



Enborne Parish Council

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MINUTES of the Meeting of Enborne Parish Council

4 March 2025

The Falklands Cricket Club, Enborne Street, Enborne RG14 6TW

Present:

Cllr. Val Bolan (Chair)

Cllr. Peter Tompkins (Vice-Chair)

Cllr. Chris Garrett

Cllr. Sam Dibas

Cllr. Giles Whitefield

Parish Clerk: Mrs Kim Lloyd

District Councillor: Cllr. Tony Vickers

Public: 7

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr. Natasha Kendall

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr. Garrett, Dibas and Whitefield all declared an interest in Item [24/01053/FUL](#) Land off Andover Drove, Wash Water, Newbury. RG20 0LZ as Trustees of the Enborne Parish Field. This application is adjacent to the Charity field.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public raised the following items:

- Enborne Path 20A-1 blocked by a fallen tree. Cllr. Garrett agreed to notify the Tree and Footpath Officers at WBC, and a copy to the Highways Agency.
- In November 2024 EPC meeting, a concern was raised about ongoing activities in the field opposite The Grange. Has the Parish Council investigated as requested?
- Comment re the Wilson Carlisle Cricket Ground - is EPC aware ground plants have been removed, trees felled, and a trench dug?
- The member of the public requested a discussion of change of use to the paddock adjacent to Enborne Lodge Lane. The member of the public was asked to provide details to the Clerk for council members.

4. MINUTES

Cllr. Tompkins asked to make amendments to the previous minutes of meeting held on [21 January 2025](#). The minutes will be deferred to the next meeting for approval. Cllr. Tompkins was asked to

circulate amended mins to the Clerk and Council for review using track changes ready for the next meetings approval.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

One new planning application to consider:

[25/00134/FORMB](#) Land Between Enborne Street Farm and Enborne Kennels, Enborne Street, Enborne, Newbury. Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to install and keep installed above ground an electric line of any voltage. Upgrading 4 spans of existing 11kv network from 2 wire to 3 wire. Approx length of the network to upgrade is 346m. **The Parish Council resolved to no objections.**

One Appeal to consider:

[24/01053/FUL](#) Land off Andover Drove, Wash Water, Newbury. RG20 0LZ. Erection of two dwellings with associated parking and landscaping. Appeal Reference: APP/W0340/W/25/3359765

Note: If you wish to make comments, or modify/withdraw your previous representation(s), you must make this request to the Planning Inspectorate, you can do so online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>. If you do not have access to the internet, you can send your comments to: Heather Langridge, The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3D Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN

All representations must be received by 1st April 2025. Any representations submitted after the deadline will not usually be considered and will be returned. The Planning Inspectorate does not acknowledge representations. **All representations must quote the Inspectorate's appeal reference: APP/W0340/W/25/3359765.**

The Parish Council could not make representation because they were not quorate due to three councillors having a declaration of interest.

5.1 To receive reports of recent planning decisions taken by WBC

- [24/02626/HOUSE](#) Glebe House, Enborne, Newbury, RG20 0H Garden room. **WBC granted /EPC had no objections.**
- [24/01761/HOUSE](#) 3 Spring Gardens, Newbury, RG20 0PR Replacement steps from garden to patio. **WBC granted /EPC had no objections.**
- [24/02657/HOUSE](#) Enborne Street Farm, Enborne Street, Enborne, Newbury RG20 0JP. Proposed two-bay oak framed tractor store. **WBC granted /EPC had no objections.**
- [24/02608/HOUSE](#) Crockham House, Church Lane, Crockham Heath, Newbury RG20 0JY Replacement garage with home office above and solar panels on the roof. **WBC granted /EPC no comment do not meet deadline.**

6 WBC LOCAL PLAN 2022-39 - POLICY RSA25 PLANNING APPLICATION [23/02596/FULMAJ](#) LONGCOPSE FARM.

Use of land for the siting of 24 travelling show persons plots

There were no updates from WBC to the decision of adopting the Local Plan 2022-2039 and for the planning application 23/02596/FULMAJ since the last parish council meeting.

Irwin Mitchell EPC legal representative had sent a letter of objection regarding the inclusion of RSA25 in the draft local plan to WBC on 23/1/2025. The Parish Council agreed to this expenditure through email following the last parish council meeting.. No response from WBC had been received to date.

Regarding the next steps, Cllr. Tompkins proposed the following.

Motion 1 That Enborne Parish Council (EPC) presents the petition against RSA25, to WBC and issues a press release describing such.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed. It was agreed to present the petition to WBC officers at the next public District Parish Council Meeting.

The following press release was agreed to publish:

Enborne Parish Council has today presented a petition on behalf of local residents to West Berkshire Council (WBC). The petition urges West Berkshire Council to refuse planning application 23/02596/FULMAJ and abandon policy RSA25 to respect and protect the character of Enborne. The parish council have also raised concerns regarding proposals for the site at Long Copse Farm through the local plan review process. Concerns include, but are not limited to, the adequacy of the evidence base for the policy.'

This press release is intended for when the petition is handed over.

Motion 2: That EPC appoints a legal representative to speak at any upcoming planning committee that considers this matter, and to represent our objections. The appointment of this legal representative will be made subject to the raising of sufficient funds (Estimated £2k) external to parish council coffers.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to employ a legal representative to speak at the Western Area Planning Committee when 23/02596/FULMAJ planning application is on the agenda. This is only on the basis that funds will be raised from outside the Parish Council funds to pay for a legal representative.

Motion 3: That Enborne Parish Council supports fundraising activity for the purpose of representing parishioners and parish council objections to 23/02596/FULMAJ, etc.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed. Cllr. Tompkins and Cllr. Whitefield said they would work together on investigating raising funds and will keep Parish Council up to date and report back in the next meeting on the actions taken.

7 FINANCE

- 7.1 The payments were approved as shown in Appendix 1
- 7.2 The Bank Reconciliation to 1st February 2025 was reviewed.
- 7.3 A donation of £50 was approved to GreenFest Event. This will be paid via the Good Exchange for match funding from Greenham Trust.

8 RISK ASSESSMENT 2025

The RA was deferred to the next meeting.

Cllr. Whitefield will review and circulate an amended RA to the Clerk and Council.

9 CLERK'S REPORT

- The Clerk reported that the [Accessibility Menu](#) is shown on the website and Parish Council is in compliance with The Public Sector Bodies Accessibility Regulations 2018

10 NOTICEBOARD QUOTES

It was agreed that the noticeboard quotes were expensive, and no further action will be taken until the need (repair / replace / remove / leave as is) is determined.

11 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The date of 20th May following the Annual Council Meeting was agreed for this year's assembly

12 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

11.1 Reports from Ward Members

Cllr. Tony Vickers present in the meeting gave a verbal report regarding Government clarification over parish and town council involvement in reorganisation proposals

11.2 Reports from Parish Councillors, no reports were provided.

13 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Potential Allotment Site

14 DATES OF FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All held at Falklands Cricket Club, unless stated at the Barn

Tuesday 20th May

Tuesday 8th July – **the Barn**

Tuesday 9th September – **the Barn**

Tuesday 18th November

Appendix 1

Payments approved.

Invoice No /Ref	Details	Name of Payee	Amount
2339	Clerk Payroll, Feb	SME Accounting Services	£ 12.00
Feb	Clerk Salary, Feb	Kim Lloyd	
Feb	Employee/er Income Tax/Ni Contribution	HMRC	16.6
Feb	Clerk Pension, January	Berkshire Pension	£ 214.65
3807223	Professional Charges in relation to letter of Objection, RSA25	Irwin Mitchell	£ 3,000.00
CCB/4510	Annual Membership	CCB	£ 42.00
	Direct Debits /Standing Orders paid		
31.01.2025	Bank Charge	UTB	£ 6.00
28.02.2025	Bank Charge	UTB	£ 6.00
31.12.2025	Newbury Storage lock up	Newbury Storage	£ 64.00
31.01.2025	Newbury Storage lock up	Newbury Storage	£ 64.00
28.02.2025	Newbury Storage lock up	Newbury Storage	£ 64.00
Receipts			
	Nil		£ -
	TOTAL		£ -