ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of 11th September 2013

Present:	Mr Ken Monk	Chairman
	Mr Michael Fay	Parish Councillors
	Mr Richard Petitt, Mr Gareth Holden	Parish Councillors
	Mr Bruce Waight, Mr David Harbottle	Parish Councillors
	Mrs Jane Young, Mr A D'Arcy-Irvine	Parish Councillors
	Mrs Tessa Manser	Parish Councillor
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk to the Council
	PCSO Ivor Noyce	Wiltshire Police
	Cllr Charles Howard	Wiltshire Unitary Council
	Steve Becker	Neighbourhood Watch
	Three members of the public	

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m. and welcomed everyone present

13/093 **Apologies**.
Were received from - Cllr Adrian Orr and Cllr Norman Beardsley

13/094 **Public Questions**
Mike Germany attended the meeting to say that after his last attendance (June 2013, see minutes of 26th)when he reported concerns about the state of the hedgerows an roads in Fifield, the initial results had been good with verges and grass being cut. The road sweeper had also been through but had moved all the debris from one side of the road to the other. The footpaths had not been cut back making them impassable for two people (let alone more) and dog fouling was also a problem. Cllr David Harbottle responded saying that he had been in touch with Imogen Dallimore by email this very afternoon and the follow up work was scheduled for next week.
A member of the public aired her concerns that the hedge on the right hand side of Water Lane opposite the bungalows had not been cut since last year. The land is rented by Cllr Young from the MOD, it is only ever cut once a year and this is scheduled to be done. She was also concerned that for those who do not drive and live in Water Lane, attending any event in the Village Hall was nigh on impossible – there is no lighting, no footpaths and no bus. It was agreed that for most clubs or events there is always a note that people needing a lift should ask. Cllr Holden suggested a car-sharing notice in the Newsletter… Steve Becker confirmed that a similar notice was usually applied at the bottom of the event advertised. Cllr Harbottle said he would the matter to the attention of the Gardening Club.

13/095 **Verification of Minutes from 26th June 2013**
The Minutes from 26th June were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr Fay and seconded by Cllr Waight.
The Minutes from 31st July were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine and seconded by Cllr Fay.

13/096 **Declarations of Interest**
There were none.

13/097 **Matters Arising**.

i. Cllr Young reported that she was still investigating the possibility and cost of having Defibrillators available in the village. The initial cost is down from c£2,000 to about £1,600. She will continue her research. There is a Rapid Response Unit in Netheravon.
Cllr Fay said that there had been a radio programme running through the week on Wiltshire Radio discussing First Aid and defibrillators and there were also free workshops running in a school in Devizes.

ii. Co-option of a new Councillor from the East Chisenbury area (Enford north ward). Mr Steve Brown has been approached and is willing to stand on the Parish Council upon the retirement

(Oct 2013) of Cllr Adrian Orr. Cllr Harbottle wanted to see the availability advertised in the Newsletter first. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine agreed. The Clerk was asked to research to correct procedure for co-option so that the council may proceed.

Extract from "The Parish Councillor's Guide" by Paul Clayden (18th edition):
"In the event of a casual vacancy upon a parish council by death or disqualification or in any other way, the vacancy must be publicly notified and a by-election conducted in accordance with the rules for ordinary elections if within 14 days a poll is claimed by ten electors. Otherwise it is to be filled by Co-option as soon as practicable and the council must be convened forthwith to fill the vacancy if the period of vacancy has more than six months to run. If the period is less than six months, the council may still fill the vacancy by co-option if it so chooses but is not obliged to do so. The person filling the casual vacancy retires from office at the time when the person whose place he has filled would ordinarily have retired.
If there is more than one candidate for co-option, the council must vote, if necessary by successive counts which eliminate the least successful candidate until the successful candidate receives an absolute majority of those present at the council meeting and voting.
If the membership of a parish council has been increased during the term of office of existing members, the vacancies are not casual and must be filled by a by-election".

iii. Cllr Monk asked the Council to consider their choice of a new Vice Chairman upon the retirement of Cllr Orr in Oct. 2013. He also added that after 12 years as Chairman, he intended to retire from the Parish Council in April 2014.

iv. Parish Hall Governance/Audit. From the Internal Auditor's notes on the Parish Council's annual audit, questions arose regarding the Parish Hall's governance. ' The Enford Reading Room and Parish Hall' is a registered charity and all Parish Councillors are automatically the Trustees of the Charity. The Parish Hall is required to have its own management committee which it does. The internal auditor is required to sign the Parish Council's Audit and questions arose from this document to which the answers were not clear or not known. Cllr Petitt is chairman of the Parish Hall Management Committee and these questions were passed to him. Once they have been read/researched he will report back to the Parish Council, with assurances of correct management.

13/098 **Finance**
The Clerk read out the Council's current financial situation from the 'monthly' bank reconciliation. At the end of August there was £4,675.10 in the account.
Due to the annual Playpark inspection a sum of c£75 would be spent in the next month. ROSPA have been booked to undertake the inspection but have not given a cost. Last year's cost was £75.60.

13/099 **Police Matters –** This was brought forward in the running order of the evening so as not to take up too much of PC Ivor Noyce's valuable time. He listed several crimes that had been reported including a child being injured in the grants Road play area, personal belongings being taken from someone's garden, a resident being assaulted by a child, the leaves being cut off someone's rose bush and the breaking and entering of a barn. Steve Becker added to this report that it was the 6th time despite surveillance equipment being installed. Nothing was reported to have been taken. After which, PC Ivor Noyce left the meeting.

13/100 **Army Matters**
Lt Col Nigel Linge was unable to attend the meeting. He is always happy to answer any questions the Council might raise. No questions were asked.

13/101 **Unitary Council Matters**
Wiltshire Cllr Charles Howard initially reverted to the topic of Defibrillators saying he had assisted Collingbourne Ducis in obtaining one and managed to get £500 from Wiltshire Council towards the purchase price. He suggested Cllr Young might like to speak with Dave the publican of The Tipple Inn in Collingbourne Ducis as he has done a lot to raise money, including a running collection in the bar which has raised c£2,000 ,

as well as having one on the premises. There is also one in the village shop and another will shortly be arriving for Collingbourne Kingston.

Cllr Howard went to explain the Wiltshire Council Business plan 2014-17. The 3 main priorities are (i) to protect the most vunerable, (ii) to boost local economies and (iii)to bring local communities together to enable and support them to do more for themselves. He highlighted 11 points that the Council is targeting in order to achieve their goals, these include investing additional money in highways maintenance, stimulating job creation with the Local Enterprise Partnership, enhancing the role of Area Boards, providing more opportunities to help young people and children achieve, safeguarding the area services to protect the most vunerable, to refurbish council housing and encourage development of more affordable housing, to build on the work being done by the Military Civilian Integration Partnership in as more Army personnel are relocated to the Tidworth area – looking particulary at the housing, education and medical requirements, to create a Campus in each Community Area, to integrate public health with public services, to streamline the Council itself and the way it runs in order to create more savings of the budget (270 staff have already taken redundancy) as well as to develop the knowledge, skills, behaviours and leadership of the workforce including the managers and councillors. A full draft of this plan is available to view at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/draft-2013-2017-business-plan.pdf

Two other major items of planning work are nearing completion and these are the local Tidworth Community Area Plan 2013-2026 and the Wiltshire Core Strategy 2013-2026 – these can be viewed at www.tidworthcommunityarea.info/images/stories/Tidworth/tcaplan2013-2026draftv2.pdf and www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningpolicy/wiltshirecorestrategy.htm respectively.

Cllr Monk asked about the housing that will be created in and around Tidworth, would it be 'en masse' or would it be broken out into neighbouring villages. Cllr Howard said the main building areas would be around Tidworth and Lugershall, he was not aware of any housing being placed in Enford. Cllr Monk was concerned that though there may be some land available for building in Enford, there simply isn't the supporting **infra structure** (roads, utilities, doctor's, shop etc). There was also concern regarding the distortion to house prices in the area.
With the influx of personnel (therefore families as well) a new primary school is to be built in Tidworth though it is thought that the extra older children can be absorbed into the secondary school currently available.
Cllr Harbottle questioned Cllr Howard about the software in use in the Planning Office. This is apparently new and other councillors were having trouble reading/talking to it. There was concern over whether one would have to buy new software just to be able to access information on Wiltshire Council's website.
After being thanked for his time by the Chairman, Cllr Howard left the meeting.

13/102 **Neighbourhood Watch**
Steve Becker had nothing new to report.

13/103 **Tidworth Community Area Partnership**
Tony Pickernell was unable to attend the meeting.

13/104 **Planning**
The Council had four Planning Applications to consider which was done at the end of the meeting. (1) 13/02464/FUL this was for 26 Grants Road for a ground floor extension and a loft conversion. (2) 13/03119/FUL this was for two stables and an tack room at Compton Farm, (3) 13/03068 this was for a glazed link between added accommodation, garage etc at Longacre, Newtown and (4) 13/03756/TCA this was for tree hinging at Longstreet being put forward by the River Avon restoration Project - no objections were raised.

13/105 **Roads/ Highways**
C32

Cllr Harbottle reported on the many aspects of the roads throughout the parish, firstly the 'reviewed' speed limits on the C32. The residents feel this should be 20mph throughout the parish. The Council however takes the 'mean speed' figure from the review which was 23mph in East Chisenbury, 29mph in Longstreet and 26mph from Longstreet to Coombe. They then assess the limit and come up with the recommended figure of 30mph in all areas. Unfortunately the mean speed from east Chisenbury to Longstreet was 46mph and as a result, they recommend a limit of 40mph on that stretch of road. Cllr Harbottle has stated that the parish as a whole would want the stretch from the Andover Road junction to East Chisenbury and the Longstreet to Coombe section to be reduced to 40mph as opposed to the recommended 60mph. He has twice emailed Wiltshire Council on this matter as the Consultation/Comments on the 20mph limit policy ends on September 21st. He also noted that if any changes do come about the cost of additional signage will come out of either this or next year's budget.
There was a majority agreement from the parish Council that he should continue to press Wiltshire on this matter.

Longstreet Congestion

Wiltshire Council say they have done everything they can feasibly do (i.e. installing reflector posts) regarding the congestion in Longstreet. It does not warrant double yellow lines. They have also said that the 'rocks' on the roadside approaching East Chisenbury from Enford do not represent a hazard.

Freight Issues

A review is being undertaken regarding HGV traffic to update the 2011 priorities on all major routes in the county and this includes the A345.

Road Signs

We are asked to review all the road signs in our area. Any thought to be surplus will be removed.

Roundels

Apparently you may not have 30mph roundels on the same piece of road where you have streetlights. However you may have a 40 or 60 roundel, this goes back to legislation from 1936! Those in Collingbourne Ducis may be illegal.

MOD

The MOD plan to deal with the vegetation on the C32 (along the north side heading to East Chisenbury) by the end of the month.

Fyfield

Some of the outstanding work has been done. The rest is scheduled to be done next week – see Public Questions 13/094 1st para above.

Roads in General

Only a proportion of the potholes have been dealt with. Cllr Harbottle has registered his concern with the section of the A345 between the Old Vicarage and the turning down Enford Hill. He has also mentioned the signpost at the junction of Water lane and the C32 which needs re-alignment after being hit.

Enford Bridge

Julian Haines has again visited the site and in his opinion there is no need for additional fencing on the approach to the bridge. He believes the road and verge is wide enough (the latter being approximately 3ft) before it drops away to a shallow ditch. There is no evidence of vehicles using the verge and the only protection strong enough to restrain a vehicle would be a 'motorway style' barricade which would clearly be unacceptable.
He admits that the rust staining on the base of the parapets does detract from the look of the bridge but is not detrimental to the galvanised coating of the posts. He will organise for it/them to be wire brushed to remove some of the unsightliness.

13/106 **Rights of Way**

Cllr Beardsley had emailed earlier that there was nothing to report.

13/107 **Any Other Business**

Cllr Petitt read out the letter he had written to Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine concerning his e-mail dated 17th June. Cllr Petitt made a statement retracting in full the claims made in his email and he apologised to both Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine and Mr Steve Becker. He was thanked by both parties.
Cllr Petitt also suggested a voluntary clearing of the hedgerow by the bridge now that the wasps nest had been dealt with – unfortunately badgers have now moved in and the area is very messy indeed!

Cllr Holden suggested a précis of Parish Council business could be put into the newsletter to explain better to the village just what the Parish Council does.
Cllr Young raised her concern over the constantly decreasing services available and the increase in people requiring them.
Cllr Manser gave an open invitation to anyone wanting apples as she has a glut.

It was agreed that all amendments to the Draft Minutes should be requested 'publicly'(i.e. all members of the Council included in requests for amendments).
The suggestion of digitally recording the Council's meetings was supported by Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine. Cllr Petitt feels there is a downside to this but agrees that accuracy in reporting the meetings is important. Cllr Fay does not think it is necessary – no other views were put forward.

13/108 **Correspondence**
There was none. All correspondence is emailed to councillors as it arises

13/109 **Date of next Meeting**
This will be on Wednesday 23rd October 2013 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.57pm

Mr Ken Monk, Chairman of Enford Parish Council - Date: