

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 11th June 2019

Held in the Village Hall.

To be verified at the meeting of, Tuesday, 9th July 2019

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

Mike Germany, Colin Hill, Rhys Teadsale, Sylvia Clayden and Martin Webb also attended

The meeting was opened at 7.35pm by Cllr Roberts

19/057 Apologies

WO2 Jeff Payne (MOD Liaison), PC Amy Jones (Police), Cllr Vick Exley, Cllr Rob Coulthard, Cllr Anthony D’Arcy-Irvine

19/058 Public Questions

i. Mike Germany attended the meeting to thank the Parish Council for their efforts in clearing the footpaths around Fifield and asked when the new Salt Bin might be in position. The Clerk reported it had been ordered in March and she had twice chased the Contractor for a progress report. The Contractor had stated in March that there could be a delay in getting Highways to agree the location before installation could proceed. It appears this is the case. Mike also complained again about the dog mess on the paths and after a brief discussion it was agreed to ask the contractor to move the bin to a more central location – over the bridge by the big house. The Clerk will organise this.

ii. Colin Hill attended the meeting as he had received a letter from Wiltshire Council regarding the recent developments concerning the Planning Application for Parish Hall. He asked why the Hall was still standing 8 months after the village agreed to have it demolished and wanted to know what was going on. He had checked the Wiltshire Council Planning Application online finding only one letter of representation from Medina Cottage concerning what he felt were spurious drainage issues and suggesting the Parish Council might have a conflict of interest. He felt Cllr D’Arcy-Irvine has a very large conflict of interest in this matter (as well as the previous boundary dispute) and wanted to know why he had not resigned or been asked to leave having created a difficult situation for all concerned.

Cllr Cliffe-Roberts who is the Chairman of the Parish Hall Management Committee (PHMC) explained events in chronological order since the application was made last October. He went on to explain that as the Parish Hall itself covers the majority of the site, no drainage tests can be done until after it is demolished. Neither is it possible to take precise measurements across the width and depth of the site at various points with the building in situ. This then formed the basis of the new application which had to be made and upon which we currently await the consent to proceed. Colin Hill questioned the size of the site being affected by the change of fence-line at the rear of the property, Cllr Cliffe-Roberts replied the issue for the planners is more to do with the width of the site rather than the depth. Colin Hill then raised the problem of a total lack of proper drainage system for surface water flooding from the Recreation Ground all down Longstreet to his property which has been an issue over the years. He asked the Parish Council to speak with Wiltshire Council to try and replace the 9” pipe which is insufficient for its purpose as it cannot cope with excessive, sudden flows of water causing flooding in the road, periodically onto his land and into his property.

iii. Mike Germany said he has dug out 3 drains and the water now seeps through and he believes Wiltshire Council should now come to clear the 9” pipe which is bunged up. Cllr Roberts thanked him for his efforts. W.Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling said that flooding from roads is the house owners responsibility, not Wiltshire Council’s. The County’s responsibility is to ensure safety on the roads and suggested a C road would not be seen as a priority. He also said he would talk with the Highways drainage officer and ask if he would come and have a look at the problem. Colin Hill thanked him for this offer and finished by saying he feels this is a lack of basic

drainage provision. Cllr Roberts thanked him for coming to the meeting regarding the drainage and conflict of interest issues. The Parish Council is obviously aware of the latter and have tried to mitigate the issue. Colin Hill repeated his thinking that Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine should resign for putting all other Cllrs in such an awkward position. iv. Sylvie Clayden and Martin Webb had attended in order to make a presentation of the Information Boards. She pointed out that the images could be reused on other saleable items (e.g. tea towels) but there are some O.S. copyrights, the details of which she has sent to the Clerk. All Cllrs were invited to inspect the boards. Cllr Roberts thanked Sylvie and Martin (and Mark Dawson) for their hard work in producing them. He explained that one board would cost £260 but to have a second board made at the same time was only an extra £60 which is why we have two. One will be located by the bus stop at the bottom of Enford Hill and the second might go in the garden area of the new car park in Longstreet when this has been completed. He also thanked Cllr Waight who had applied for funding from the Samuel William Farmer Trust. The Trust has raised a cheque in the sum of £1,000.00 and this will cover the cost of the boards plus the planned new notice boards for the village.

19/059 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch

No Police Liaison was present and neither had an up to date Police report been received. Cllr Exley was also absent.

19/060 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: 76 x Total (vehicular – 64, on foot – 7, on cycle - 1, by air - 1 (civilian UAV), horses - 1 (6 x horses in red flagged area).
Fly tipping: 19 x Total
Environmental: 20 x Total (fires x 19, chemical spillage x 1)
Criminal Damage: 5 x Total all reported SPTA and passed onto MDP (Ministry of Defence Police).
Complaints: 2 x Total (Military Training: 1 (smoke related) and noise: 1)
Livestock: 7 x Total incidents of sheep/ cows or horses loose.
Accidents: 5 x total (military training)

There are no major exercises planned at the moment in June nor is there any live firing from the east over Enford into the centre impact area. There are no live firing weekends in June for the centre impact area. Cllr Hiskett said he thought the tank track damage to the PROW that Cllr Roberts had reported was probably out of bounds to military vehicles and should be reported to range control. Cllr Roberts reported that there is a new process for reporting such on the My Wilts App, WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling said this was not yet live.

19/061 Unitary Council Matters

- WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling reported that 4 members of the Council had been named in the latest Honours List – MBEs and/or OBEs. Three of these people had been involved with the Novichok problems over the last year. W.C. have also reported a 0.1% underspend of the budget with no more than 2% throughout the year. Financial management is becoming much more efficient and the Council's budget is in good shape particularly with the increasing cost for both adult and child care. He again mentioned the 'Paths for All' scheme, encouraging everyone to get involved and suggested we take the information boards along to the next meeting as the same principle could be good for that project. Finally, he mentioned that the Dog & Gun in Netheravon is now open and thriving and hoped everyone would visit to help boost the local business. There were no questions for him

19/062 Verification of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 9th April 2019 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Holdway and seconded by Cllr Hiskett.

19/063 Youth Liaison

Cllr Young had asked Rhys Teasdale for any ideas he might have on the village Fête. He said he may have some forming and is asking around locally for further thoughts to be reported at a later date. Cllr Roberts thanked him and said all thoughts at present are on the table with 2020 being the target year.

19/064 Declaration of Interests

There were none

19/065 Matters Arising

- i. New Salt bin for Fifield. See Public questions item 19/057.i.

-ii. Notice of Casual Vacancy. Cllr Roberts reminded everyone this will be displayed until 14th June, thereafter the Council may co-opt another Cllr.

-iii. Information Boards. See Public Questions item 19/057.iv.

Cllr Roberts also mentioned the proposed position of the board on the current bench side of the bus shelter with the new notice board on the other side. He thanked Cllr Waight who had re-welded the bench frame and said the wooden seating would be replaced with Iroco hardwood at a cost of circa £200.00. The Clerk was asked to write to the Samuel William Farmer Trust to thank them for their donation. As a proposal by him, this was seconded by Cllr Holdway with all Cllrs present agreeing this price and plan.

-iv. The Village Fête. This item arose from the Annual Parish Meeting where it was suggested that the Parish Council and the Village Hall committee could combine in some way to lay on a Village Fête for 2020. It was felt this occasion would otherwise be lost to the village. The Clerk will contact Judy D'Arcy-Irvine to see if this could be discussed at the meeting in September giving both parties time to discuss the viability amongst themselves. Amanda Farrow with her experience would also be invited to join the discussion.

-v. Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme (PEAS). This is run by W.C. for parishes to stock up on salt, sandbags, tabards, road signs (flooding) etc. It was agreed that a ton of salt and 50 sandbags should be ordered for delivery to Enford Farm from where it is distributed when needed.

19/066 Finance

The Clerk reported that at the end of May there was a balance of £19,052.99 in the account. The month had started with £19,649.29 with a total spend of cleared cheques in the sum of £596.30. This was for the Clerk's salary, Garden Services, ICO annual fee, Aster Access Licence and a repayment to the Chairman. A further £905.24 of cheques had been written but not yet cleared. These will appear on the June statement along with most of the annual donations cheques which total just under £2,000.00. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts suggested that if the Chairman and Clerk are happy with the detail of such sums, he was happy with the overall figures. All Cllrs present agreed.

19/067 Planning Applications

The only Planning Application for the Council's consideration at present is that of the Consent for Demolition of the Parish Hall. All Cllrs present were happy for this to proceed.

19/068 New Playpark

Cllr Young said there was nothing new to report.

19/069 The Parish Hall

Cllr Cliffe-Roberts said there was no news at present and we await the Consent for Demolition.

19/070 Roads and Highways

Cllr Roberts reported that a road sign had again been knocked off its post on the A345. W.Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling said that whilst recently Wiltshire had cut back on signage spending, there is now further funding available for just this sort of situation and said it should be reported on the My Wilts app. to get the job done.

19/071 Public Rights of Way (PROWs)

Cllr Hiskett reported that he and Cllr Roberts had attended the initial meeting of the Avon Valley Rights of Way Group set up to promote and encourage the use of PROW in the Avon Valley. He and Cllr Roberts were also due to attend the Area Board Steering Group 'Paths For All' meeting on Wed 12th Jun. The Avon Valley Rights of Way Group will be advertising for members and interested participants in the Newsletter this summer.

19/072 Correspondence

-i. Minutes from the AGM in May 19. There had previously been disagreement regarding the Accounts item of the AGM Minutes. Whilst the Accounts themselves were agreed and accepted, Cllr D’Arcy Irvine disagreed with details and procedures. The issue has raised a lot of correspondence between Cllrs and it was agreed by those present that the matter should be resolved by the item reading as follows:

“19/055

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

The Clerk explained that the internal auditor, Alan Day ACMA, had completed his part of the audit but the question of the running of the Parish Council, Risk Assessment and Health and Safety had been marked as ‘not covered’– he only deals with the ‘numbers’. Apart from this item he was happy the accounts were in order and being properly run. Cllr D’Arcy-Irvine raised a question regarding two payments made to Trethowans for legal expenses of £2,379 and £524.40. He had checked the Minutes for the last year and could not find a record of these figures being formally put to the Council for approval. This was disputed by Cllr Hiskett who said the approval to seek legal advice (and therefore payment for such services) had been agreed. After brief further discussion it was agreed that approval should be given to the 2018-19 accounts. This was proposed by Cllr Hiskett and seconded by Cllr Exley with all other Cllrs in agreement.”

All Cllrs present were completely satisfied that procedures had been followed and the record was now correct. W.Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling suggested that the situation was not good for the whole village and if it continues, he would be willing to act as a mediator on the differing points of view

19/073 Any Other Business

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Susie Browne on whose boundary wall sits the village defibrillator. Susie has now sold her house and whilst remaining in the village for a month will be moving to Pewsey. Since it was purchased in 2014 Susie has very kindly checked the equipment every week and sent regular reports to Webnos (web-based notification system). After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the new owners, explain the procedure and ask if they would be prepared to continue doing this. If not, then a new person must be found to check the defibrillator on a weekly basis and make the report. The Clerk was also asked to arrange for a bouquet of flowers to be sent to Susie as a thank you.

19/074 Date of Next Meeting

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

There being no other business Cllr Roberts closed the meeting at 21.18hrs

Elizabeth Harrison, Clerk Enford Parish Council

Dated: 11th June 2019