

ETTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2023

Present: Councillors D Clarke, D Hughes, R Smith (Chairman), and R Whitfield of Ettington Parish Council

Attending: Clerk Jane Carter. District Councillor Trevor Harvey. 14 members of the public

1	Apologies for absence or not present Apologies received from C. Melville Wright due to ill health and Gavin Lambert (holiday), Cllr Izzy Seccombe, I. Houghton
2	Declaration of Pecuniary Interests:- None declared
3	Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 12 th July 2023 were approved and signed as true record
4	Community Centre Update : there had been several successful social events and finances were healthy. More commercial business was being sought. The Trustees had confirmed they were happy with the design for the outside toilet.
5	Stratford District Council updates: Councillor Harvey reported that the Waste 123 System had been running for a year and had been very successful and was one of SDC's biggest contributions to climate change. The parking concessions in the town centre had been reintroduced. A task and finish group was currently debating the issue of pubs being turned to residential rather than remaining a community asset
6	Open Forum A resident asked for a progress update on Ryepiece Orchard. The Clerk reported that SDC were taking legal advice and no update was available. A resident reported that several public rights of way were difficult to pass. The footpaths were noted. Several residents spoke against the application for the development of four houses at Short Lane. All comments were noted.
7	Planning and Highways Matters: I. Highways matters (standing item): following works outside the Village Shop it was felt that the lamp post was now in the wrong place. Clerk to investigate whether this could be moved. To consider II. 23/02188/FUL Ettington Hall Rookery Lane Ettington Warwickshire CV37 7TN. Proposed single-storey extension to the rear- NO COMMENT III. 23/02125/FUL Ettington House Farm Banbury Road Ettington Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 7PB. Proposed extension to raise the roof of the existing garage and associated alterations. NO COMMENT

	<p>IV. 23/02085/FUL. Land Off Short Lane Ettington Warwickshire CV37 7SR. Erection of four detached dwellings served from existing vehicular access with associated landscaping works: A lengthy discussion took place. Councillors noted residents' objections and supported their concerns. These included insufficient access for construction traffic or additional homes; the site was known to flood; the proposal did not meet the housing need for affordable homes. It was agreed that Cllr Smith and the Clerk would compile a detailed OBJECTION to the proposal. Cllr Harvey confirmed he would also be objecting to the application</p> <p>To note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 1 Nelson Close Ettington Warwickshire CV37 7SL. Single Storey Rear Extension & Internal Alterations : Note PERMIT with conditions ii. 13 Manor Lane Ettington Warwickshire CV37 7TE. Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of one self-build/custom build dwelling: Note application WITHDRAWN iii. The publication of South Warwickshire Local Plan Consultation comments was noted. Clerk to monitor iv. Wellesbourne Airfield Development Consultation- it was agreed to submit a comment in support of local objections and concerns over increased traffic in Ettington.
8	<p>Finance Report</p> <p>The finance report had been circulated :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Payments and receipts as circulated were approved ii. Bank reconciliation: current account- proposed by Cllr Whitfield and approved iii. Bank reconciliation: reserves accounts- proposed by Cllr Whitfield and approved. iv. To note receipt and Publication of the External Auditor Certificate v. The appointment of Per Pro Services Ltd as internal auditors for 2023-24 was approved vi. Direct Debit payments as circulated were approved for the next annual period
9	<p>Clerk's and Correspondence Report – This had been circulated and was noted. There was still confusion over the ownership structure of the Community Centre. It was agreed that Cllr Hughes and Whitfield arrange a meeting between parish councillors and trustees.</p>
10	<p>School defibrillator: the council had adopted the defibrillator outside the school. It was agreed to leave it in situ currently whilst the council investigated a more suitable site. The cost of a replacement would be in the region of £1500. Cllr Smith to speak to the pub and Village shop about re-siting the defibrillator.</p>
11	<p>School Clock Maintenance: Cllr Smith updated the council on the inspection of the clock carried out by Keith Cotton of The Cumbria Clock Company. The clock was of historical importance and it was agreed that a display board should be created for the community centre. Residents would be asked to provide any information or photos relating to the clock's history. The clerk was asked to review</p>

	the insurance for the clock. It was agreed that a full service of the clock would be carried out at a cost of £1325 plus VAT. It was also agreed that an annual support contract at a cost of £195 plus VAT be taken out with Cumbria Clock. Cllr Smith said additional work for the installation of an auto regulator was not necessary. He would carry out this work manually with the permission of the residents
14	Playground development update: The tender process was underway for a comprehensive refurbishment of the existing playground and the creation of a new youth area near to the MUGA. The tender had been submitted on contracts finder and sent to 12 companies. Closing date was September 28 th . The clerk would coordinate responses with the working group. Once a shortlist had been decided the proposals would be publicised for residents to comment before the final decision was made. New designs for the toilets had been prepared. These would now be circulated to building companies for quoting.
15	MUGA Update: The clerk apologised for the online bookings system not being available due to her absence on holiday for two weeks in August. She was also investigating the cost of connecting the cost of remote access lighting during the winter period and whether this would work with the chosen system. Cllr Whitfield said that the door to the MUGA opened the wrong way and asked if this could be changed. This would require the bracket to be welded. Cllr Hughes agreed to raise with the Groundsman.
15	Dates of Future Meetings The next meeting would be Wednesday 18 th October, 2023. The meeting was closed at 9.35 p.m.

Approved By _____

Date _____