

# ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Held in the Parish Hall.

Verified at the meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Present:	Cllr Richard Roberts	Chairman
	Cllr Patricia Holdway, Cllr Bruce Waight	Councillors
	Cllr Michael Fay, Cllr David Harbottle	Councillors
	Cllr D’Arcy-Irvine, Cllr Richard Pettit	Councillors
	Cllr Gareth Holden, Cllr Jane Young	Councillors
	Cllr Keron Taylor	Councillor
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	Mr Peter Cliffe-Roberts	
	Mr Jim Hayward	

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm by Cllr Richard Roberts, Chairman.

## 16/069 Apologies

Received from Maria Downham – Police Liaison and Cllr Charles Howard – Wiltshire Council

## 16/070 Public Questions

Mr Jim Hayward spoke to the Council on a matter which concerns him greatly, that the deliveries at New House Farm haulage business which he alleges constantly leave debris along the edges of the roads, blocking drains, culverts etc as well as working anti-social hours. He would like the Parish Council to look into the working licence. It was suggested that if these events were so frequent, Mr Hayward might have made some notes of their regularity. Mr Hayward said he had not. At present the Council can take no further action.

## 16/071 Verification of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were proposed as a true record by Cllr D’Arcy-Irvine and seconded by Cllr Harbottle.

## 16/072 Declarations of Interest

There were none

## 16/073 Matters Arising

### i. Election of a new Councillor

As no one had come forward from the advertisements earlier this summer there was no election. Mr Peter Cliffe-Roberts had previously spoken of this with Cllr Roberts and was co-opted onto the Parish Council. He was proposed by Cllr Roberts, seconded by Cllr D’Arcy-Irvine and the rest of the Cllrs were in unanimous agreement.

### ii. Election of Vice Chairman

No one put themselves forward or was suggested. The correct procedure in the absence of a Chairman or Vice Chairman is for the Clerk to open the meeting and immediately get the Cllrs to elect a volunteer as acting Chairman for that meeting. However as it is helpful for the Chairman to have ‘a right hand’ it was suggested there could be a rotation of Cllrs. Cllr Harbottle offered to take the first 2 month period.

### iii. Extension of the Playpark

Cllr D’Arcy-Irvine has been looking into this possibility. There is a total of 100m x 80m which could be used for this purpose and had previously been offered to the Parish Council. Wiltshire Council would be helpful in seeing

this through. The Playpark could be extended in size and equipment to include a skate park, football wall and Allotments. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine would like to form a sub-committee with Cllr Young to start to raise money – possibly around £15,000. After discussion it was agreed that there should be a meeting involving the older children, their parents and Cllrs to decide on the exact facilities to be installed and everyone should be kept involved throughout the whole planning, fund raising process to the completion. Cllr Holden suggested a football wall as well as his son, a talented skateboarder, to assist in design. A viable proposition must be the first thing and Wiltshire Council have said they would be keen to support this.

Cllr Fay reported that some of the equipment (chain steps) had been deliberately smashed and broken. [It has since been reported by a resident that 'older children' were seen deliberately destroying the equipment].

Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine proposed that we proceed with involving the community for this and was seconded by Cllr Young. All other Cllrs were in favour.

#### iv. Allotments

See above as these would be on a part of the land from Wiltshire Council.

#### v. P E A Scheme plus own barrow

The Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme (PEAS) offers salt, sand, gel bags, signs, tabards etc to Parishes to cope with extreme weather conditions. Each year Parish Councils are invited to put in their 'order' by the end of the Summer. Cllr Waight and Cllr Young are currently storing the supplies of sand and salt for the village and these do not need replenishing. This year a spreader barrow was also offered but on investigation it was not being offered for free. Cllr Holdway will research and obtain spreaders

#### vi. Aster Communities – Access Licence

It transpires that there is a small but vital stretch of land owned by Aster which gives access to the Playpark. In 2004 the Parish were paying £5.00 per annum to Sarsen Housing as it then was. Due to name/company changes and office changes these smaller aspects of Aster Communities' business have been temporarily ignored but in going through their archives, they are re-instating the Licence. The current charge will be backdated to 2011 which gives the Council a bill of £30.00 to pay. It was agreed that the Clerk should sort this out.

### **16/074 Finance**

i. The Clerk reported that there had been no unforeseen expenditure and from the last report in June (bank figure from end of May) there had been a balance of £8,053.31. In June itself all the previously agreed donations were sent out plus the insurance and other bills paid, giving an end of month balance of £5,798.07. Total expenditure for June July and August comes to £3,595.24 leaving £4,458.07 as at the end of August. Due to the larger precept this year (over £10,000), it is being paid in 2 tranches, the second of which is due in September and this will show in the next report.

### **16/075 Police Matters**

Maria Downham was unable to attend but said there was only one item to report. A car had been scratched in Grants Road which could have been due to a child's bike or scooter falling against it. The case has been closed. On other Policing matters, the new Policing Team goes live on 17<sup>th</sup> October. Maria will be based at Amesbury Police Station but remains our PCSO and single point of contact. From Amesbury she will still cover Ludgershall and the Rural Area. If anyone has any questions, please let her know and she will try to answer them.

A part of the report from Cllr Charles Howard (Wiltshire Council) is also about the new Policing Scheme, he writes:

#### ***"New Community Policing Model***

*A new model for local Community Policing will come into force on 17<sup>th</sup> October. Among the changes will be:*

- 1. The Tidworth Community Area i.e. Ludgershall, Tidworth and the nine villages will be policed under the control of Inspector Nick Mawson who is based at Devizes Police Station.*

2. *A new way of working will be introduced which will make the best and most efficient use of police resources.*

*A full explanation of the new arrangements will be made by Inspector Mawson at the next meeting of the Tidworth Area Board which will be held at 7 pm at The Wellington Academy on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. All are welcome to attend. In addition to Inspector Mawson, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire Mr Angus Macpherson will also be present."*

Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine who represents the Tidworth Area Board will be attending this meeting and so will report back on any new information at the next Parish Council meeting.

A third matter on Policing has arisen by email from the Chairman at Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council, Keith Cockerton. (This is listed in Any Other Business.) They are concerned at the lack of Police presence and support in their village and at the Tidworth Area Boards and TCAP meetings. They feel they are not getting Police attention due to being rural and apparently having less need than more built up areas. If Enford (among others) feels the same they suggest a joint approach to the Police on this at the next Area Board Meeting (19<sup>th</sup> September). After a brief discussion it was decided not to join them on this matter. Maria Downham last attended an Enford Parish Council meeting in March of this year. The Clerk will respond to Keith Cockerton.

#### **16/076 Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Roberts said there was not a lot happening but he was still attending the meetings. From his latest report in August the rural crime Police have been working with the MOD, Tri force, Air support and dog units. Coursing is still a big problem which was confirmed by Cllr Waight.

Due to timing issues Cllr Taylor had to leave and so PROWs were discussed next.

#### **16/077 Public Rights of Way (PROW)**

Cllr Taylor reported from her meeting with Marc Read (Community Engagement Officer for the Tidworth Area Board). Despite advertising for volunteers to assist with keeping the most used paths open and clear through the village, only one new person, Jonathan in Coombe Lane, has been active. Barry in East Chisenbury continues to assist. At her meeting with Marc Read the possible grants available were discussed whereby Enford could apply to buy its own strimmer or hedge cutter. Jonathan was keen for this to happen and the Council, after discussion, felt that an application would be in order. Questions of storage, insurance, Health & Safety, training etc were raised but it was felt these could be dealt with at a later stage should the application be successful. There is one person for this area in Wiltshire Council and his support and budgets are dwindling so it is down to the Parish to sort out its own systems. It was also noted that the Council's thanks should be passed on to both Jonathan and Barry for their time and effort – it is much appreciated. Cllr Taylor then left the meeting.

#### **16/078 MOD/ Army Matters**

Tony Broadbent reported 11 instances of fly tipping, 9 vehicular incursions into the impact area as well as human incursions and several burnt out vehicles. He confirmed that there were major exercises going on at present, including Wessex Storm. There will also be some firing from Larkhill which will require the temporary closure of some Public Rights of Way in this area. The recent noise levels have been within the permitted decibel range however an explosion at 0430hrs recently was due to excessive explosives and not guns (10kg instead of 2kg). He also wished to pass on thanks from his Col who has now been in the job for a year, for all the support he has received from the Parishes and their assistance in reporting unusual instances etc. Cllr Holden asked about finding razor-wire across a byway. Tony said he would look into this.

**16/079 Unitary Council Matters** Iir Charles Howard was unable to attend the meeting however he sent in a report covering two topics. Firstly the New Community Policing Model (discussed above in section 16/075, Police Matters) and secondly, the Tidworth Community Area Partnership (TCAP). He writes as follows:

***“The Tidworth Community Area Partnership***

*TCAP is a forum at which issues arising in the Tidworth Community Area can be raised, discussed and action taken to resolve them where possible. It also runs a local website, and sponsors events such as concerts and the Blue Light Day in the Tidworth Area.*

*Following the creation of Area Boards in 2009, some of the work covered by TCAP is duplicated by the Area Board. The Area Board is the executive arm of Wiltshire Council in the Tidworth Community Area. A meeting of TCAP representatives was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September to review the two organisations work and to try to eliminate duplication. Arising from this meeting, the following decisions were made:*

- 1. The five thematic groups, namely Economic & Built Environment, the local Policing team, the Local Youth Network, the Community Area Transport Group and Health & Wellbeing would be allocated more time to discuss issues at meetings of the Area Board. There would be a corresponding reduction in reports from outside agencies.*
- 2. The number of TCAP meetings per annum would be reduced from four to two.*
- 3. TCAP, through the Chairman who is normally the Garrison Commander, would continue to exist and be ready to raise local issues independently from the Area Board.”*

**16/080 Planning Applications**

16/08852/TCA – Old Bengers . This was for the height control of trees and the Council supported the application.

16/07347/FUL & 16/08063/LBC – The Grange. Cllr Pettit explained the planning application to the Council and it was felt that the application should be supported .

**16/081 Parish Plan**

Cllr D’Arcy-Irvine has taken this role on as he was involved in the Steering Committee. Of all the information gathered by this the two most requested issues to address were an area for older children to play and Allotments. These have both been covered in Matters Arising, section 16/073 iii. and iv.

**16/082 Roads and Highways**

Cllr Harbottle reported that his main contact at Wiltshire Council, Nick Bancroft, has now left to join Swindon Council and he has not as yet been replaced. Andy Cole, the area engineer, is away on holiday at present so Cllr Harbottle doesn’t have the up to date situation.

He is now registered as the Parish Council contact under the Parish Steward Scheme which comes in to effect next month. His first 3 issues are

- 1 Cleaning the kerb edge between the Church Car Park and the T junction.
  - 2 The repair of the top bend on the Enford Farm Road
  - 3 Cleaning the grips in Water Lane, Enford Farm Road and between the Church Car Park and the bridge.
- The repairing of the potholes between the Bus Stop and B crossing have apparently been put in hand though no work has happened yet.

Cllr Harbottle has requested funds from the Community Area Transport Group for a new sign for Coombe Lane.

He also asked if anyone knew who owned the bungalow on the corner of Longstreet/Enford Hill. The hedges are very overgrown. [As of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September, the agents Wooley & Wallis are contacting the tenants requesting they cut the hedges back.]

Cllr Harbottle would like to say a 'public' thank you to Jeremy Hall Smith for acting so promptly in cutting back his hedge which was overhanging the footpath. Having driven 8 hours from Scotland to Endford the first thing he did was cut the hedge!

Cllr Roberts raised the problems at Longacre. The erosion of the verges there means that heavy traffic trying to avoid oncoming traffic could possibly end up in her garden. She also regularly cleans the '30mph' sign post and straightens it but is concerned the base is now rusted through so may not last much longer. Cllr Harbottle said there is a survey happening at the moment on the A345, the results of which we shall have to wait for. HGV traffic from the Distribution Centre is not supposed to be using the A345, they should be on the A34. Cllr Pettit suggested a letter to the Centre on behalf on Longacre.

### **16/083 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence that had not already been circulated.

### **16/084 Any Other Business**

#### i. Newsletter contact:

Cllr Roberts confirmed that Kim Riche had taken over the running of the website.

#### ii. Update on Traveller site

Cllr Roberts reported that 'Midnight' has been given until the end of September to clear his cattle from this site. It is thought there may be further proposals for the land.

#### iii. Collingbourne Ducis, Policing email

This was discussed under Police Matters, section 16/075 above

#### iv. Repair of Playpark equipment

There are no records of the supplier/manufacturer of the broken Playpark equipment. Cllr Roberts suggested contacting a manufacturer. It was also suggested that contacting ROSPA might be helpful.

Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine has been in contact with the Community Responder for South West Ambulances who suggested that in an emergency, time being of the essence etc, it might be easier not to lock the Defibrillator. He also asked when it was last checked. Susie Brown, on whose wall it hangs, had agreed to send in weekly/monthly reports when she agreed its position. The Council agreed to confer with Susie Browne to ensure the defibrillator was in good order and that any servicing required is being carried out. Cllr Pettit offered to consult Community Heartbeat Trust, who installed it, on making the entry code more widely available. Concern was raised over improper use were it left unlocked.

There is a Men's Shed meeting in the Parish Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Cllr Young mentioned the size of the stinging nettles by Baden Farm.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 2130hrs.

### **16/085 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30pm in the **VILLAGE** Hall

Signed by:

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Richard Roberts, Chairman - Enford Parish Council