

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 9th July 2019

Held in the Village Hall.

To be verified at the meeting of, Tuesday, 10th September 2019

Present:	Cllr Mark Hiskett	Vice Chairman
	Cllr Patricia Holdway, Cllr Bruce Waight	Councillors
	Cllr Exley, Cllr Jane Young	Councillors
	Cllr Peter Cliffe-Roberts	Councillor
	Cllr Rob Coulthard	Councillor
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	W.Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling	Wiltshire Council

The meeting was opened at 7.45pm by Cllr Hiskett

19/075 Apologies

WO2 Jeff Payne (MOD Liaison), PC Amy Jones (Police), Cllr Roberts, Cllr Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine

19/076 Public Questions

There were no members of the public present

19/077 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Exley first noted that the Neighbourhood Watch scheme are having their Annual Meeting at the Police HQ in Devizes and they are looking for volunteers, unfortunately she is unable to attend.

She then gave an abridged version of the Police report which is focussing on protecting one's house – shutting doors and windows etc despite the heat. Although nothing had been reported for Enford, the nearest incidents recorded were in Netheravon and included class A drugs, shoplifting, theft from a garden shed and hay bales set on fire. At Everleigh rocks had been thrown at a car. If you need to report to the Police remember to use 101 unless it is an emergency. As of next week, Cllr Exley will be starting a new job in the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office which could potentially create a conflict of interest and therefore anyone willing to take on the Police/Neighbourhood Watch representative role would be most welcome.

19/078 MOD/Army Matters

WO2 Jeff Payne was unable to attend the meeting and had sent in an incident report which reads as follows:

Near misses: 10 x Total (vehicular – 4, on foot – 2, on cycle - 2, general -2.

Fly tipping: 15 x Total

Environmental: 11 x Total (fires x 11)

Criminal Damage: 4 x Total

Complaints: 2 x Total (noise x 2)

Livestock: 2 x Total incidents of cattle loose.

Accidents: 6 x total (all military)

The centre range closes for Summer Maintenance after 1700hrs on 26th July and re-opens at 0830hrs on 19th August

There were no further questions.

19/079 Unitary Council Matters

- WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling reported that Philip Whitehead is now the new leader of the Council and he himself has been moved into the cabinet with new roles including ICT and many more.

- W.C. are granting £50,000 of tax-payers money to the setting up of a mutual bank. This will go towards the £200,000 licence fee for creating the 'Avon Mutual'. Its purpose will be to service small micro businesses and support those who are unable to get a 'normal' bank account. It is intended to have 'pop up' banking in those areas which have no local bank and they hope it will start next year.

-Boundaries Commission. There is an extra consultation period on this which is delaying progress and also putting the parish boundary decision process under greater time pressure to be resolved by 2021.

-Paths for All. The next meeting is on 17th July at 7pm in the Collingbourne Kingston Hall.

-The next Tidworth Area Board (TAB) meeting will be on Thursday 18th at 7.00pm in Enford Village Hall and the next Community Area Transport group (CATG) meeting will be on Monday 22nd in Tidworth.

Cllr Hiskett asked if his new roles in cabinet would change his role with the local parishes, he said no it would not. Cllr Hiskett also raised the matter of speeding traffic through Longstreet. If W.C. agreed to do a 'metrocount' (recording the number of vehicles and speed over a period of time) it would cost circa £2,400 and the Parish Council would be expected to pay 25% of this. It would not guarantee a reduced speed limit. Cllr Coulthard has said he will ask about this at the next CATG meeting.

With no further points raised, W.Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling left the meeting at 8.10.

19/080 Verification of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 11th June 2019 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Cliffe-Roberts and seconded by Cllr Holdway.

19/081 Youth Liaison

Evie Chamberlain and Rhys Teasdale had been invited to attend if there was anything new to report. They were neither of them present.

19/082 Declaration of Interests

There were none

19/083 Matters Arising

- i. New Salt bin for Fifield. The Clerk has chased this again (3rd time). The Highways Dept. must first give their permission for the location and they are notoriously slow in decision making. It was thought they may possibly leave this item until the winter when a new salt bin might actually be 'needed' rather than 'wanted'.
- ii. Relocation of the bin from Coombe Lane footpath through to the centre of Fifield. The Clerk has chased this again and the cost of re-location will be £61.45 + VAT. The contractor was told to proceed.
- iii. With Susie Browne's departure from the village the Council needs to find someone to check the defibrillator on a weekly /monthly basis and report the status to the Webnos system. The Clerk has previously contacted the new owners of Hill House about this but has not yet had a reply. In the absence of anyone coming forward it was suggested that perhaps a rota of Cllrs could do this or possibly The Swan might be asked to re-house it and report. The Clerk has been asked to get a definitive instruction from Susie Browne as to what is required
- iv. Village Information Board. This has had a great many positive comments however there had been objections to the reference to the rare Montagu's Harrier. Cllr Hiskett explained that the text is very general and does not place the birds at risk. He added that a search on Google would provide far more detailed information than is on the board. If anyone has any further objections, please contact Cllr Hiskett.
- v. Renovation of the seat by the bus stop. This has been completed and is very much appreciated by all.

19/084 Finance

The Clerk reported that at the end of June there was a balance of £16,553.22 in the account. A total of £3,499.77 had gone out during June (this was mainly the annual donations and Section 137 donations) and there had been a credit of £1,000. This was a donation from the Samuel William Farmer Trust which will cover the cost of the Village Information Boards and the rest will go towards the new village noticeboards which are in the pipeline for later this year. The second tranche of the Precept is due in mid/late September.

There were no questions.

19/085 Planning Applications

19/05681/FUL – Grants Road, ground floor extension. The Council has no objection.

19/06064/FUL – Enford Hill, changing of front door/porch. The Council has no objection.

19/06067/FUL – Enford Hill, extended parking area. The Council considered this second application and continue to be concerned about traffic safety on Enford Hill and on the A345. It was agreed to ask the Highways Department to inspect the site. If they are 'happy' with the Planning Application then the Parish Council would not object to the increased parking area.

19/06291/TCA – Rose Cottage, removal of Sycamore Tree. The Council has no objection.

19/086 New Playpark

Cllr Young said there was nothing new to report and acknowledged the supplier contact the Clerk had sent. They have supplied some of the existing equipment and would send their surveyor to check the site and draft a new layout with new equipment. It was thought that whether or not the freehold of the extended area would be obtained, the existing equipment was in need of updating and the Clerk was asked to contact the supplier for preliminary thoughts. There is a balance of £3,789.64 in the fund-raising account which is approximately a third of the figure required.

19/087 The Parish Hall

Cllr Cliffe-Roberts said there was no news at present. Wiltshire Council's target date for a decision was 1st July however the officer handling the application is on holiday until next week.

19/088 Roads and Highways

Cllr Coulthard first of all apologised for his late apologies at the last meeting. He is in touch with the Parish Steward (Gabriel) and will be meeting him to set out exactly what he will and will not do. He is also concerned at how to 'gather' the jobs requiring attention in from the village. It was suggested placing a notice in the Newsletter on a regular basis. Various over growing hedges, bushes etc were mentioned and the Clerk will put a notice in the Newsletter asking owners to keep their trees and shrubs within their own boundaries.

19/089 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)

Cllr Hiskett said he would be attending the 'Paths for All' meeting next week. One idea has been to group villages together to create 'circular' walks possibly with notice boards for info, maybe have Treasure Hunts etc – anything to create a greater usage of these paths for all age groups. Volunteers are always wanted!

19/090 Correspondence

-i. The Clerk has received a letter from Wiltshire Search and Rescue, basically asking for a donation. It will be scanned and sent to all Cllrs in due course.

-ii. An email had been received by the Clerk regarding the debris on Bridleway 8 (as reported in the Minutes of March 12th under Public Questions 19/020.i) which has since been cleared and also the apparent increase in traffic speeding through Longstreet. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts asked whether the Speedwatch group could be moved to cover this area. Cllr Hiskett replied there are two approved areas on the A345 by the top of Enford Hill and one area by the Longsteet bus stop at the bottom. These locations have first to be approved by Highways, Health and Safety and the Police, one cannot simply 'pick a spot'. An exercise at the bottom of Enford Hill was tried recently on a Friday afternoon and 4 or 5 cars were clocked doing 17mph. He added that in the confines of a narrow road a vehicle will appear to be travelling faster even if it is within the speed limit

19/091 Any Other Business

-Cllr Coulthard asked about the possibility of adding two names to the Lychgate – a project that was being looked into some 18 months ago. He was keen for this to go ahead despite the reported obstacle course of red tape to be got through.

-He also asked about the Village Fete for next year, the Clerk said this was on the Agenda for the September meeting (10th). Cllr Exley said that Netheravon put on a free music festival which is a good fund raiser, maybe this could be an alternative to the fete or even run in conjunction. This is all discussion for September.

19/92 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no other business Cllr Hiskett closed the meeting at 2100hrs

Elizabeth Harrison, Clerk Enford Parish Council

Dated: 9th July 2019