

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 22nd January 2019

Held in the Village Hall.

to be verified at the next meeting, to be held on Tuesday, 12th March 2019

Present:	Cllr Mark Hiskett	Vice Chairman
	Cllr Patricia Holdway, Cllr Diane Christie-Rundle	Councillors
	Cllr David Harbottle, Cllr Bruce Waight	Councillors
	Cllr Peter Cliffe-Roberts, Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine	Councillors
	Cllr Vick Exley	Councillor
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling	Wiltshire Council
	3 members of the village	

The meeting was opened at 7.45pm by Cllr Hiskett

19/001 Apologies

Cllr Roberts and Cllr Young, WO2 Jeff Payne (MOD Liaison), PC Lucy Wileman/ PC Amy Jones

19/002 Public Questions

-i. Mike Germany raised two points relating to Fifield. Firstly, what was being done about a new Salt Bin for the junction of the lane to Fifield from the A345? This was last discussed at the meeting of April 10th 2018 item 18/034.ii. There is a Wiltshire Council salt bin on Aster land in Grants Road. It was thought this could be moved to the Fifield junction with the A345. Cllr Hiskett suggested this should be an item for discussion at the next meeting.

Secondly Mike raised the question of dog mess along the paths which has not got any better since a new bin was installed by the Parish Council last July. Dog mess is still being found in residents' wheelie bins and sometimes bagged but left in situ or simply left in the middle of the paths untouched. Cllr Hiskett explained that the bin emptying which the Parish pay for will only happen if the bin is at the roadside, the collectors will not go along footpaths to find it. There is no simple solution as the path and individual dog walkers cannot be monitored. There is a big swing to self-help in the parishes as the County Council are less able to fund everything. Mike Germany said he had contributed to this ethos by digging out 3 drains which were completely blocked up and creating flooding along the Coombe to Enford road every time it rains heavily. He can do no more and Cllr Harbottle will again ask the Council to come and fully clear the drains right the way through.

-ii. Robin from Water Lane attended the meeting. He too was concerned about the amount of dog mess in the verges along Water Lane. With all vegetation at its shortest it would appear the problem is noticeably greater. Another new dog bin might help the problem, Cllr Hiskett suggested a notice in the Newsletter, Cllr Christie-Rundle suggested signs through the village to indicate the location of dog bins and stickers on the bins identifying their usage were also suggested.

Robin also wanted to alert the Council to a major rat problem on the Allotment at the bottom of Water Lane. It was suggested the Clerk should send a letter to the tenant and the situation should be more closely managed.

19/003 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch

No Police Liaison was present and neither had an up to date Police report been received. The Clerk was asked to contact Lucy Wileman/Amy Jones to ask if they intended to attend any meetings and if not, could they at least send a report.

19/004 MOD/Army Matters

WO2 Jeff Payne had not responded to the Notice of a meeting nor had he sent a report. It was recalled from a previous meeting that there are now Military Police attending to the Plain (as well as the rest of the County) and their numbers were scheduled to increase to 6 in the coming months.

19/005 Unitary Council Matters

WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling first mentioned two subjects that had been agreed in Cabinet – Firstly, the 'handing over' of land from Wiltshire Council to local town/parish Councils. In this instance he mentioned Devizes and this is in

principle the method by which Enford hopes to extend the Playpark area. (This should happen in the early part of 2019). Secondly, Cabinet had agreed to set up two Housing Companies mainly for Social Housing which is not currently easy to obtain - for example for people (children) coming out the Care system and also for the likes of 'key workers' who might otherwise have large commuting costs and inconvenience. The Housing Development Companies would develop the land themselves rather than award it to Contractors.

-The Royal Artillery Museum's planned move from Woolwich to West Camp at Netheravon is progressing with an Open Day for discussion of the project on Tuesday 29th January in the Phoenix Hall in Netheravon. This is open to everyone and will last all day.

-Rights of Way project in the Tidworth Area. WCllr Blair-Pilling is very much behind this project which aims to get more people of all age groups out in the open, using the Public Rights of Way (PROWs). Nick Cowan, who is Wiltshire's only representative of PROWs, is assisting in the project and has given a presentation on getting more groups of people involved with the countryside. Farmers, rambles, the Mens Shed groups, schools and groups of all ages and interests will be encouraged to get together to enjoy and care for/maintain the countryside. There is an initial budget of £6,000 (coming jointly from the Health & Wellbeing, Capital Grants and Youth budgets). Mary Towle, Clerk to Netheravon is also very involved. It is hoped that the Lugershall Mens Shed group will be able to make new styles for example but the main objective is to get more people taking responsibility for the PROWs.

- WCllr Blair-Pilling reported on the book 'Village Soldiers'. The initial print run of 100 copies have all been sold. Likewise a further print run of 30 and the current print run of 20 books are in the process of being sold. There will be a meeting on 30th January to review the whole project by all those who contributed.

Cllr Hiskett asked about the proposed site for the Royal Artillery Museum – circa 100 acres? and was concerned about sightlines for example when turning on to or off the A345 which is already a dangerous, fast road. WCllr Blair-Pilling said the exact size of the area wasn't decided/known as yet but there would of course be all kinds of 'diligence' and consultation before actual work went ahead.

19/006 Verification of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 11th December '18 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Holdway and seconded by Cllr Cliffe-Roberts.

19/007 Youth Liaison

Cllr Christie-Rundle said there was nothing to report as she had not heard from either Evie Chamberlain or Rhys Teasdale, both of whom had been invited to attend.

19/008 Declaration of Interests

Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine declared that at Medina Cottage he had 2 boundary lines with the Parish Hall.

19/009 Matters Arising

- i. Update on the Playpark extension. The cogs are slowly ticking on this and the Council must be patient.
- ii. Update on the Allotment site. Only one person has shown interest in an Allotment. When he is able, Cllr Roberts will 'walk the site' with the enquiry. The notice continues to run in the Newsletter asking any interested people to contact the Clerk in the first instance.
- iii. Update on 'Village Gates'. Cllr Roberts has looked at potential sites with an experienced person on the matter and it was agreed that where there may have been a possible site, the verges are too narrow to allow for such an installation. Cllr Harbottle said the cost of gates, whilst possibly helping to slow the traffic, could be in the region of £2,500 to £3,000 per pair and felt the village would get more benefit from purchasing a second Speed Indicator Device (SID). It was agreed that gates should go on the 'back burner'. WCllr Blair-Pilling said grants of up to 60% were available from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG).
- iv. Update on the Speed Indicator Device (SID). This is currently in the Chairman's garage awaiting installation. A trained person needs to install the equipment and is also required when it gets moved. Cllr Waight has cut back overhanging branches in its initial location though it is envisaged that it will be alternated on the north and south sides of the road.
- v. Review of the Christmas tree and the WWI memorial; tree and plaque. It was generally felt that the Christmas tree was a success and well received in the village.

The Memorial tree – a Weeping Beech – has been planted in the Community Garden at the junction of Enford Hill and the A345, with an engraved plaque at its base. Photos of its 'dedication' and a write up have been sent to the Newsletter.

vi. Cllr Harbottle announced his intention to resign from the Parish Council at the end of March. He has now served on the Council 6 years.

19/010 Finance

The Clerk reported that at the beginning of December there was £19,202.67 in the account, with a total spend for the month of £2,065.57 leaving a balance at the end of the month of £17,137.10. The Clerk explained that there was ring-fencing of certain funds to enable the Parish Council to proceed with more expensive items such as replacing Playpark equipment, replacing benches or bus shelters or other Parish assets. There were no questions.

19/011 Planning Applications

19/00168/VAR – This is for a variation to the original plans for the Gliding Club at Trenchard Lines. There were no objections.

19/012 New Playpark

See 'Matters Arising' 19/009.i.

19/013 The Parish Hall

Cllr Cliffe-Roberts reported that the Planning Application for the demolition of the Hall and its new development as a garden and car park was running its course with Wiltshire Planning Dept with a target date of next week for further news.

19/014 Roads and Highways

Cllr Harbottle reported that:

- i. The Parish Steward had been on site on 16th January and had completed all the listed works.
- ii. He is still waiting for the blocked Longstreet House drains to be cleared. Mike Germany has cleared the pipe outlet which is located some 40 yards out in the field but WC will need to use jetting equipment to clear the pipe.
- iii. Repainting the white lines and the 'slow' and 'stop' signs at the top of Enford Hill will be completed, subject to the budget, sometime during April.
- iv. As always, Cllr Harbottle was asking for people to report problems that need to be dealt with. These cannot be major works, just running maintenance – cutting vegetation, potholes etc

19/015 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)

Cllr Hiskett had nothing to report.

19/016 Correspondence

There was nothing for circulation.

19/017 Any Other Business

There were no points raised

19/018 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no other business Cllr Hiskett closed the meeting at 20.40hrs

Elizabeth Harrison, Clerk, Enford Parish Council

Dated: 22nd January 2019