ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of 10th March 2020
Held in the Village Hall.

Present:	Cllr Richard Roberts	Chairman
	Cllr Mark Hiskett	Vice Chairman
	Cllrs Pat Holdway, Cllr Coulthard	Councillors
	Cllr Jane Young, Cllr Peter Cliffe-Roberts	Councillors
	Cllr Vick Exley, Cllr Bruce Waight	Councillors
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	W.Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling	Wiltshire Council
	Mr & Mrs Hall-Smith, Mr & Mrs Poole-Warren	Residents
	Mrs Charlotte Clark, Mrs D'Arcy-Irvine	Residents
	Dave	Resident

The meeting was opened at 7.40pm by Cllr Roberts.

20/019 Apologies

Apologies were received Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine, WO2 Jeff Payne and Cllr Cliffe-Roberts had advised he would be arriving a little late.

c Cllr Roberts explained that he and Cllr Hiskett had attended a meeting of the RAM Community Liaison Group (CLG) which has been established as a direct link between concerned residents in the area and the Military. Until the actual Planning Application was published on WC's website (hopefully later this month) with all the background documents (Highways, Environment etc) no one would be able to fully understand and make an opinion. Having read the proposals everybody has the option to note their opinions on the Application site, be they for or against the project. At that point, when the full detail of the Application is known, a public meeting could be held for everyone to air their views. The Parish council would take all views into account in representing a collective position.

20/021 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch

There was no Police presence. Cllr Roberts and Hiskett had attended a recent Police meeting and reported that it was focussed on Lugershall and Tidworth rather than the villages along the valley. An up to date report from the Police had been sent and no crimes had been reported for Enford. The nearest recorded problems were in Netheravon and were for vehicle damage. Cllr Waight reported that hare coursing had taken place on the firing range and a rave had taken place at Baden Down Barns on the Plain.

20/022 MOD/Army Matters

WO2 Jeff Payne was unable to attend but reported the following incidents for February:
Near misses – 76 in total. Vehicles – 61, on foot – 12, cycle – 2, Air – 1
Fly tipping – 4 in total
Environmental – 1 incident
Criminal Damage – 5 in total
Complaints – 8 in total. Noise – 7, military training – 1 (Vehicle in out of bounds area)
Livestock – 3 in total. Sheep, bulls and horses loose.

20/023 Unitary Council Matters

WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling stands for the Collingbournes and Netheravon Division on Wiltshire Council. His portfolios include IT, Digitalisation and Operational Assets (their buildings) from offices to depots, leisure centres and libraries. WC are reducing their carbon footprint by investing over £5million in improvements that will pay for themselves in about 9 years and thereafter reduce costs by around

£500,000 a year. They are also reviewing the leisure centre provision county wide. On the IT front he is involved with changing and upgrading the county's old and complex systems to create an easier and more efficient system for everyone's benefit.
-He is the sponsor for the Paths for All project (Avon Valley Group) and has made £6,000 available for encouraging and promoting the use of the Public Rights of Way in the valley. Tidworth Garrison have recently joined this project with plans for a set of historic military walks.
-The Area Board. He particularly wishes to promote the Area Boards with their sub committees and groups. As Councillor he attends Health and Wellbeing, Police Community Liaison Group, the Community Area Transport Group and a multi-agency Forum to do with special needs in schools. All these groups are attended by Tidworth and Lugershall and so their actions are more focused on town requirements rather than those of the villages. The villages must attend themselves if they wish to gain any benefits.
-On the matter of Coronavirus he reported that WC Public Health is dealing with the various aspects of planning several steps ahead, alongside central Govt. W.Cabinet are being briefed regularly. The balance to be struck is only imposing restrictions when they are required rather than overreacting and creating other problems. The message to date is personal hygiene and common sense. Further and regularly updated information is available on the Wiltshire Council website.

20/024 Verification of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2020 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Holdway and seconded by Cllr Coulthard. The only correction being that mentioned by Mr John Poole-Warren (see above 20/020, Public Questions).

20/024 Youth Liaison

Neither Evie Chamberlain nor Rhys Teasdale attended the meeting.

20/025 Declaration of Interests

There were no Declarations of Interest.

20/026 Matters Arising

i. Land Asset Transfer. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts has been handling this matter and has had no further news from Wiltshire Council.
ii. New Noticeboards. Whilst the boards themselves are good, they have suffered from the amount of rain and dampness generally. The magnetic backing sheet is 'bubbling' and the obvious answer is to replace it with a straight metal backing sheet instead. The makers of the boards have been contacted and they will try to sort this out as soon as possible. We shall have to wait for slightly dryer weather before anything can be done.
iii. Speed signs. These have been delivered and the first sign was put in place. Due to an anomynous message to WC, presumably left by a resident, WC arrived within days and removed the sign assuming it was on Council land and sited without permission. It transpires it was on Landmarc land and nothing to do with WC. After a brief discussion it was suggested the anonymous complainant might like to attend the next meeting and explain why they are against efforts to reduce speeding in the village. Consequently the Council has approached residents whose private roadside land offers a good site on entry to the village and they have been asked if they would object to a sign being located on their land. Three helpful residents have agreed. The Council thanks them for their consideration and support in the fight against speeding vehicles.
iv. Annual Litter Pick. This event has been organised again by the Parish Council. It will take place on Saturday 21st March. All volunteers are requested to meet at 10.30 am at the bus stop at the bottom of Enford Hill to collect pickers, gloves and bags etc. Routes will then be chosen and cleared, returning to the meeting point at around 12.30pm. The 'Hub in the Pub' (Pete and Emma at The Swan)

have again offered to thank those taking part with free teas, coffees, bacon butties/burgers etc. The Parish Council wants to thank Pete and Emma for their continued support.

v. Gardening Services. LJS Gardening Services will be returning in March to take care of the Community Garden and the area surrounding the Playpark. The grass is cut in both locations every two weeks and the beds in the Community Garden get weeded, pruned, cleared back etc twice a year. LJS have also agreed that upon request they will assist with clearing overgrown footpaths in the village – last year they did an excellent job.

vi. Open Space (OS) & Greene Infrastructure (GI). The Clerk had forwarded information and surveys sent out by WC on these two topics. All Cllrs were asked to complete the survey on the facilities available in the area.

vii. County buses, future planning. Again, the Clerk had forwarded information sent out by WC regarding the county bus services. These of course vary greatly in different areas of the county - towns/villages etc but still play a vital role. There is increased funding available and WC are looking for all input into its disbursement. WCllr Blair-Pilling suggested all views were worth putting forward however complex the situation. A Community Bus was suggested, as was a 'set days' on call, pre-booked system. This would particularly help those who have to walk through the flooding at the bottom of Water Lane to get to the bus stop. The Clerk undertook to respond to WC with this suggestion.

viii. Parish Council Website. After some background research, the Clerk suggested that the Council consider using a template website from 'Myparishcouncil' to show all Council documents as required by the Transparency laws which came into force in July 18 and the more recent WCAG 2.1 Compliancy laws (Sept 19), which carries a £120.00pa hosting charge. This will automatically cover any new compliance laws that are brought in in the future. The Clerk will handle all the administration involved. Cllr Hiskett proposed agreement with this and Cllr Cliffe-Roberts seconded the proposal with all other Cllrs in agreement.

ix. Royal Artillery Museum. Further discussion was had on this and it was agreed by all Cllrs that a Public Meeting would take place in the future. WCllr Blair-Pilling said it should be held with objective views, it is not a referendum or a petition. A date for this will be available once the Planning Application has been published.

x. Funding Agreement. Following discussions at the recent Parish Hall Management Committee (PHMC) on the draft Loan Agreement for the demolition sum of £7,000.00, amendments were made to the wording. The PC had previously agreed to fund the expense and a copy of the amended wording had been circulated to all Cllrs. The wording was accepted and the Agreement was signed by Cllr Cliffe-Roberts as Chairman of the PHMC and Cllr Roberts as Chairman of the Parish Council.

xi. **Coronavirus – Covid19.** Cllr Roberts read out a suggestion for care of the elderly, single and vulnerable people in the village who become ill or may need to self-quarantine. All Cllrs agreed that they would volunteer. Volunteers are requested from all residents if they are willing to assist in such cases. Please 'register' with the Clerk as a central data point. Should such a self-quarantine or illness situation arise then it could be a 'neighbour' who is on hand to ensure nobody is completely isolated and in need.

xii. Flooding. This is a continuous problem in two main areas of the village. The area around the bottom of Water Lane not only suffers from winterbournes, run-off from the Plain but also from occasional sewer leakage. Wessex Water have been called out by several residents on many occasions and say they are aware of the problem but have not to date proposed a strategic /permanent fix.
The other area that suffers badly is by Longstreet House on the C32 just beyond the Village Hall. This again is a drainage problem which the owners of the field have tried to sort for the last year. WC have not responded despite having responsibility for keeping the road drains clear. The owners have tried many ways to ease the problems caused but have had no assistance from WC whose lack of maintenance is partly to blame. The Parish Council have also been in touch with WC on this matter as have several nearby residents. The specialist equipment required to deal with this is currently

elsewhere in the county and it is hoped on its return WC will bring it to the site. The Parish Council continues to keep the pressure on WC to sort this problem.

20/027 Finance

The Clerk reported that January's opening balance had been £18,567.37 with total monthly expenditure of £8,072.85. The high level of expenditure was due to the agreed payment for the demolition of the Parish Hall at £7,000. February's opening balance therefore was £10,494.52 with monthly expenditure of £1,946.48. The largest outgoing was £1,155.96 for the balancing payment for the new notice boards in Coombe and Enford, leaving a closing balance of £8,548.04.

20/028 Planning Applications

There were none.

20/029 New Playpark

There was nothing new to discuss. The balance in the account for new equipment stands at £3,790.71 There is also £4,000 ringfenced in the PC budget.

20/030 Parish Hall

Cllr Cliffe-Roberts reported that:

i. The Parish Hall Management Committee (PHMC) had held a meeting on Monday 2nd March at which meeting he had been re-elected as Chairman, and Richard Roberts was elected Vice-Chairman.

ii. Emma Nutt had been welcomed onto the committee

iii. The Hall building has now been demolished and the site fenced off for safety, although the demolition has not yet been completed as some structural brickwork at present remains in-situ.

iv. With the building removed, it has been possible to carry out a precise measurement of the site.

v. An initial approach to Wessex Water (WW) to discuss the village sharing their access path (which runs along the south side of the Hall site), had gone well - however, apparently following representations made to WW by a local person, they are not now prepared to proceed with concluding any agreement for the shared use of the path until planning consent for the Hall site has been received.

vi. With precise site dimensions of the site now available, PHMC will now recommence discussions with Wiltshire Planning and Highways departments, to establish an acceptable layout for the future use of the site. WCllr Blair-Pilling undertook to engage with WC Planning Dept on behalf of the PC regarding the dimensions of the parking spaces.

vii. The draft Funding Agreement was discussed, in relation to the cost of demolition.

viii. The next meeting of the PHMC will be after progress has been made with Wiltshire Council Planning and Highways

20/031 Roads and Highways

Cllr Coulthard reported that the application had been made to have a speed reduction on all the roads in an out of the village (barring the A345). He is working well with the Parish Steward and reminded the Council to contact him with jobs around the village for the Steward to attend to. Cllr Waight said part of the A345 between his and Cllr Coulthard's house is starting to collapse. Cllr Roberts said the road where the car had recently exited into Cllr Waight's field was cracked and also mentioned that the new battery for the SID should be arriving this week. On another matter, he had been contacted by a resident who was concerned about the car parking by the pub. An ambulance was recently unable to get through the parked cars to her house/drive. Pete Jeffries already has a (no) parking sign in place which appears to be being ignored. Cllr Exley asked what had happened with the idea of excess cars parking in the Church Car Park. Cllr Hiskett stated that there is an existing arrangement with the PCC for the Church car park to be used as an overspill for the pub customers, however there is no sign to advise pub-goers of this. Cllr Hiskett suggested The Swan may be prepared to share the cost

of producing and erecting a sign directing customers to the Church car park. [Following the meeting, The Swan has agreed to this proposal].

20/032 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)

-Cllr Hiskett reported that the Avon Valley Group (AVG) now have four catalogued walks ready for editing and printing into trifolds for distribution throughout the Avon Valley.
-A resident from Coombe had complained about water and silt build up on footpath 19 and Coombe Road opposite Coombe Lane. Cllr Hiskett has written to WC about the problem and is awaiting a response.

20/033 Correspondence

Cllr Roberts had received an email from one David Townsend regarding the planting of hedges. He and his volunteers would be happy to assist if the need arises.

20/034 Any Other Business

-Cllr Roberts mentioned that if anyone was planning an event to celebrate VE Day that there was an Area Board Fund available for financial assistance if required.
-Cllr Roberts reported that he had attended a meeting in Tidworth with the MoD and Landmarc on Ash die-back on the Plain. Over the next three years they are planning to remove 30,000 trees and advised there would be some disruption on the A345 when this happens.
-He also reported that he and Cllr Waight had met with Landmarc on another occasion regarding trees in the river and those that may soon be there. Landmarcc have agreed the work needs to be done but the ground is too wet making it dangerous as well as difficult to deal with at the moment.
-Cllr Roberts asked if any other Cllr had thoughts or ideas on the procedure of the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and whether this could be made more of an event.
-Cllr Roberts introduced Mrs Charlotte Clark to the Council. She is willing to join the PC and will be officially co-opted at next month's meeting.

20/035 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th April 2020 at **7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

There being no other business Cllr Roberts closed the meeting at 21.45hrs

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Richard Roberts - Chairman, Enford Parish Council
Dated: