Lytchgate itself. The Remembrance Day service will be held at the Lytchgate. Further discussion and arrangements are needed for the poppies. On the matter of planting trees in commemoration, the Council had previously declined the idea due to lack of space. However, it is possible that Netheravon may have too many and if one tree is available, this could be planted in the Community Garden with a commemorative plaque. The Clerk will find out more and report back.
- ii. Speed Indicator Device (SID), Application for a Grant. The Area Board were initially offering a grant of £1,500 towards the purchase of a SID but over the Summer have reduced this to £1,000. The Parish Council's application, submitted in on 25<sup>th</sup> June, was considered and approved at an Area Board meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September. The Clerk will obtain the grant and the purchase will proceed.
- iii. The Playpark – repairs and inspection. Cllr Roberts and Cllr Hiskett have spent time installing the replacement swings and again replacing the gate latch prior to the annual safety inspection. The swings were the only piece of equipment that carried the manufacturer's name and so no other equipment has been repaired. The safety inspector visits every September and sends in his report. Not knowing the date of his arrival, the replacement parts order was copied to his office as proof of impending repair and this was accepted. After a brief discussion of the Playpark it was thought that an equipment update was a more pressing problem than the previously planned extension.

### **18/094 Finance**

The Clerk reported that at the beginning of July the account stood at £17,444.11 with outgoings of 1,915.80 leaving £15,528.31 carried forward to August. Expenditure was higher in August at £3,026.30 giving a balance of £12,502.01 to carry through to September. Also in September, the Council should receive the second tranche of the Precept, circa £7,000, around 21<sup>st</sup> of the month.

### **18/095 Planning Applications**

There were none to discuss.

### **18/096 Parish Plan – Youth Funding**

There was no report as such with Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine's absence. The correspondence he had previously handled with Wiltshire Council on the extended playpark area will be taken on by Cllr Roberts. In discussion it was agreed that the extension to the area was wanted but not necessarily a skate park. Renewed equipment, fencing and an area to kick a ball around is a more feasible option. Cllr Roberts suggested putting a note in the Newsletter asking who/how many would be interested in an Allotment. The Clerk will arrange this.

### **18/097 The Parish Hall**

Cllr Cliffe-Roberts reported that Wiltshire Council have changed their decision on the type of application form for demolition consent and therefore the application needs to be re-submitted. He has also been asked to attach a Heritage Statement. The Conservation Officer has received a copy of the Building Survey and is due to inspect it shortly. It is hoped that permission will soon be given. The Demolition tender was sent out during the Summer to four companies. Only three replied and the PHMC discussed these at their meeting on 10<sup>th</sup>

September. The contract for the demolition has been awarded and will hopefully take place in November. A successful Clearance Sale was held on 15<sup>th</sup> September raising over £300 for the Parish Hall funds. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts also reminded everyone of the **Public Meeting** due to be held on **27<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall at 7.00pm**. The PHMC will put forward various viable ideas for the future use of the site – it will not be sold – and are inviting the village to attend and put forward any ideas they may have. All these will then be discussed further in an attempt to find the best solution which will benefit the whole village as the Hall was originally intended to do.

### **18/098 Roads and Highways**

Cllr Harbottle reported:

- i. The situation with prioritising work as mentioned earlier (18/089)
- ii. The Parish Steward now contacts him by phone. He is concerned that the village are not reporting problem areas of roads that need to be dealt with.
- iii. The resurfacing of the A345 has now been completed apart from some white line work to be done on the red tarmac patches north of New Buildings.
- iv. The river, just north of Enford Bridge is partially blocked by trees and could be a cause of flooding later in the year. There is also a tree in the river just below the bridge – this may be on Cllr Waight's land, if not, possibly the Environment Agency should be informed.

Cllr Roberts mentioned the trees at the bottom of Water Lane needing attention, Cllr Harbottle said this was Army land not Wiltshire Council. Cllr Hiskett mentioned a footpath which could do with clearing but the Parish Steward doesn't 'do' footpaths. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts asked about the weeds where the public highway meets a boundary or building walls, he also mentioned the streetlight outside his house is most irregular in its operation.

### **18/099 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)**

Cllr Hiskett had no new information for the Council.

### **18/100 Correspondence**

#### **18/101 Any Other Business**

-Cllr Roberts mentioned the scaffolding outside River Cottage to enable rethatching. He had received a letter from the owner hoping not to cause too great a problem for the next 8-10 weeks.

-A resident complained that the position of new disabled parking bay installed in the Water Lane layby restricted other residents parking.

-Cllr Young wanted to Minute the appalling lack of services at a recent car accident. No Ambulance appeared even after 2 hours of waiting and the seriously injured person was taken to A & E in a car. All the Services had been called to Salisbury without any or support or back up for the rest of the County. She felt this was very wrong and caused greater anxiety at the time.

#### **18/102 Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no other business Cllr Roberts closed the meeting at 21.40pm

Elizabeth Harrison, Clerk, Enford Parish Council

Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018