

ETTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th JULY 2023

Present: Councillors D Clarke, I Houghton, D Hughes, R Smith (Chairman), G. Lambert and R Whitfield of Ettington Parish Council

Attending: Clerk Jane Carter. District Councillor Trevor Harvey. 5 members of the public

1	Apologies for absence or not present Apologies received from C. Melville Wright due to ill health
2	Declaration of Pecuniary Interests:- None declared
3	Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 14 th June 2023 were approved and signed as true record
4	Community Centre Update : there had been several successful social events. A new water tank had been purchased. The Trustees had confirmed they were happy with the proposed location for the outside toilet.
5	Stratford District Council updates: Councillor Harvey reported that the Tredington neighbourhood plan had been approved. A task and finish group had been set up to look at the criteria for permission to run a public house into a residential property. Concessionary car parking charges for state pension holders were being reintroduced.
6	Open Forum A resident updated the council on Ryepiece Orchard development and an application by the development company to be struck off the companies register. The resident asked for the parish council support in objecting to the striking off. The Clerk reported that as there was no legal relationship between the company and the parish council, the parish council were unable to object. Clerk to confirm.
7	Planning and Highways Matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Highways matters (standing item)- nothing to reportii. To note appeal against refusal of planning permission 22/03615/FUL for detached timber garage to front garden of detached bungalow, Banbury Road: NOTEDiii. Agricultural worker (self-build) dwelling using existing farm access, with new access route within the site and movement of an existing bund Paddock Farm Whatcote Road Fulready Ettington CV37 7PE The applicants were invited to address the meeting. They explained that the property would be for the use of family to allow them to live on the site of their business. They were currently travelling from Shipston. Cllr Clarke (Fulready) said the business was highly regarded locally and supported the application. Councillors agreed to support the application and submit comments of support to Stratford District Council.

8	<p>Finance Report</p> <p>The finance report had been circulated :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To note and approve payments and receipts: proposed by Cllr Lambert and agreed. ii. To note and approve bank reconciliation: current account- proposed by Councillor Houghton and approved. Cllrs Lambert, Whitfield, and Hughes agreed to undertake an audit of the finances in conjunction with the clerk including reviewing sample invoices and payments iii. To note and approve bank reconciliation: reserves accounts- proposed by Cllr Whitfield and approved. iv. The publication of the audit and exercise of public rights June 23rd to Friday August 4th was noted.
9	<p>Clerk's and Correspondence Report – This had been circulated and was noted. It was agreed to minute the correspondence received from a resident identifying School Lane in the National Street Gazetteer and being on all OS Maps from the 19th century to present date. He believes this to be evidence that the road is open to the public and has asked the council to note the information.</p>
10	<p>School defibrillator: the council had adopted the defibrillator outside the school. It was agreed to leave it at the school currently whilst the council investigated a more suitable site. The Village Shop and Chequers pub were both suggested. Clerk to investigate cost of replacement and a support contract with Ettington First Responders.</p>
11	<p>School Clock Maintenance: Nothing to report until the inspection had taken place by Cumbrian Clocks.</p>
13	<p>Request to use playing fields for dog training classes: It was agreed that the dog training company be allowed to hold dog training classes on the playing fields but not the MUGA or the children's playground. The fee would be £25 per hour. The clerk would write to the company and if agreed the arrangement would start with immediate effect</p>
14	<p>Playground development update: Cllr Whitfield asked for clarification on the amount of money to be spent on the provision of youth facility and what had been set aside for the existing playground. After some discussion it was agreed both the existing playground and provision of a new youth area should form part of the tender. The amount agreed was £150k from the current reserves of £175k. Remaining monies would be used for the provision of the new toilets. The clerk would complete the tender document and circulate to members of the working group for approval. An architect would be retained to produce plans for the toilets and advise on planning permission. All plans would need to be approved by the Village Hall Trustees. It was agreed that discussions around the 2024-2025 precept and budget would need to include a five-year plan for capital expenditure and maintenance of assets. Clerk to add to October agenda following six-month budget review.</p>

15	MUGA Update: A suitable online booking system Skedda had been identified. This would be free to the council. The clerk had set up a trial account. Adoption of the system was approved. Booking would be 8 days in advance and there would be a curfew after 9 pm and before 8 a.m. A notice would be required to explain the booking system and the clerk would investigate how to publicise to residents.
15	Dates of Future Meetings The next meeting would be Wednesday 13 th September, 2023. The meeting was closed at 9.15 p.m.

Approved By _____

Date _____