

ETTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH 2023

Present: D Clarke, J Collins, D Hughes, G Lambert, R Smith (Chair), C Melville-Wright
Attending: Clerk J Carter, District Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell, 2 members of the public.

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| 1 | Apologies for Absence (including Acceptance) : Cllr Izzy Seccombe, Cllr R Whitfield |
| 2 | Declaration of Disclosure Pecuniary Interest: none declared |
| 3 | Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting that took place on 8 th February, 2023 were approved and signed as true record by the Chairman. |
| 4 | Community Centre Update Fund raising events including bingo nights and the pop-up bar were proving popular. The community centre was supportive of the idea of converting the upper floor of the Centre to a Youth Space but the works carried out would need to be of a high quality. It was agreed that as the proposals progressed a working group of council and Community Trust volunteers should be formed |
| 5 | Warwickshire County Council/Stratford District Council update: Voters requiring photo ID for the forthcoming elections would an important message over the coming weeks. Stratford District Council tax had risen by 3.24%- one of the lowest increases across Warwickshire. Anti-social behaviour at Blue Lane Loxley had been reported and was being monitored. A feasibility study on installing EV chargers for people without driveways was underway. Families willing to host Ukrainian refugees were still needed. The 'rough sleeping' issues in the district were being monitored and the numbers were reducing. Lighthorne had been successful in winning its appeal for a GP practice. Residents who had to dispose of grey (medical waste) could arrange for collection via their elected council member. |
| 6 | Open Forum: a resident raised a query regarding Tree Preservation Orders. If residents had concerns that trees had been removed illegally or not replaced then the matter should be reported to SDC Enforcement office |
| 7 | Planning Matters

I. 23/00447/FUL Salters Lane House Fulready Ettington Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 7PE
a. Proposed alterations to existing house and semi-converted garage damaged by fire, part retrospective- NO COMMENT

II. 23/00340/TEL28 Grass Verge North Side of Banbury Road Opposite Flats 1-6 466 Ettington Grange Stratford Road Ettington. Proposed installation of 12No. x 1No. [7.3m X 0.2m] Wooden Telegraph Poles supporting Fibre Cable Network at the appended locations (various)- For information only

Councillors noted that the work by Voneus was progressing but that SDC were aware and were aware and would be making comments on the applications for the siting of the poles. |

	<p>III. 23/00430/FUL Change of use of Thornton Manor and associated farm buildings to a hotel and restaurant.</p> <p>Following a discussion, it was agreed to make comments on the application regarding light pollution and adherence to the council's dark skies policy and to request that through road access be opened.</p> <p>IV. SWLP plan update: Cllr Smith reported that he and the Clerk had worked on the sections of the plan most relevant to Ettington and submitted comments to 10 questions.</p> <p>V. Highways matters (standing item): Verge Management application- Cllr Lambert reported that he had submitted the council's application to reduce the frequency of verge mowing and increased the number of no mow areas as approved last year. This would be monitored.</p>
9	<p>Finance Report – Approved as circulated.</p> <p>Payments and receipts were approved with the exception of the invoice submitted by Canvas Spaces for works carried out on the skatepark planning application in 2018. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk collate additional background information to circulate to councillors and this would be considered at the May meeting</p>
	<p>Annual Insurance Renewal: the quotation and assets register had been circulated. The Clerk reported that the items on the assets register did not correspond to the amounts covered on the quotation. It was agreed that she would investigate and report back to the meeting. The insurance quotation was approved in order that the cover would continue uninterrupted until the investigations were completed</p>
10	<p>Clerk's and Correspondence Report –This had been circulated and was noted. It was agreed not to proceed with the suggested action on Ryepeice Orchard. Clerk to obtain an update from SDC enforcement. It was agreed that a donation of £100 be made to the Ettington First Responders for organising the Defibrillator training evening</p>
12	<p>Parish Meeting 2023: it was agreed to hold the meeting in the same format as previous years with local groups invited. Clerk to confirm availability of the Community Centre on Saturday May 13th or 20th. Cllr Collins agreed to help with the organisation. Cllr Hughes would approach the Community Centre to see if their AGM would be held on the same afternoon and if they would support with leaflet delivery</p>
13	<p>Ettington Lowe and Parish Fund: Both Ettington Primary and Preschools had submitted an outline of how they would spend monies distributed via the Ettington Lowe and Parish Funds. It was agreed both were acceptable and the monies be divided equally. Clerk to arrange an Ettington Lowe Trustees meeting to confirm closure of the charity and distribution of the monies. Clerk to progress closure of the Parish Fund with Coventry Building Society.</p>
14	<p>Grounds Maintenance Tender: The Grounds Maintenance contract tenders had been circulated. It was agreed to continue with the current supplier Mark Taylor Landscaping. Clerk to inform the unsuccessful companies. The Chairman to inform Mark Taylor.</p>
16	<p>Youth Project (standing item): the legal agreement between the Parish Council and the Community centre had been circulated. This had been in progress of being reviewed but had not been completed. It was agreed that this work should be revisited. Cllr Hughes would raise at the next community centre meeting. The Clerk would prepare a tender document for the proposed works to the playground. This would be reviewed by full council and the working group and Clerk would manage the tender process</p>

17	MUGA- the ability to turn on the lights via remote access was to be investigated. A discussion was held as to whether residents and commercial groups should be paying for the use of the area and a booking system adopted. It was agreed to look at this later in the year
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The meeting was closed at 9.55 p.m. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 12th April 2023.

Approved By _____

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