ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of 12th October 2021

Held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:	Cllr Richard Roberts	Chairman
	Cllr Mark Hiskett	Vice Chairman
	Charlotte Clark, Rob Coulthard	Councillors
	Jane Young, Pat Holdway	Councillors
	Bruce Waight, Peter Cliffe-Roberts	Councillors
	Vick Exley	Councillor
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	Mr Ian Blair-Pilling	Wiltshire Councillor

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.35pm

21/111 Apologies

Had been received from Cllr Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine. Neither WO2 Jeff Payne nor PC Sharon Duggan were able to attend.

21/112 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present

21/113 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch

PC Sharon Duggan was unable to attend. Cllr Clark said there was nothing new to report from the Neighbourhood Watch aspect. Cllr Roberts said he had joined an online Area Board 'clinic' (informal meeting) where Police and Fire service 'heads' had been invited to attend and answer any questions directly. It would appear that Amesbury and Swindon have considerable 'law and order' problems and he pointed out how lucky Enford is to have so little unpleasant behaviour.

21/114 MOD/Army Matters

WO2 Jeff Payne had contacted the Clerk to confirm that he is no longer the MoD Liaison for the Parish and that SSGT (QGI) Ben Whitbread had taken over. The Clerk had contacted Ben Whitbread who is looking forward to attending the November meeting and introducing himself to the Council. There was no formal report.

21/115 Unitary Council Matters

i. Wiltshire Councillor Ian Blair-Pilling first reported that he had tried to arrange a meeting between Larkhill and Tidworth garrison Deputy Commandants and the CO of the SPTA along with the Chairmen of both the Tidworth and Stonehenge Area boards. The intention was to discuss local facilities, interactions, propose joint projects bringing the military and civilian areas of life together and creating better facilities for all. Unfortunately, they declined as they felt there was no shared interests.

ii. He raised the issue of **Area Board meetings** probably returning to in-person meetings but it was felt that the current online system was working well and could probably continue into the new year.

iii. **Stonehenge Area Board 'Clinics'.** These are held on the first Monday of each month at 7pm on Teams. The link is issued by the Community Engagement Manager (CEM), Jacqui Abbott. These are open to anyone and are not simply an informal version of the Stonehenge Area Board. They had

started as a 'clinic' for anyone to raise issues and questions. That remains so, but they will also include specific topics interest. All suggestions welcome. October focussed on the Police and Fire with the new PCC attending as mentioned above. See 21/113). The main issues raised included speeding & parking in rural villages as well as urban areas and late night anti-social behaviour in Amesbury. A Stonehenge Area Speedwatch group has now been formed to focus on the issues and disseminate best practice. The first meeting was held online on Monday 11th October. The November meeting will focus on the current consultation on the next 5 year road resurfacing programme. A future meeting (probably December) will focus on local individual and community action to mitigate climate change.

iv. **Paths for All**. The Stonehenge Area edition of 'Paths for All' was launched at Phoenix Hall, Netheravon in September. It aims to improve access and usage of our Rights of Way. There is a sum of £5,000 which can be released for use by WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling and the CEM, Jacqui Abbott. They will do their best to spread the benefit as widely as possible i.e. not spend it on a few large projects. Any and all ideas are welcome.

v. **Afghan Refugees -** WC is keen to welcome and assist Afghan refugees. A number are already transiting in a hotel in Wiltshire and the Council is assisting with linking them to Schools, GPs and seeking housing. There have been private housing offers and the Council may use properties controlled by its Stone Circle Company but they will not be taking social housing places. WC are still getting details from central government and are advising those wishing to make donations to go to the Red Cross or hold back until the needs and means are clearer. Latest updates are to be found on WC website. The leader of Wiltshire Council has been highlighting the number of vacant MoD properties in the county which they believe could assist.

vi. **Consultations –** There are several ongoing county strategic consultations which WCllr Blair-Pilling is urging everyone to get involved with.

a. Climate and Green/Blue Strategies consultations are currently running in parallel until 17th October.

b. Climate Strategy has 7 themes (transport, built environment, waste, green economy, energy generation, storage and distribution, natural environment including farming and food and carbon neutral council)

c. The Green/Blue strategy addresses how to protect and enhance Wiltshire's natural environmental assets.

d. Webinars and Library drop-in sessions now complete.

e. Hard copies are available to view in every library including Netheravon.

21/116 Verification of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 7th September were proposed as a true record by Cllr Holdway. and seconded by Cllr Cliffe-Roberts, all other Cllrs. agreed.

21/117 Declaration of Interests - There were none.

21/118 Matters Arising

i- Playpark Equipment (Swings) Cllr Young and the Clerk had a site meeting on the previous day as part of a quotation gathering project with a view to possibly replacing/adding equipment to the Playpark. From the circulated document comparing 5 different suppliers and their costs, it was agreed to approach a local company based in Salisbury to install a basket swing and a goalpost for football. The Clerk will proceed with this order. It was suggested an approach to the Enford Community Fund might help with the overall cost of £5,250.00 inc VAT

ii- Annual Playpark Safety Report. It was agreed with RoSPA that their Inspector should attend the Playpark in September and make his annual report on the safety/condition of the equipment. In previous years as the Report has been received and discussed at the October PC meeting however there has not as yet been any Report issued. This item will carry through to the November meeting.

iii- Remembrance. A discussion was had on whether the Parish should purchase a 'Tommy' silhouette and where this might be placed. They are expensive, starting at around £350/£400 and increasing to circa £1,220 for a double statue. They are attractive and have the effect of making one stop and think however it was not thought to be of immediate necessity. It was agreed Cllrs Roberts, Hiskett and Cliff-Roberts would again put up the poppies around the village on 1st November. Some of these are becoming worn and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries to purchase some new ones. Cllr Young agreed to lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council and the Clerk will arrange the purchase.

21/119 Resident's issues Raised.

i. Verge cutting at Fifield Lane. The Clerk had received an email from a resident of Fifield concerned at the overgrown verges which had not been cut back by WC. It was explained that WC are running a 5 year trial based on ecological reasons to try and boost diversity in the hedgerows. This policy includes only cutting back verges at junctions or on blind corners for road safety earlier in the year and maintaining control of said verges and hedgerows by cutting them all back later in the year. There was concern from Fifield that essential vehicles like Heating Oil deliveries, have said it may not be safe for their drivers/vehicles and refuse to deliver. The Clerk asked WC Blair-Pilling to look into this.

21/120 Finance

The Clerk reported on the Parish Council's finances for September. There was a total of £14,316.14 carried forward with total outgoings for the month of £501.00. Normally on or around the 21st September the second tranche of the Precept is received from WC however this year receipt was not due until 28th. The bank statement covered the period to 27th September. Therefore the closing balance for the month is £13,815.14. The second tranche of the Precept (£8,203.50) will show in the October Reconciliation. There were no questions.

21/121 Planning Applications

There were none outstanding for discussion.

21/122 New Playpark

Please see Matters Arising above 21/117 i. and ii.

21/123 Parish Hall

Cllr Cliffe-Roberts reported on the planning application for the site development into 3 car parking spaces and a public garden area. Both he and Cllr Hiskett had attended a site visit with representatives of WC Planning and Highways Depts. Minor adjustments to the application were agreed – relating to the positioning of the parking area and its surfacing. The application drawings have been amended and resubmitted. Once a planning consent has been received, the PHMC will reconvene with the aim of commencing work on site at the earliest opportunity.

21/124 Roads and Highways

Cllr Coulthard reported that:

i. It appears that there could be two charges for a survey in both Coombe and East Chisenbury to have the speed reduced to 20mph. Cllr Coulthard has asked WC Blair-Pilling to assist if possible to make this just one charge. This is ongoing and he is in discussions with the Stonehenge Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

ii. Cllr Coulthard has been informed that the official '20mph' signs should be installed in Enford by the end of 2021.

iii. Cllr Roberts asked if the Parish Steward could please clear the areas immediately around the grit bins and litter bins for ease of access and also if he could tidy up the verge along Enford Hill as this is pushing traffic into the middle of the road.

21/125 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)

Cllr Hiskett reported that the new signpost (on the corner by The Red Lion) in East Chisenbury will be installed in the Autumn.

On the matter of the collapsing steps on the footpath by the junction of the A345 and Enford Hill he reported that WC will also be fixing this problem

21/126 Correspondence - There was none.

21/127 Any Other Business –

i. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts reported that as agreed at the last meeting, signs have been acquired and fixed to the Defibrillator stating that the unit is alarmed and giving the door entry code.

ii. Meeting Dates for 2022. Cllr Roberts raised a point on the meeting for 14th June 2022 – neither he nor Cllr Hiskett would be able to attend. The protocol will be followed. The Clerk will open the meeting and a Chairman will be agreed for the occasion by the attending Councillors.

iii. The Council approved the cost of purchasing a Christmas Tree and Cllr Roberts asked for ideas to make the advent of Christmas more exciting. It was agreed that a 'Lighting Up Ceremony' should take place on **Friday 3rd December at 6 o'clock** giving everyone time to get back from school activities/work etc. Details will be finalised but it is envisaged that children will be able to add their decorations to the tree, there could be mulled wine for the adults, soft drinks for the children and mince pies – possibly even a carol!

iv. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts asked if there was a Bonfire night planned – nobody knew and it was assumed not.

v. Mention was also made of **3rd June 2022 which is the Queen's Golden Jubilee.** Possible ideas were put forward for a Village Celebration and it was decided to ask members of the Village to come forward and create a committee to organise a Community Event. To this end the Clerk has been asked to put a notice in the Newsletter and bring forward the **November 9th meeting to 7 o'clock in order to welcome all those willing helpers!**

21/128 Date of Next Meeting -Tuesday 9th November at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Richard Roberts – Chairman, Enford Parish Council.

Dated: 9th November 2021