ENFORD, ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Minutes 2021

Meeting held at the Enford Village Hall on
Tuesday 25th May 2021 at 7.30p.m.

Present:	Richard Roberts	Chairman of Enford Parish Council
	Vick Exley, Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine	Councillors of Enford Parish Council
	Bruce Waight, Pat Holdway	Councillors of Enford Parish Council
	Peter Cliffe-Roberts, Jane Young	Councillors of Enford Parish Council
	Jane Young, Rob Coultard	Councillors of Enford Parish Council
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	WC Ian Blair-Pilling	Wiltshire Councillor
	Mrs Judy D' Arcy-Irvine attended	
	Mr Tom Hunter attended	

Richard Roberts, as Chairman of the Parish Council, opened the meeting at 7.35pm

1 APOLOGIES AND WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Apologies had been received from:
Mark Hiskett, Rob Coulthard and Charlotte Clark
Steve Todd for the Enford Football Club.

2 VERIFICATION OF THE MINUTES (held on Tuesday 14th May 2019 and 12th May 2020).
The minutes of 14th May 2019 were proposed as a true record by Pat Holdway and seconded by Peter Cliffe-Roberts. The minutes of the Review of 12th May 2020 were proposed as a true record by Bruce Waight and seconded by Vick Exley.

3 REPORT BY POLICE LIAISON OFFICER / NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
Extracted from the Annual Police Report received last month from WPC Sharon Duggan:
"Rural Crime and Burglaries - During 2020 an increase was seen in Rural Crime from previous years. Equally a reduction in residential burglaries was seen – this was down to the national lock-downs There were 11 Business Burglaries compared to 8 Residential Burglaries over the year – what was interesting in this finding is that all Residential Burglaries occurred when lock-down was lifted.
Local Crimes & Anti-social behaviour -21 patrols were set up over the year to combat Anti-social Behaviour and Local Crime. The Neighbourhood Team has worked very closely with partner agencies when deciding on areas of interest. We believe that our presence has been increased which in turn has led to reassurance for the Community and Businesses alike. 26 ASB incidents were reported to Police; a portion of these were COVID-19 related.
Theft -There were 35 theft occurrences over the year – the bulk of these were retail related with a few being from person to person.
Drugs -The Neighbourhood Team and Response have worked tirelessly together to alleviate drug use and dealing within the area. Numerous Warrants have been conducted which have resulted in a positive outcome. We hope that this gives confidence to the Community that we will continue to work with all outside agencies, the public and Government bodies in order to stem the flow of drugs entering the town and surrounding villages.
Violence Against a Person -154 incidents of the above occurred during 2020; a large proportion of these are Domestic Violence related. COVID-19 has seen many households having to spend 24 hours together for long periods of time, which has resulted in tensions growing. I would like to set

your minds at rest that these were not classed as serious and most were under the category of Common Assault, which could be as little as a person 'threatening' another person without any violence actually taking place.

Criminal Damage and Arson - We saw 38 incidents of arson happen during 2020. Most of these were residential and occurred during altercations between persons who were known to each other.

Public Order - 30 incidents of Public Order were recorded – all occurred during lock-down lifts. Police have already put in place extra patrols for the next lock-down lift.

Future Plans - COVID-19 has unfortunately seen us having to put a break on the full interaction with the public that we had previously enjoyed. Dan and myself have set dates for Open Engagement mornings, when I'm able to pass them over I shall. We are looking forward to meeting those who wish to speak to us; answer any queries and assist other agencies where we can. The sessions will be in a large open area with full COVID-19 restrictions in place, even when the lock-down is relieved.

We also hope to start the Mini Police sessions again; the children absolutely love these and it is a fantastic way to build their confidence with us and understand what we do.

Community Speed Watch will soon be resuming again, which will be wonderful for the Town and surrounding villages. I'm in the process of obtaining a full list of volunteers, which we are extremely grateful for. If anyone else wishes to join, please may you pass their details to me."

Neighbourhood Watch – Despite her absence Charlotte Clark reported that this month Neighbourhood Watch are focusing on 'Listen, Talk, Do' encouraging everyone to get in touch, meet up and stay connected. You can read further on this at https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/2021-05/May%202021%20OUR%20NEWS.pdf. There is also a drive to get everyone to 'Protect Your Pooch'. This campaign is encouraging people to keep their pets secure, in sight and searchable, also to help make pet theft a specific criminal offence (rather than just being a theft of property).

4 REPORT FROM OUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Recently re-elected WC Ian Blair-Pilling reported:

- I am delighted to have been re-elected as a Wiltshire Councillor, but especially pleased to be representing the new Avon Valley Division. Thank you to all who supported me and to all others who supported the important democratic process.
- Ever since Wiltshire Council was formed with its Area Board System it has been recognised that our previous division and membership of Tidworth Area was not ideal as it did not match the natural community relationships. That said we did well from Tidworth Area with generous support and grants from a well-run Board.
- The new Avon Valley Division and grouping with Amesbury Area Board makes for far better cohesion of communities, which have so much more in common and interrelate more regularly as a part of daily life. The inclusion of Larkhill Garrison (about a third of the division) is also a natural fit with our long military history and geography. Graham Wright, (who used to represent Larkhill as a part of Durrington, but now has a smaller Durrington division), and I shall be working closely to bring our communities together, starting with youth activities and by developing another Paths for All project across the Amesbury area. This Tuesday the new Amesbury area Board formed with Graham as chair and myself as vicechair. We intend that it will be a productive Board and hope that you will work closely with us as we build on the experiences of the past year and develop new ways of working with communities. In future the Stonehenge Trader will be carrying a monthly update from the Area Board.
- I am also pleased to be back in the Wiltshire Council Cabinet. I have a slightly different set of portfolios: Governance (a hospital pass if ever there was one), Leisure and Libraries, Facilities

Management and Operational Assets and Broadband – lost ICT. So I can no longer be considered as your IT Help Desk!
- I shall be at your meetings more easily now I have fewer separate parishes, I have an email (ian.blair-pilling@wiltshire.gov.uk), a house phone (01980670812) a mobile (07518942216) and a front door with a bell (Old Brewery House, High St). If you want my attention and contribution please use them rather than facebook etc. Please don't leave recorded telephone messages – we don't cope – text is fine.

5 REPORT FOR ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Roberts, as Chairman of Enford Parish Council reported:
Firstly, I would like to thank all the Councillors for their continued support and efforts throughout what has been a dismal year for everyone. I would also like to thank the Clerk and all those residents of the Parish who have volunteered their time and skills in keeping us all going forwards. Some of the achievements this year have been:

1 The setting up and running of the Parish Support Network which thankfully was not inundated but used and appreciated by those in need.
2 The introduction of the Parish Council's own (fully compliant) website to which everyone can subscribe free of charge for the latest information. There is a brief history of the Parish among other facts and it also holds the archive of Minutes and Accounts. We do hope everyone will visit and subscribe.
3 The formal agreement with Wiltshire Council and the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to make parts of the C32 an official 20mph zone. It is hoped that this can be extended to include Coombe through to East Chisenbury. This will now come under the Amesbury Board as the WC Boundary Review has shifted the grouping of parishes along the Avon from Tidworth to Amesbury.
4 A 'Maintenance Party' of Cllrs and residents have refurbished the surrounding fence and replaced a number of the fence posts and installed a new litter bin.

As always, the Parish Council have overseen the installation of named Poppies for Remembrance Day. We have installed a Christmas tree and lights for much needed cheer during the season despite being thwarted on having Carols around the tree and Childrens' decoration competition – we hope this may happen for 2021.
Also looking ahead, providing no delays arise in the lifting of restrictions, we are planning a Village Litter Pick for 26th June. We shall continue to maintain all aspects of the parish that make it the special place it is in which to live, continue to build a sense of community and belonging by being available to every resident for all their thoughts and suggestions, even complaints!

6 REPORT FOR THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Tom Hunter, as a Church Warden reported:
<u>The good news</u>:
● Despite the Archbishop's best attempts to thwart congregations congregating during Covid, All Saints did manage to offer at least some regular services. It seems that an hour of solace and contemplation each week is good for your mental health during times of plague and pub famine.
● Financial support from 'The Friends of the Church' continued steadfastly and no donors were lost.
● The grounds team continued his valiant work in keeping the churchyard looking its best all year
● Bells rang out in support of carers' clap.
● Wedding venues continue to appreciate the Enford Church offering for engaged couples and bookings are up (in 2021 and 2022).
● The Parish Council continues to increase its award to the PCC for maintaining the churchyard for villagers and their lovely dogs - long may this continue.

The bad news:

● Covid lockdown badly affected Church income from the normal level of service collections, weddings and other fundraising events. No Priory Teas were held last year.

● Church was less able than usual to unite the village at popular community events.

● Overall, Church assets are down £5,000 (so expect fund raising events to show up in your schedules soon).

Tom also noted that Tim Edwards has been re-elected as Church Warden and that they are looking forward to holding more weddings again in the coming year.

7 REPORT FOR ENFORD VILLAGE HALL

Judy D'Arcy-Irvine, as Chair of the Village Hall Committee reported:

Over the past year the Committee has taken advantage of closures to carry out an extensive programme of deep cleaning, maintenance and repairs. The main hall area was also re-decorated in March, maintenance is on going and the Hall is in good condition. It has been similar to working on the Firth of Forth Bridge, as soon as everything on the list has been ticked off something else crops up!

- The main project carried out this winter was the removal of dead Elm and Ash trees along the northern boundary of the car park. The trees had become unstable posing a potential risk to riders, walkers and users of the Hall. The stumps and roots were then ground out and the area is now being cleared ready for re-planting in the autumn. Details have not yet been finalised but in outline a mixed native hedge will be planted with a few new tree saplings. A grant application has been made to the Woodland Trust and the Gardening Club has offered to help with the work.
- Financially the Hall has coped well thanks to Government grants awarded through Wiltshire Council and the bank reserves already in place to cover potential loss of income and emergencies. It will take time to get back to the level of income received prior to Covid-19 but hopefully, as public confidence grows, regular hirers, classes and clubs will start up again in the autumn.
- Some private events have booked the Hall this summer and, if all goes well, these can go ahead after 21 June if the Government is able to stick to its plans. It is hoped that during the summer holidays there will be a children's activities programme at the Village Hall and Recreation Ground run by Wild Life Day Camps www.wild-lifecamps.co.uk Activities are being planned from Monday 26 July to Friday 20 August and are designed for children from age 4 to 12.
- The Management Committee would like to thank the Parish Council for its continued support and generous donation which helps towards the maintenance of the Recreation Ground and subsidising village user groups.
- Judy finished her report by thanking the Management Committee for their continued hard work and dedication.

8 REPORT FOR THE PARISH HALL AND READING ROOM

Peter Cliffe-Roberts, as Chairman of the Parish Hall Management Committee (PHMC) reported:

-The PHMC have not held a meeting since 2nd March, firstly due to COVID restrictions, and secondly as there was nothing to discuss, as it had previously been agreed that the next meeting of the PHMC would be after progress had been made with Wiltshire Council Planning and Highways.

-He reminded everyone that the proposal is to use the Hall site for the two purposes preferred by the Village in the public consultation – a public open space garden and car parking.

-A request for "pre-application advice" was submitted to the planning officer in August last year, and regularly chased, with the assistance of Ian Blair-Pilling, our County Councillor. The previously expressed concerns from the Highways department (who were insisting that parked vehicles be able to turn within the site) had been allayed by the recently agreed speed reduction to 20 mph in front of the site. Clearly, until we have a planning consent for the proposed garden / parking scheme, it is

not possible to progress with fund-raising, offering parking licences etc. In the meantime, however, the site remains fenced off for safety, and weeds will be dealt with.
-He was able to announce the hot-off-the-press news that in an email received today (25th May 2021), Wiltshire Council Planning finally have confirmed that they have no objection to the proposed scheme. This means that the PHMC can now meet again as there are matters to be discussed and plans to put into action. A meeting is planned for June.
-Judy D'Arcy-Irvine asked what the ratio of parking and garden would be. Peter replied that (from memory) it would be approximately 30% parking. (After the meeting he was able to check the plan and confirm that the parking will take up 27.5% of the site.)

9 REPORT FOR THE ENFORD COMMUNITY FUND

The Community Fund were approached to attend the meeting and give a report but unfortunately, there was no response.

10 REPORT FOR THE ENFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

Steve Todd, for the Enford Football Club was unable to attend but sent in this report:
We resumed the Saturday Football Coaching Sessions on the 3rd of April once approved to do so by the easing of lockdown restrictions. We still adhere to the Covid guidelines, hand sanitizer, track and trace etc. Since resuming, we have had a positive turnout, with a weekly attendance of between 8 and 12 most weeks.
I am still struggling with equipment though, as I am in desperate need of new goals, as the current Samba ones I use are beginning to fall apart. I also need to find money for new footballs. The annual £100 donation from the Parish is mainly used to ensure I have the funds to pay Josh (the Coach) on weeks where I don't get the 10 participants required to cover the £25 per week we pay him.
Rabbits etc are still a problem, as every weekend so far, I have had to fill in lots of holes on the kids pitch area I use, and I notice they have even started to dig holes on the adult pitch as well.
The coaching sessions are now starting at 09:30 till 10:30 instead of the usual 10:00 till 11:00, as Josh plays cricket on Saturdays, so he was finding it tough to get to matches on time. We will revert back to the 10:00am start once the cricket season ends.

11 REPORT FOR THE ENFORD NEWSLETTER

Jane Young as Vice Chair of the Enford Newsletter Committee reported:
The newsletter currently has £2,731.48 in the bank with a monthly production cost of £170.00. During the last year a few of the advertisers were lost but Jeni has been doing a marvellous job and hopefully the shortfall has been made up. Before Christmas two members of the Committee were lost due to their leaving the village. With only 6 members we put out a plea for new members and were staggered that 10 people responded. Sadly, because of Covid, we have not yet been able to meet but we do have a date booked for 18th June to see if they are still interested and what skills they can bring with them. During the lockdowns we have not been able to meet but have kept the Newsletter going by internet. Sue Cosgrove has done a brilliant job in producing the finished article. Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to all those who have been delivering the Newsletters whilst making sure they were Covid free.

12 ENFORD CAMERA CLUB

On top of a difficult 18 months and with key members leaving, it is fair to say the Camera Club is down to its minimum viable attendees. We do though have an enthusiastic core that has been meeting ('virtually' on a monthly basis) and as well as a couple of small events planned, intend to relaunch the club this autumn with a guest speaker or two. We're also looking to rebrand ourselves

as the Enford Photography Club and promote ourselves through social media to increase membership. Obviously, the timing of any relaunch is subject to where we are with the pandemic.

13 MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THE RESIDENTS OF ENFORD

There were no questions or points raised.

14 DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – One year's time, to be advised

There being no questions and no further reports or questions, Cllr Roberts closed the meeting at 8.15pm

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Richard Roberts - Chairman, Enford Parish Council

Dated: 10th May 2022