

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 12th March 2019

Held in the Village Hall.

To be verified at the next meeting, Tuesday, 9th April 2019

Present:	Cllr Richard Roberts	Chairman
	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, Cllr Young	Councillors
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling	Wiltshire Council

Mike Germany, Norman Beardsley, Clare Burge, Rhys Teasdale, Martin Webb and Sylvie Claden also attended

The meeting was opened at 7.35pm by Cllr Roberts

Firstly, Cllr Roberts informed the Council of the recent, sad death of Stan Bagwell. He had been a very active and passionate Parish Councillor for many years, turning his hand to whatever situation arose as well as dealing primarily with Roads and Highways. His cremation will take place at Salisbury Crematorium on 26th March at 11.30 am followed by a wake at the Village Hall. No flowers please, instead any donations will go to a mental health charity. Donations can be made either at the Crematorium or through Will Case & Partners Funeral Parlour, tel 01908 623204.

19/019 Apologies

WO2 Jeff Payne (MOD Liaison), PC Lucy Wileman/ PC Amy Jones (Police Liaison)

19/020 Public Questions

-i. - Norman Beardsley raised two matters with the Parish Council. Firstly, Bridleway no 8 off Water Lane. This is much reduced in width and accessibility due to overgrown vegetation as well as fly-tipping. It would appear to be local as there were large lumps of broken concrete, possibly once a path. Secondly the state of No 73 Fifield which hasn't been lived in for circa 3 years. It is a listed building owned by the MOD but let to the Spencer family. Cllr Hiskett said he believed this was part of the Spencer's agricultural tenancy with the the MoD and that there had been a long-running dispute regarding this tenancy.

- ii – Mike Germany attended and had 5 points to make. (ii.i) There is still no salt bin at the top of the lane to Fifield from the A345. (ii.ii) he commented that due to the recent inclement weather, the dog mess problem appeared to have been reduced. (ii.iii) Where he had previously tried to clear drainage pipes between Enford and Coombe no further work had happened and there was a small pond in the middle of the field. Wiltshire Council have visited the site and they know the drain needs rodding/or jet-washing but no work has yet been done. Cllr Harbottle has been informed by two locals that the drain goes into the river but Mike Germany says this is not the case. (ii.iv) On Fifield Lane mud, branches and general muck is being washed down from the A345 to the little bridge creating a filthy area. Cllr Harbottle was able to report that this problem was on the Parish Steward's list for being dealt with on the following day. (ii.v) Mike Germany also commented on the main path in Coombe and the ditch having been cleared and asked why this couldn't be done in Fifield. This clearance was done to try and stop the natural water course flooding a resident's house. Cllr Roberts suggested Mike should contact WC direct to try and get a response from them on these matters however he chooses to attend the Parish Council meetings. Cllrs have done and are doing everything they can to resolve these issues with WC but the Parish cannot force a response from Wiltshire Council.

-iii.- Cllr Roberts welcomed both Martin Webb of the Camera Club and Sylvie Clayden who has been working with Pewsey Area Board on the Pewsey Vale Historic Awareness Project. This involves the production of Information Boards with a local map pinpointing specific areas of interest, historic facts, archaeological information etc. It is hoped to raise local awareness, increase local business and local tourism. The boards themselves have a physical lifespan of circa 10 years and come with an anti-graffiti coating. A sample board was

shown and Sylvie explained that the layout could be 'played' with, the focus for different locations can be moved and different subjects (historic remains, walks, rare flowers, birds etc) could be highlighted with QR codes. On accessing these you would then go through to the (village) website which gives more detailed information. The QR code system is up and running but still being tweaked. This is all done on a 'not for profit' basis. The boards have a similar basic layout and can carry circa 1,000 words in a standard font. The larger size board would be in the region of £230. Martin Webb then showed the preliminary work he had done on a board for Enford whose most likely position would be at the bottom of Enford Hill by the bus stop. It was thought the Church might also like to have its own board and Cllr Hiskett who is the PCC representative will contact the Church Wardens. Following a short discussion the Council agreed to proceed with the project. Cllr Waight offered to assist with the costs through a charity grant. Whilst no time scale was set, Cllr Roberts suggested it would be nice to have the boards in place for the Summer.

19/021 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch

No Police Liaison was present and neither had an up to date Police report been received. Cllr Exley said that her children's bicycles had been stolen from their shed. Cllr Roberts suggested it would be better for the Parish Council to attend the Police Task Group meetings rather than expect them to come to us. (W Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling later confirmed this to be the right approach to keeping in contact with the local Police, also to attend the Area Board meetings). Unfortunately, there is not always someone available to be able to attend.

19/022 MOD/Army Matters

WO2 Jeff Payne was unable to attend the meeting but he had sent a report to the Clerk for incidents recorded over the period 1st to 28th February. Cllr Waight thought there were now about 18 Wardens, Cllr Roberts asked if they liaised with the Police and Cllr Hiskett thought not. Cllr Hiskett suggested that it might be more useful for the report to cover numbers, deployments, work patterns etc of the Wardens and MoD police on the Plain rather than list the incidents that have occurred. The Clerk was asked to contact Jeff for an answer.

Incidents recorded:

Near Misses: total 76. (Vehicles – 61, on foot – 12, Cycles – 2, Air – 1)

Fly-tipping: total 10

Environmental: total 1

Criminal Damage: total 12

Complaints: total 8. (Noise – 7 and 1 military vehicle in out of bounds area)

Livestock: total 1 incident of sheep being loose.

19/023 Unitary Council Matters

- WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling reported that the WC budget has been passed in the last week or so. Wiltshire have managed to balance the budget without using their reserves whilst catering for increased demand in services and no longer receiving a grant from central government. They have increased the Council Tax by 2.99%. WC will be investing £21 million in the highways resurfacing programme across the county in 2019/20 plus the £8 million fund for potholes, minor patching, white lining, weed removal, sign replacement and other activities to improve the County's roads.

- WC is also investing £12m over the next 2 years to replace the old sodium streetlights with LED lights which will help save over £1m a year in electricity costs as well as reducing CO2 emissions by 1,770 tCO2 p.a. The LED lighting has a dimming capability and lights will be dimmed after 11pm.

- WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling was pleased to report good news in other service areas, for example, 98% of children are being allocated a place at their first choice of secondary school. The Council is also continuing to invest in children's health and is one of very few Councils in the Country to provide free swimming for the under 16s during the school holidays. He announced that Wiltshire still have the same number of swimming pools as in 2009 when Wiltshire Council was created. Added to this several of these swimming pools are newly built or totally refurbished – notably the one in Pewsey which was recently re-opened.

-Electoral Review. From May 2021 Enford will no longer be under the Tidworth Area Board but will come under the umbrella of the newly created 'Avon Valley' along with Fittleton, Netheravon and Figheldean.

- Paths for All. WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling raised again the Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) Community Project. The aim is to improve the use of and access to PRoWs in the Tidworth Area Board's community area by developing and utilising community resources in a collaborative manner that will offer health and social benefits to the participating groups and the community as a whole. Those involved are the Tidworth Area Board, the WC Rights

of Way staff, town and parish Councils, user groups (walking, cycling and equestrian) land owners (private and commercial), youth groups, schools, Ludgershall and Tidworth Mens Shed (Mike Giles) and the Tidworth, Bulford and Netheravon Garrisons. It is hoped to integrate all ages and differing groups of people to clear, use, have greater awareness of and take responsibility/ownership for the PRowS and encourage more outdoor activity resulting in healthier and more social lifestyles. The Area Board is raising a start up fund of £6,000 for the first year and subsequent years of funding is expected to come from Parish Councils, participating groups and grants. The first 'workshop' will be on 15th May in Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall between 7 and 8 pm to discuss and develop the best way forward. The meeting is actually the first hour of the Area Board meeting. The Summer programme will run from June to September and on 3rd October there will be another meeting to review progress and discuss the Winter programme. Cllr Hiskett stated that he intended to attend this workshop. Cllr Christie-Rundle has offered to ensure space in the Newsletter to give the project as much publicity as possible.

19/024 Verification of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 22nd January 2019 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Holdway and seconded by Cllr Harbottle.

19/025 Youth Liaison

Rhys Teasdale said there was nothing new to report but noted that fewer people were using the bus shelters as meeting points, presumably due to the colder weather.

19/026 Declaration of Interests

There were none

19/027 Matters Arising

- i. Update on the Playpark extension. Cllr Roberts reported that Wiltshire Council will contact us when they are ready with the paperwork. Cllr Young said that we should upgrade the equipment we have and await WC's verdict on the extension. Cllr Exley noted that the area was seldom used but despite this Cllr Roberts reported that he, Cllr Young and Cllr Hiskett have now replaced the basketball backboard and hoop. A photograph has been sent to the Newsletter.

- ii. Update on the Allotment enquiry. The one respondent showing interest in an Allotment has now looked at the planned location. Their verdict is that there are too many trees around the area which would not only take all the moisture from the ground but would also stop the sun getting to the beds.

- iii. Update on the Speed Indicator Device (SID). Cllr Roberts thanked everyone who had helped to install the SID – Cllr Waight, Mort Burdick, Cllr Graham Wright (Durrington), Cllr Young and Alan Day of the Community Speedwatch Group. There have already been many positive messages by phone and email as to its effect, even asking for a second SID at the southern end of the village.

- iv. Moving the Salt Bin from Grants road to Fifield. After a brief discussion it was agreed that a new salt bin (circa 140L) should be purchased and installed at around £150.00 + VAT. Cllr Hiskett proposed the purchase and this was seconded by Cllr Christie-Rundle with all other Cllrs agreeing.

- v. Fly-tipping and New Buildings. Where the Council has discussed this previously it was understood that the road was private and unadopted. The Clerk was asked to follow this up.

- vi. Mud on the road at Fifield and possible new dog bin. Janet Dodds had written to the Clerk regarding the mud and mess on the road in Fifield as well as the dog mess problem. The Clerk had previously circulated the letter to all Cllrs. Much of this had already been discussed in Public Questions 19/020.ii with Mike Germany. The Council can only put this to Wiltshire again to clear the roads of mud (see also 19/032.ii) and the Clerk was asked to purchase some stickers regarding the ongoing dog mess problem.

- vii. Information Boards. This was discussed with all Cllrs agreeing it was a good idea for the village – see Public Questions 19/020.iii.

- viii. New dog mess bin for Water Lane. The Council had discussed this matter previously and it was agreed to proceed with the purchase of another dog mess bin to be installed in Water Lane. The proposer was Cllr Holdway and this was seconded by Cllr Cliffe-Roberts.

19/028 Finance

The Clerk reported that at the beginning of February there was £13,111.10 in the account, with a total spend for the month of £836.39 leaving a balance at the end of the month of £12,279.71. 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. Cllr D’Arcy-Irvine asked for clarification regarding February expenditure £836.39. The Clerk said it included a final payment of £524.00 to Trethowans for legal fees together with garden services, her January salary £258, and payment to the Chairman £18 for play park expenses.

19/029 Planning Applications

Cllr Roberts reported that there had been one objection to the site of the new Artillery Museum in Netheravon.

19/030 New Playpark

See ‘Matters Arising’ 19/027.i.

19/031 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.

19/032 Roads and Highways

Cllr Harbottle reported that the Parish Steward was due the following day and will be dealing with:

- i. A large, deep pothole on the C32 north of East Chisenbury, just beyond the 30mph release sign needs urgent repair.
- ii. An area of mud washed down to the bend in the middle of Fifield needs clearing.
- iii. Repair potholes on the road into Compton.
- iv. Finish the repairs to the tarmac on the Z-bend on Enford Farm Road.
- v. The footpath and road edge between the T-junction and the Church car park needs tidying up.

19/033 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)

Cllr Hiskett reported that the ‘Bridleway’ sign on footpath 20 (between the top of B crossing and the river) was not pointing in the right direction however he felt the actual path was obvious albeit slightly further down. By moving the sign post in its current location would mean the opposite ‘sign finger’ would then be out of true. It was thought best to leave it as it is.

19/034 Correspondence

Following an email from Wiltshire Council the Clerk will be writing to the owner of Littlecott Farm regarding overgrowing yew bushes.

19/035 Any Other Business

Cllr Roberts asked when the Garden Services were due to start again. This is in March and they will be asked to clear the prunings from behind the bus shelter. Cllr Roberts also wished to thank Cllr Waight for removing a branch from the road which had come down in the recent high winds.

-Cllr Exley raised the matter of speeding in Longstreet. The Community Speed-watch Team would discuss mounting a speed-watch in the village designated spot. Cllr Roberts suggested buying Enford’s own 30 mph signs.

-Cllr Harbottle said the signage on the roads were due to be repainted next month.

-Cllr Holdway also mentioned speeding vehicles but in Water Lane and said that Porton have a cardboard cut-out of a policeman with a speed gun which seems to do the trick.

Cllr Harbottle announced his resignation from the Parish Council having served the village for 6 years. Cllr Roberts, on behalf of the Parish Council, said a huge thank you to him for his years of persistent work with Wiltshire Council for Enford. It is often a thankless task but he has been a very valuable member of the P.Council and his commitment will be missed.

19/036 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no other business Cllr Roberts closed the meeting at 21.30hrs

Elizabeth Harrison - Clerk, Enford Parish Council

Dated: 12th March 2019