ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of 7th December 2021
Held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:	Cllr Richard Roberts	Chairman
	Cllr Mark Hiskett	Vice Chairman
	Jane Young, Pat Holdway	Councillors
	Bruce Waight, Peter Cliffe-Roberts	Councillors
	Vick Exley,	Councillors
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.40pm

21/147 Apologies
Apologies had been received from Rob Coulthard, Charlotte Clark and Antony D'Arcy-Irvine. No Police Liaison was able to attend and nor were SSGT (QGI) Ben Whitbread (MoD Liaison) and Ian Blair-Pilling (Wiltshire Councillor)

21/148 Public Question Time
There were no members of the public present.

21/149 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch
No local Police Officer was able to attend nor had a Police Report ben received. There was no information from Neighbourhood Watch but Clllr Waight reported he had been contacted and told that hare coursers were in the village last weekend.

21/150 MOD/Army Matters
MoD Liaison officer SSGT (QGI) Ben Whitbread was unable to attend and did not send in a report.

21/151 Unitary Council Matters
WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling was unable to attend but had spoken with Cllr Roberts on ongoing issues.

21/152 Verification of the Minutes
The Minutes of the meeting of 9th November were proposed as a true record by Cllr Holdway and seconded by Cllr Cliffe-Roberts all other Cllrs. agreed.
The Minutes of the meeting of the 2022-2023 Precept meeting held on Tuesday 24th November were proposed as a true record by Cllr Hiskett and seconded by Cllr Waight. There will be an overall increase of 2.9%.

21/153 Declaration of Interests - There were none.

21/154 Matters Arising
i. East Chisenbury and Coombe Survey area. Wiltshire Council have confirmed the areas to be surveyed in both villages will be charged as one survey with EPC paying a 25% contribution (£625). The areas to be surveyed were agreed.
ii. Christmas Tree lights, drinks etc, 3rd December. The Chairman first of all thanked the individual Cllrs for their efforts in making this event happen. He also wanted to minute his thanks to Mary Burdick regarding the singing of carols, Morag Hiskett for her huge quantities of homemade (delicious) mince pies and especially to Clive Bullen for all his (invisible) wiring work which gave the event a special magic for the children in having a button to press to light up the tree. The event was

very well attended with over 50 members of the parish including children turning up. The adults were offered mulled wine and mince pies whilst the children had drinks cartons and Christmas chocolates. It was deemed a successful event and will be on the calendar for next year.

21/155 Resident's issues Raised.

i. Lighting in Water Lane. Two residents had raised the issue of the darkness of Water Lane at night making it unsafe for pedestrians - the lack of streetlights and the height of trees and black plastic sheeting. A discussion followed on the possibility of streetlights. It was not thought this was necessary and it would be very expensive to install. It was recognised that the hedge does shield the street-light at the entrance to Water Lane, Cllr Roberts would seek approval from the homeowner to trim this back. Where possible, clearing excess vegetation was thought to be the answer. The size of some of the trees along the road was raised however it was noted that these are on private land and were not considered to be a problem with ambient light particularly at night. The black plastic sheeting has been in place to kill excess tree roots and weeds on the piece of land and this will be removed in spring and planted with wild flowers. Cllr Coulthard who had looked at the matters raised had also responded to one of the residents and the Parish Steward would be asked to help where relevant. It was noted that it is a rural country lane, not a town residential area. It was assumed that anyone going out at night would wear appropriate (reflective/light) clothing and would carry a torch – most smart phones have a torch app available. The Clerk will respond to the second resident who raised the issue.

ii. The second matter raised by a resident of Grants Road was the creation of a vehicular access to the rear of a private property where there used to be a path (not designated as a PRoW). As this appears to be Astor Management's land, Councillors felt that this was not a Parish Council issue but one that needed to be resolved between the parties involved. Astor have since confirmed that they are in contact with the householder.

21/156 Finance

The Clerk reported that at the start of November the account held £21,344.16. The highest expenditure was on the first 50% payment of the new swing and goal posts in the Playpark at £2,625.00. There were two other unusual costs of £82.20 for the annual Playpark Safety report, £100.00 for the annual supporting costs of the website. This left a balance at the end of November of £18,061.71. There were no questions raised on the finances.

21/157 Planning Applications

There was one outstanding application for discussion however it is not thought to raise any objection.

21/158 New Playpark

Cllr Young reported that she had visited the Playpark on Monday morning as the new equipment supply company had arrived to install the circular swing and small goal posts. These are now available for use. Cllrs Roberts and Hiskett have recently done some repair work and there is more to do. Cllr Waight had kindly agreed to lend his angle grinder to strip rust from frames so they can be repainted though this may not happen until the new year.

21/159 Parish Hall

Cllr Cliffe-Roberts reported that the Parish Hall Management Committee (PHMC) had met on 24th November. Members of the committee were already applying for grants etc to assist with the re-development and they are awaiting the quotation for the car parking surface. A working party of volunteers is planned for a weekend in January (22nd/23rd) to help with the clearance of debris, weeds rubble etc. It is hoped to save costs wherever possible and more information on this working party will be available on the noticeboards, the P.C. website and through Facebook. All rubbish/materials

will be removed from the site. It is hoped to have the Jubilee Garden open to the public for the Jubilee celebrations in June next year.

21/160 Roads and Highways

Cllr Coulthard was unable to attend the meeting but reported that:

i. Parish Steward has been tasked with everything requested including dealing with some of the complaints raised regarding Water Lane and lighting. i.e cutting back vegetation where possible

ii. Speeding Survey – both villages (Coombe and East Chisenbury) will be included within the survey under 1 x cost of £625 to the PC. The plans for speed restriction areas have been set by the experts and appear to be good but please comment if necessary.

iii. Speed signs Enford – Due in this financial year and Cllr Coulthard has requested urgency on this installation prior to bad weather.

iv. He also asked the Council to consider the purchase of a present for the Parish Steward – up to £20.00. All Cllrs agreed to this budget figure.

21/161 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)

Cllr Hiskett reported that additional 'Paths 4 All' leaflets had been produced for two new walks in and around Netheravon and these had been distributed locally.

21/162 Correspondence - There was none.

21/163 Any Other Business –

i. Jubilee Celebrations. Cllr Waight confirmed that he has been given the go ahead to light a beacon at the top of B crossing to tie in with the national event.

ii. Cllr Coulthard has offered to assist with getting the planning underway and sent the following report to the Parish Council:

I have shared the many ideas with a small steering group and we have a format for the celebrations. Basically, the draft content will be:

- Thursday - Beacon lighting to coincide with the rest of the country.
- Friday - Wheel-Barrow race pub – pub and I have asked them if they will potentially lay on something i.e. BBQ or just a basic celebration event. TBC
- Saturday - Mid/late afternoon – Tea Dance 50's style, including fete type activities (stripped down from previous years), followed by an evening party with a large screen projecting the Queens Concert.
- Sunday - we hope the church will partake in something.
- Additional events will be a Royal Scarecrow themed competition for folk to display at their houses, flower-bomb bursts spread around the village and an option for tree planting given to each area of the parish. We may encourage Christmas trees but to be decided.

Info about the event going out next week. Committee forming early January and volunteers being given tasks relating to the organising of the event. Big task we need a treasurer!

21/164 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 11th January 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

Cllr Richard Roberts – Chairman, Enford Parish Council. ……

Dated: 11th January 2022