ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of 9th November 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, Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine	Councillors
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	Mr Ian Blair-Pilling	Wiltshire Councillor
	Philip Wilkinson	Police & Crime Commissioner
	Police Sgt Steve Jolly	Amesbury based Police
	SSGT (QGI) Ben Whitbread	M o D Liaison

7 residents were also present following a meeting to establish a Platinum Jubilee Planning Committee

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.45pm

21/129 Apologies

No Apologies had been received.
Cllr Roberts opened the meeting by noting the condolences of the entire Parish to the Yorkshire Regiment and most particularly, to the family of Private Jethro Watson-Pickering, aged 23 years, who died on 15th October in the Parish during an accident whilst training.

21/130 Public Question Time

There were no questions from the members of the public present.

21/131 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch

Sgt Steve Jolly introduced himself to the Council. He is based in Amesbury and is part of the team who cover the parishes of Netheravon, Haxton, Enford and Everleigh, along with Inspector Tina Osborne, PC Sharon Duggan and PCSO Pippa Brewer, all of whom have previously attended meetings. He gave the following outline of their activities:

Priorities

Their 'priority patrols' vary across the patch and change every two weeks. Over the coming weeks they will be focusing on Hare Coursing and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB).
Working alongside the Rural Crime Team, there will be a number of operations across the county in the coming weeks so please do not be alarmed if you notice an increase in police vehicles across the villages late into the evening.
Thankfully across the villages, levels of ASB are consistently low. This is continually monitored by PCSO Pippa through her routine patrols.

Community Consultations

PCSO Pippa has been holding community consultations in Netheravon at the coffee shop. These have been at planned and spontaneous times. This has afforded her the opportunity to get to know the tenants and residents of the village and has allowed them to come to her with any concerns they

have. Currently, there are no other known areas where that is possible across the villages. If you would like there to be a consultation held in your village and you have a suitable point for it to be held, please do email her to discuss it. Locations can be a simple as, opening the village hall for her for an hour at an agreed time. Otherwise please do keep an eye on their Facebook Page for times and dates of consultations and other regular updates. Amesbury Police | Facebook

Reporting Incidents or Intelligence

At Wiltshire Police, there are a number of ways you can report crime or incidents

- Via the online reporting hub https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/ro/report/
- Via 101 for non-emergencies and the drink drive hotline.
- Via 999 for crimes in progress and immediate threats or danger.

There are also a number of ways you can let them know about intelligence

- Via our online reporting hub https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/ro/report/
- Via 101
- Via the Amesbury email inbox AmesburyAreaCPT@wiltshire.police.uk
- Directly to Sgt Jolly via email pippa.brewer@wiltshire.police.uk
- Directly to Sgt Jolly via phone call/text/whatsapp 07867390401

You can also view a crime and incident map for your area; this will show you crimes and incidents that have been reported https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/amesbury/

Community Messaging

The Police are actively encouraging our communities to sign up to community messaging, this gives members of our community….

- Messages from your local community policing team about policing and crime in your area
- Messages from Wiltshire and Dorset Fire and Rescue Service about your area
- You can join and receive updates from Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch
- Receive alerts from Action Fraud, informing you of the latest scams that occur online, via phone and in person
- The option to inform the Police of any CCTV/video doorbell you have, to help them with the prevention and detection of crime.

Use this link to sign up https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/

All information reported to the Police is shared between the relevant groups as this helps them to build a bigger picture of the situation.

The Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson then spoke about the role to which he was recently elected. The position started in 2012 with the idea/hope of bringing the Police and public closer together in their dealings. He spoke of the 'Use your voice' campaign which is on social media, in schools and on the Parish Council website. He would like everyone to engage with this as it helps him and the Police to understand what the community is concerned about, so the problems can be addressed. Obviously, these concerns will vary throughout Wiltshire. He then spoke on a further range of topics of concern.

- On Community Speedwatch, there are 115 teams in Wiltshire, and they have all contacted him. They are being put into 'regional' teams thus improving their co-ordination and inter-team communication. He is looking at taking the data from Speed cameras to identify the worst areas. There are now portable cameras that can issue tickets on the spot. Fines raised by these cameras can be kept within 'Speedwatch' which can then be used to purchase more of these cameras so the project is efficient and self-funding, not bearing a cost on everyone's Council Tax. He is trying to get the Traffic Police to work more closely with Speedwatch teams and where possible he is trying to utilise Police officers from other policing areas to assist. WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling said traffic problems in this area were not just about speeding but a lot of problems have been created by larger MoD vehicles using public roads when they are not supposed to. The PCC acknowledges this and is working to reduce the occurrences.

- Rural Crime. He wants to encourage people to report this and all crimes on 101. He is reinforcing the Rural Crime Teams and for example, is looking at electric quad bikes.
- Hare coursing can cause between £50,000 to £100,000 worth of damage a year. There are serious crime gangs behind this and currently between 10 and 15 of them operating across Wiltshire to a global 'audience'. He is targeting resources to deal with this and would like to work more with the MoD teams and the Police.
- On drugs, he reported that nationally, 14 county lines have been taken out of service so far. He stressed his commitment to focussing heavily on drugs and rural crime and urged everyone to **take the survey** to be found on the Police & Crime Commissioner's website https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/your-pcc/ follow the heading 'The PCC and You', then 'Have your say', then 'Use Your Voice'.

21/132 MOD/Army Matters

The new MoD Liaison officer SSGT (QGI) Ben Whitbread attended the meeting with apologies for not being able to make the October meeting – it was too short notice at the time. He is the deputy Training/Safety Officer and is keen to build a good, open rapport with the residents on Salisbury Plain. He appreciated the Council's thoughts and condolences on the recent tragic accident and was unable to give further information on the incident as investigations continue.
Training on the Plain is slowly ramping down towards Christmas however there will be a large exercise next week. Artillery exercises should finish by 5th December. Due to the temporary closure of a Canadian base it has been busier with more exercises and vehicles crossing in convoys but not on the public roads. He stressed that the flags are there for a reason so please do not enter areas where flags are flying for your own safety. Cllr Hiskett asked about the multi launch rocket system, this will be a regular feature. There are already 5 large exercises planned for next year. A resident asked about the litter on the Plain – Ben replied that it was the unit's responsibility to clear up after themselves and the area is then inspected. If large piles of rubbish/bags are found, these can be reported on the Complaints Line 01980 620819.

21/133 Unitary Council Matters

WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling had one matter to report and that was that the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) had agreed to convene a meeting especially for Enford's request that the two surveys – (1) through Coombe to Enford and (2) from Enford to East Chisenbury - be accepted as one Survey as they are both on the same C32 and the central part of Enford has already been dealt with. This has cost consequences and hopefully if treated as 'one' survey would be better for the Parish Council.

21/134 Verification of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 12th October were proposed as a true record by Cllr Holdway and seconded by Cllr Hiskett, all other Cllrs. agreed.

21/135 Declaration of Interests - There were none.

21/136 Matters Arising

i. Annual Playpark inspection report. The actual Report had been previously circulated to all Cllrs and the Clerk had drawn up an abridged list of points raised. Whilst there was nothing of high risk or great concern, it was agreed that Cllrs would get together to deal with tightening, bolts, replacing D shackles and treating any bad patches of rust on metal frames.
ii. Remembrance. Cllr Young has agreed to lay a wreath on behalf of the Residents of the Parish. The service is all organised for Sunday 14th November, complete with a Bugler.
Following the Council's discussions last month on the purchase of a Tommy for the parish – circa £600.00 - the Council have been contacted with an offer of a contribution towards the expense. If

any other residents wish to contribute to a 'Tommy' statue for next year, could they please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

iii. Poppies. All the poppies have been put up in the general area of the Church. It has been noted that their condition is deteriorating. There is great difficulty in getting any replacements at present but it is hoped to do so before next year. Cllrs Roberts, Hiskett and Cliffe-Roberts all helped to put the Poppies up and it was agreed they should be taken down on Monday 15th November. Cllr Roberts thanks all those who had helped.

iv. Christmas tree, lights, drinks etc (3rd December). A discussion was had on purchasing a live tree to be used in years to come. This year's tree however will be a cut tree and Cllrs Roberts, Waight and Hiskett will be sourcing and putting up the tree at the end of the month. It was agreed the parish should purchase a single string of more robust lights - in previous years there have been several strings, each individually running off large quantities of batteries. It was agreed to supply mulled Wine & Mince Pies for adults and soft drinks and sweets for children attending the small but important moment of turning on the Christmas Tree Lights on **Friday 3rd December at 6 o'clock.** Mary Burdick has kindly offered to lead a little carol singing and it is hoped everyone will join in. A small celebration to kick off the Christmas season! A budget figure of no more than £400.00 for the tree, lights and celebration was agreed, proposed by Cllr Young and seconded by Cllr Clark.

21/137 Resident's issues Raised.

None had been reported.

21/138 Finance

The Clerk reported that the 2nd tranche of the Precept (£8,203.50) had been received on the October statement. The month started with a balance of £13,815.14 with outgoings of £674.48 giving a new balance to start November of £21,344.16. There were no questions raised on the finances.

21/139 Planning Applications

There were none outstanding for discussion.

21/140 New Playpark

Cllr Young reported that Cllr Waight had kindly arranged a grant towards the new swing and football posts of £3,000.00. The Clerk will thank the Trust on receipt of their very generous donation and Cllr Waight was thanked for his efforts. Cllr Young will also apply to the Community Fund for assistance with the overall cost of the new equipment.

21/141 Parish Hall

Cllr Cliffe-Roberts reported that the site of the former Parish Hall had finally received Planning Consent for a community garden (to be called 'The Jubilee Garden') and 3 car parking spaces. The Parish Hall Management Committee (PHMC) would now be 're-called' to start on the actual organisation of the works. It is hoped that the garden area will be in use well before next year's Jubilee celebrations, but there may be an official "opening" of the garden as part of the planned Jubilee celebrations. It is hoped that volunteers would carry out the garden development and contractors will be employed to create the parking area. Colin Hill wanted to thank Cllr Cliffe-Roberts for his perseverance in the very long, drawn-out business to get to this point. Cllr Coulthard asked for confirmation that there was no appeal process against the Planning Consent – Cllr Cliffe-Roberts and Cllr Blair-Pilling both confirmed that this was the case.

21/142 Roads and Highways

Cllr Coulthard reported that:

- The Parish Steward had completed all the tasks he had been asked to attend to.
- The W.C. 20mph signs were expected imminently

- CATG meeting on 15th November – he will be trying to get the requested Surveys listed/charged as a single survey (see 21/133 Unitary Council Matters)
- He has asked WC's 'head of drain cleaning' to come and deal with the drains in Enford.

Cllrs Waight and Roberts collected the winter supply of salt/grit and flood bags from the Wilton depot to ensure we have enough supplies for Winter.

21/143 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)
Cllr Hiskett said there was nothing new to report.

21/144 Correspondence - There was none.

21/145 Any Other Business –

- Cllr Roberts noted the Jubilee Celebrations should be added to the next Agenda.
- Cllr Coulthard would like the help and backing of the PC to have circa seven more names of the 'Fallen' of Enford added to the Lychgate. This would need a 'Diocesan Faculty' which is a long process however funds were raised for this in 2017 and attempts to proceed have been 'slowed'. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine pointed out that they may be on another memorial and you cannot have somebody's name on two different memorials. Cllr Hiskett suggested talking to our local Ecclesiastical lawyer.
- The Clerk was asked to collate all the details from the 'Jubilee' meeting in order to get the Committee up and running for next year's celebrations in June.
- Cllr Waight offered to organise a beacon if the Council agreed.

21/146 Date of Next Meeting -Tuesday 30th November at 7.30pm. Precept only meeting in the Village Hall

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Richard Roberts – Chairman, Enford Parish Council. ……

7th December 2021