

# ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
Held in the Village Hall.

To be verified at the next meeting, to be held on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Present:	Cllr Richard Roberts	Chairman
	Cllr Cliffe-Roberts	Vice Chairman
	Cllr Patricia Holdway, Cllr Jane Young	Councillors
	Cllr David Harbottle, Cllr Mark Hiskett	Councillors
	Cllr Victoria Exley	Councillor
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	W Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling	Wiltshire Council

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

## 17/053 Apologies

Cllr Anthony D’Arcy-Irvine, Cllr Bruce Waight, Maria Downham (Police Liaison) and Tony Broadbent (MOD/SPTA Liaison).

## 17/054 Public Questions

No members of the public attended

## 17/055 Police Matters & Neighbourhood Watch

Maria Downham was unable to attend the meeting but sent in the Community Policing Team report which stated that there had been two crimes in Enford – one of hare coursing and one of a burglary in East Chisenbury. Cllr Exley who now handles the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme said that she had been online to try and get more relevant direct information but the website has not been updated since March ’17. She completed a free tutorial on ‘Scams’. She made two suggestions, firstly that relevant information could be sent to the Newsletter to get the word out and secondly, that she get together all other NHW personnel and find out how they want to be proactive to bring relevant information to the community. Cllr Roberts suggested the use of the village database for serious or emergency information which is run by Cllr D’Arcy-Irvine.

## 17/056 MOD/ Army Matters

Tony Broadbent apologised for not being able to attend and the Clerk read out a report he had sent of the recent problems/incidents on the Plain from 1<sup>st</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June.

- **Accidents (RTA’s) x 5** (3 x Military, 1 x Civilian Quad rider, 1 x Coach & Motorcyclist on a tank crossing between Shrewton and Chittern (cyclist died).
- **Complaints x 4** (All were military vehicles driving through Shrewton after the local council had removed the military weight limit restriction signs so the units were not breaking the law.
- **Criminal Damage x 5** (4 x Gates/Posts/signs/fences surrounding the impact area, 1 x Larkhill Race course building broken into).
- **Range Fires x 8** (Military units responsible whilst training so responsible to maintain fire watch till fire goes out)
- **Incursions (Non Safety – Non live firing) x 12** ( 10 x Vehicle, 2 x Foot)
- **Incursions Near Miss (Safety issue – live firing) x 11** (4 x Vehicle, 6 x Foot, 1 x cycle)
- **Fly Tipping x 2** (Garden/ General house hold waste)
- **Security/ Suspicious activity x 2** (1 x telephone call to Westdown Camp after information about unit training on exercise, Photos on Facebook of a civilian off road biker holding a military weapon saying he found it on SPTA (truth was that a soldier on exercise allowed him to have a photo taken with his weapon).

#### **- Future Exercises:**

17 Jun – 09 Jul: Exercise Wessex Storm – Light wheeled units (Major Exercise)

Throughout the months of Jun/ Jul/ Aug there are a number of low level small sub unit exercises across SPTA but none of major significance.

SPTA will close for live firing activities over the period 12 Aug – 03 Sep (inclusive).

Cllr Roberts asked for an update on the fly-tipping in Water Lane (reported in April). Tony Broadbent had been in direct contact with Cllr Young and this is 'sorted'. Cllr Hiskett reported that there had been a covert operation to place CCTVs at fly-tipping hot spots but did not know if this was still the case. The rubbish is not easy to reach for removal as the bank is steep. W Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling suggested calling the incident in to Wiltshire. If they decide it is not their land/responsibility, they will contact her, alternatively they may remove it.

#### **17/057 Unitary Council Matters**

Wiltshire/ Unitary Councillor Ian Blair-Pilling raised three matters.

- 1.** The Parish Steward Scheme. He had heard grumblings from a couple of Parishes and wanted to know how Enford felt. Cllr Harbottle reported that the scheme was working well though most recently, having put in the 'jobs to do' list, there has been no acknowledgement which is unusual. Cllr Blair-Pilling wishes to be kept informed on this.
- 2.** He is concerned that the many initiatives put forward by the Community Engagement Manager (Marc Read) are not getting through to the community as a whole. Every item is sent to the Clerk however, these do not really have Parish Council relevance. Where it is judged there is a genuine relevance to the community, these are passed on to the Newsletter or the website for further publication. After some discussion it was agreed that a better outlet for Marc's initiatives would be either The Hub or the Newsletter.
- 3.** Wiltshire's Housing Plan. He explained that Wiltshire Council has to provide a certain quota of housing and with an official plan, one is less likely to have development 'forced' on a particular location. Without a Housing Plan, Enford could be at risk of having to accept possible development. Fortunately the eastern area is quite well supplied with sites, Collingbourne Ducis has a good line up and Netheravon has some brown sites. His main message was that the area is not yet under pressure and there are various presentations in Devizes, Trowbridge, Salisbury etc, that he recommended we visit/attend. The military housing/development that is happening further down the valley does not count in the County's quota.  
Cllr Blair-Pilling then left the meeting

#### **17/058 Verification of the Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Cliffe-Roberts and seconded by Cllr Harbottle.

#### **17/059 Declarations of Interest**

There were none

#### **17/060 Matters Arising**

##### i. Update on the Allotment and Mario Young

All Agreements have now been signed and returned and the £5.00 annual premium has been paid. Cllr Roberts suggested that by way of 'taking ownership' of the site, the Council could do something to support Mario in his efforts and put forward the idea of a water supply on site. It was agreed to look into two options – 1. A large water container which could be filled from a bowser or 2. Getting Wessex Water to quote for installing pipes to provide metered water direct to the site for which he would be responsible. The Clerk has been asked to write to Wessex Water.

##### ii. Possible Defibrillator sitings

The Council has been advertising for the last 2 months for sites in Coombe and East Chisenbury where new Defibrillators could be positioned. Simon Bragg and Janet Shapland both put forward their properties in Coombe and no one from East Chisenbury has responded. After some discussion it was decided that Janet

Shapland's house did not have a suitably obvious wall on which to position a Defibrillator and Simon Bragg's house is really quite close to the one in the centre of Enford. The Clerk was asked to contact them both and thank them but the Council would not be proceeding at this point.

It was also mentioned that Susie Browne, who hosts the existing Defibrillator, is moving. Whether her purchasers will take on the responsibility of checking the charge weekly and reporting to SWAS monthly is not known and will be ascertained. If this is not acceptable to the new owners, the Council will consider other possible locations.

#### iii. Hedgerow at Long Cottage

A member of the village had emailed the Clerk regarding the outgrowing hedge at Long Cottage which makes it difficult and dangerous to walk or cycle past. Vehicles rounding the bend are not able to see any pedestrians or cyclists and this could cause a nasty accident. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the owner requesting it is cut back as far as possible for safety. Cllr Harbottle suggested putting a notice in the Newsletter to ALL hedge, bank and verge owners along the C32 requesting they do the same in the interests of safety. Unfortunately Cllr Young pointed out the next edition of the Newsletter will not be until September.

#### iv. Co-option

Cllr Roberts mentioned this at Public Questions. He had received an email from Diane Christie-Rundle offering to join the Parish Council. She has been in the village a few years now and currently runs The Hub and co-edits the Newsletter. After some discussion Cllr Cliffe-Roberts proposed that she be co-opted and Cllr Hiskett seconded the proposal. Cllr Roberts suggested she might handle the 'media' – information to go to the Newsletter and website and possibly the Defibrillator situation. The Clerk will follow up the formalities.

#### v. The Parish Hall

The Council discussed the lack of progress on this matter. There are still some unanswered questions from before the Annual Parish Meeting in May. The Clerk has been asked to write to the PHMC requesting answers and also copying in the Charity Commission. No further news has been heard of the meetings they were going to hold, firstly in June and then the legal requirement of an AGM which was planned for July. A 14 day notice period is required for this. The Clerk was asked to write to the PHMC requesting answers to outstanding questions and copying in the Charity Commission.

### **17/061 Finance**

- i. The Clerk confirmed that the first tranche of the Precept had arrived in the account on 21<sup>st</sup> April (3 days after the last meeting). This was half the amount at £6,937.50. The second half, exactly the same sum, is due to arrive on or around 21st September.
- ii. The current bank balance reconciled to the end of May was £11,840.09 and this would reduce considerably next month as most of the donations (agreed at the Precept meeting in November 2016) would appear on the June statement.
- iii. Acknowledgement and thank you letters for the donations given have so far been received from the Netheravon Day Centre, The Village Hall and the Parochial Church Council.

### **17/062 Neighbourhood Watch**

See Police Matters above (17/055)

### **17/063 Planning Applications**

17/04771/FUL – Down Cottage, East Chisenbury. "A single storey extension with internal alterations plus further alterations to existing balcony, balustrades and fenestration". This was circulated to all Cllrs on 5<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts explained in more detail what the plan was and after a short discussion it was agreed that the Council had no objection to the application.

### **17/064 Parish Plan**

Cllr Roberts read out a brief report from Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine. He and Cllr Young had been to the Playpark area and agreed the areas needed for the extension to the current Playpark, proposed Skate Park and Allotment area. The plans have been submitted for approval to Jenny Rowe who is the Manager of Estate Management at

Wiltshire Council. They await a response which hopefully won't take too long. Cllr Exley raised the question of timing, as in how long it would take to raise the money? If it takes 3 years to achieve this, are those children a) still going to be living in Enford and b) still want those specific facilities? Cllr Roberts said the Playpark needs money now. Cllr Exley suggested it might be better to refer to the 'whole' as the Enford Youth Fund rather than specifically the Skate Park Fund. This way there could be more flexibility in what it is spent on (new Playpark facilities as well as the Skate Park) without possibly upsetting those who have donated to the Skate Park Fund. Cllr Exley also suggested the idea of a children's film morning, maybe on a Sunday morning once a month in a similar vein as the current Enford Film Club for adults, once a month.

### **17/065 Roads and Highways**

Cllr Harbottle gave the following report:

- i. – The Coombe Lane sign. He has been informed that this will be in position by the end of July.
- ii. – He has been asked to get Wessex Water to raise the level of two inspection covers at the Coombe end of the footpath to Fyfield. They are currently 6 inches below the road surface and create a hazard.
- iii. – The A345 saga continues. He has been told that the Enford section will be resurfaced in 2018. Mr & Mrs Webb have contacted Wiltshire Council directly regarding the need of kerb installation by their house to prevent lorries from falling into their garden. We (the Parish Council) are still waiting to hear from Wiltshire Council in reply to the correspondence sent to them in April.
- iv. – The Parish Steward has been given a list of 8 jobs to do this month.
- v. – Wiltshire Council have still not mended the wind-powered street light outside 509 Littlecott. They are being chased.
- vi. – The cable in Water Lane, that has a tree resting on it, is a low voltage electric cable and so Landmarc have referred the work to Southern Electricity.

### **17/066 Public Rights of Way (PROWs)**

Cllr Hiskett has not yet been able to sort through the box of paperwork but hopes to have a report by the next meeting

### **17/067 Correspondence**

The Clerk provided an envelope of information for celebrating Merchant Navy Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. It was decided this was not the most relevant item for expenditure by the Parish Council.

### **17/068 Any Other Business**

- Cllr Roberts mentioned the recently updated Emergency Plan which he has sent to the website. This refers to extreme situations for the village such as long term power outages, becoming snow bound and flooding.
- Cllr Hiskett said the drains had been working much better since the last floods.
- Cllr Exley said she had been contacted by someone in the village regarding IAG (Independent Advisory Group) and has been asked to look into this. Cllr Roberts said this was not a Council responsibility.

### **17/069 Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

This will be chaired by Cllr Cliffe-Roberts as Cllr Roberts will be unable to attend.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

Elizabeth Harrison, Clerk - Enford Parish Council