ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of 13th April 2021
Zoom Meeting, starting at 7.30pm

Present:	Cllr Richard Roberts	Chairman
	Cllr Mark Hiskett	Vice Chairman
	Cllr Vick Exley, Cllr Charlotte Clark	Councillors
	Cllr Rob Coulthard, Cllr Bruce Waight,	Councillors
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	Mr Ian Blair-Pilling	Wiltshire Councillor
	PC Sharon Duggan	Police Liaison

The meeting was opened at 19.36 by Cllr Roberts.

21/033 Apologies

Cllr Pat Holdway, Cllr Jane Young, Cllr Peter Cliffe-Roberts, WO2 Jeff Payne and Cllr Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine

21/034 Public Question Time - There were no members of the public.

21/035 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch

Both the monthly and the annual reports had been received and circulated to all Cllrs. There was a reported incident of a break-in to a garage in East Chisenbury where a motor bike was stolen. PC Duggan said burglaries had fallen massively due to everyone being at home in lockdown however being in close quarters has meant that tempers are fraying, mental health issues are on the rise. Cllr Roberts asked about the 154 cases of violence mentioned. PC Duggan said this figure includes all reported events from arguments and verbal abuse to physical violence. Cllr Hiskett asked if she was aware of a reported gypsy camp in Durrington at Double Hedges, PC Duggan said she would look into it. Cllr Coulthard asked about the 7% increase in Council Tax going towards the Police and Crime Commissioners budget. PC Duggan is not in charge of Police budgets but suggested that it may be to cover the cost of recruiting new Police Officers who are going through virtual training. After the new boundary changes whereby Enford becomes a part of Avon Valley and Amesbury (as opposed to Tidworth Area Board), Cllr Roberts asked if PC Duggan would continue to cover Enford. She confirmed she would and is looking forward to doing Speedwatch with all the 13 villages and towns that she covers.

21/036 MOD/Army Matters

WO2 Jeff Payne was unable to attend and sent in the following report:

"Please be aware that from the 12th April, Ex Joint Warrior (FTU) will be starting. This is a large Ex on the same scale as Ex Wessex Storm this will run from 12th – 24th Live fire and then move into a dry training exercise. There will be many moving parts on the Plain during this time and we apologise whole heartedly for the noise it may cause. The Live fire on certain days may be up to 0200hrs (Again, sorry) however this is an Operational necessity.
The Flags will be up and will remain up even on weekends from the 12th till end July. This is for the Exercising troops freedom of movement and also a safety reason as we would not want civilians to wander into a battle run in poor visibility and then become a real time casualty. Please obey all flags and warning signs as this for our and your safety.
In June Ex Wessex Storm will return and this will also be a huge Exercise on the Plain, more details when available will be made aware to yourselves when possible."

21/037 Unitary Council Matters

W.Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling joined the meeting. He pointed out that the Police Commissioner elections could change the currently understood budgets as each potential Commissioner has their own views on priorities and therefore allocating funds.
-He also informed the Council that Wiltshire Council have officially placed an Enforcement Order on the area known as the old mink farm. The owner has the right to appeal and may well do so.
-When Enford transitions to the new Avon Valley and Amesbury area, all the current issues will move with us and any outstanding agreements/ commitments made with the Tidworth Area Board will stand.
-He hopes to be back with us as our W.Cllr after the May elections.

21/038 Verification of the Minutes
The Minutes of the March 9th (Zoom meeting) were agreed as a true record. Cllr Hiskett proposed these were accepted and was seconded by Cllr Coulthard.

21/039 Declaration of Interests - There were none.

21/040 Matters Arising
i – Playpark maintenance, Saturday 17th April. – Cllr Waight has ordered the wooden posts which should be delivered on Thursday. Assisting Cllrs (Roberts, Cliffe-Roberts, Hiskett, Coulthard, Scott Exley and Clive Bullen) will attend with drills, long screws etc at 10 o'clock. Cllr Roberts sought and obtained agreement to purchase a small quantity of long screws.
ii -Wheelie bin speeding stickers. – These have been received and distributed so far to 6 households. Anyone wishing to display these stickers on their bins should contact the Clerk.
iii. Elections Update – All current Parish Councillors have stood for re-election and this has been accepted. There is still a place available in the North Ward and so no Parish Council elections need to be held. Cllr Roberts kindly gave 3 hours of his time over two days registering the Nomination Papers at the Council offices in Salisbury, where everything was checked in pedantic detail before being accepted. The Parish Council thanked him for his time and patience with the tortuous central Govt. system.
iv. Litter Pick for June – This has been provisionally booked for Saturday 26th June and an early notice of this will appear in the May Newsletter with more details in the June Newsletter. It is hoped to follow previous organisation with refreshments served at the end of the morning to all those taking part. If there are no funds available from the Hub, the Parish Council has agreed the purchase of necessary food and drink for the occasion. The Clerk will arrange for a rubbish collection on the following Monday.

21/041 Resident's issues Raised.
i. The Clerk was contacted via the PC website by a resident who felt that the wheelie bin speed awareness stickers were a waste of Council funds and would not have any effect. The Clerk responded.

21/042 Finance
The Clerk reported that there was an opening balance in March of £14,009.11 and a total spend of £926 going through to April and the new financial year, with a new balance of £13,088.11.
The annual accounts have been drawn up and Alan Day is kindly doing the internal audit at present.
The first tranche of this year's Precept should be received on or around 21st April.

21/043 Planning Applications
There were no applications to discuss.

21/044 New Playpark

Cllr Waight has offered Saturday 17th April at 10o'clock for the fence repair and maintenance around the Playpark. See Matters Arising 21/040.i. above for more detail
As of a bank statement received on 11th April 2021, the fundraising account for new equipment has £4,542.30.

21/045 Parish Hall

Cllr Cliffe-Roberts was unable to attend but sent the following report:
"I have recently been asked by a number of villagers about this, usually related to continuing parking difficulties in Longstreet, and increasingly because of the untidy appearance of the part-cleared site. I have given the same answer each time – that we are still trying to progress a planning consent from Wiltshire for the change of use of the site to the parking and garden uses which the village wants.
I emailed Wilts planning again, pointing out that I am still waiting for a response to my request for Pre-application advice, submitted in August last year. I did point out in my email that the speed reduction to 20 mph in front of the site should help the planners / highways agree that it is not in this case necessary to insist on parked vehicles being able to turn within the site. To date my email has not even been acknowledged. I will continue to chase."

21/046 Roads and Highways

Cllr Coulthard reported that he was awaiting information of the new 20mph speed area through the Parish. All potholes etc reported to him have been forwarded to the Parish Steward and await his next visit to be actioned.

21/047 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)

Cllr Hiskett had nothing new to report.

21/048 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

21/049 Any Other Business

Cllr Roberts has approached Devizes Steel to get a new backing for the Noticeboards as the current Feroflex has buckled and the magnets do not hold the notices securely. A sheet of steel should cost around £25.00 and Cllr Hiskett proposed the expenditure with Cllr Exley seconding. All other Cllrs agreed.

21/050 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 25th May 2021 **EPC AGM in the Village Hall at 6.30pm**
Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

The Clerk has published the change of date on noticeboards, the PC website and a notice has been sent to the Newsletter. In normal circumstances the Annual Parish Meeting is open to all members of the Parish, however as it is to be held in the Village Hall, with restrictions, could anyone wishing to attend please register with the Clerk so numbers can be controlled within the current restrictions. Cllr Hiskett reported he would not be able to attend on 25th May.

There being no other business Cllr Roberts closed the meeting at 20.40hrs

Richard Roberts – Chairman, Enford Parish Council ……

Date 15th June 2021