

ETTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2022

Present: D Clarke, J Collins, I Houghton, D Hughes, G Lambert, R Smith, C. Melville Wright and R Whitfield

Attending: Clerk J Carter, Stratford District Councillor Penny-Ann O'Donnell, Scott Tompkins Assistant Director Environment Services Warwickshire County Council, 7 members of the public

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| 1 | Apologies for Absence (including Acceptance) : Cllr Izzy Secombe Warwickshire County Council |
| 2 | Declaration of Disclosure Pecuniary Interest: none declared |
| 3 | Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting that took place on 12 th October 2022 were approved and signed as true record by the Chairman |
| 4 | Henley 20mph pilot- The Chairman invited Scott Tompkins of Warwickshire County Council to address the meeting. He outlined the Henley 20mph trial which had recently taken place and proven to be a success. Gateways had been added to the entrance to the village and the 20mph limit imposed in the centre of the village. He stressed that traffic speeds were already low in the centre with no accidents reported. It was unlikely that WCC would support a similar initiative in Ettington. More than 500 Henley residents had signed a petition to call for the traffic calming measures and the Parish Council had met half the cost. He outlined some of the measures that Ettington could consider. The important first step was to establish whether there was a traffic speeding issue or whether it was perception based on the type of traffic traveling through the village, especially heavy good vehicles. The Highways Locality Officer and the Road Safety Engineering and TRO teams would need to be consulted. He said that a 20 mph speed limit was often not appropriate and other measures had more success. Speed already had to be an average of 24mph for this to be considered. Other solutions include raised beds and tree pits at strategic points to slow traffic down. There was poor compliance with the zebra crossing and this could be addressed with better signage. Activated 'smiley face' speed signs were also effective but these needed to be portable to that regular commuters through the village did not become complacent about the signs. The Chairman said that several avenues had been explored in recent years. It was agreed that the item be placed on the next available agenda to discuss measures that could be explored. The Chairman thanked Mr Tompkins for attending the meeting and his important advice. |
| 5 | Community Centre Update The Halloween Party had been a great success. Maintenance work was continuing. There had been no decision on the Greenshoots Grant application |
| 6 | Warwickshire County Council/Stratford District Council update : Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell updated the meeting on the work of Stratford District Council. Residents could still only book recycling centre slots online. Residents unable to access the internet could ring customer services team to help them make a booking. The Tysoe Digest planning application had been submitted. Support was continuing for Ukrainian refugees in the district. Host families were still needed. There were several groups in the district offering support and hosting meetings for Ukrainian families to socialise and The collection of grey waste (nappies etc) was an issue and being investigated by SDC. The Green business Grants were open to |

	<p>local businesses. The dementia café set up for residents in Tysoe, Shipston, Wellesbourne and sounding villages was seeking more volunteers to help. The hospital at Ellen Badger and the fact that no beds were going to be part of the scheme had attracted a lot of public debate and concern. There was no protection of the cottage hospital model. Cllr Jo Barker of Stratford District Council was the person to contact with any concerns or comments.</p>
7	<p>Open Forum A resident said that the issues around Ryepiece Orchard were continuing and that despite communication between residents and the developers, no remedial works had been undertaken. He was organising a site meeting between SDC enforcement, the developers and residents and asked that the parish council send a representative. This was agreed and he was asked to inform the clerk of the arrangements.</p>
8	<p>Planning Matters To Note: Police House, 99 Banbury Road, Ettington, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 7SR. Single storey front extension- PERMIT To consider:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Anaerobic Digester Tysoe: Cllr Hughes reported on a meeting led by Tysoe Parish Council and involving surrounding councils affected by the application. A donation of £350 had been requested to contribute to the fee for the appointment of a planning consultant to make an initial objection. This was approved. A resident was invited to speak. She said that the PC should support all efforts to prevent the application from succeeding. There were issues with the size of the plant, the number of vehicles that would be using accessing it and that the main through route from the plant to the M40 would be through Ettington. It was agreed that the council support Tysoe and submit a separate objection. Cllr Smith would compile the objection. ii. Upper Lighthorne Primary Healthcare provision: Cllr Hughes reported that support had been requested for the provision of a medical centre for the new development of 3000 properties. Support was approved and Cllr Hughes would inform Upper Lighthorne Parish Council.
9	<p>Finance Report – The finance report had been circulated and was approved. The CCLA mandate forms were completed by Cllrs Hughes, Smith, Whitfield and Lambert</p>
10	<p>Clerk's Report – The clerks report had been circulated. The future of the Ettington Lowe Parish Fund would be added to the January agenda for discussion. It was agreed that the equipment insurance policy be renewed at a cost of £272. The council resolved that the Clerk/RFO can sign documents on its behalf regarding the transfer of the Banbury Road land as approved in the minutes of the meeting June 2108. Councillors were again reminded to complete their DPI forms</p>
11	<p>Audit 2021-22– Approval of 2021-22 audit had been received and was noted. The right to inspection notice had been published on the website. The auditor's report had been circulated and was noted.</p>
11	<p>Correspondence Report – This had been circulated and was noted.</p>
12	<p>Community Orchard Planting Project Update- Cllr Lambert reported that the event had been a great success with more than 50 volunteers. Photos had been taken and published on social media. The planting had been registered on the Queen's Canopy website. A map and details of the trees would be compiled and posted once the planting was more established. The cost of the trees would be allocated as CILS spend for the year.</p>

13	<p>Playground Report- The annual playground report from RSPA had been circulated. One item required review and the Clerk would contact the groundsman and the play equipment company to arrange. She would also chase outstanding playground reports.</p>
13	<p>Youth Project- A report had been circulated outlining notes of a meeting of the Youth Project Group and recommendations. These included improvements to the outside play areas and provision of equipment for older children and adults. The provision of an indoor space was also recommended for consideration. This would also include planned weekly activities managed by an employed Youth Group Worker. After some discussion it was agreed that the Youth Project Group and Clerk would start to compile a list of items and costs. The Community Centre should be consulted regarding the provision of an indoor space on the second floor. The clerk recommended that as this was a large and specialist project a Play and Sports consultancy be considered to manage the project. She would source possible companies and an idea of fees. Reserves would be allocated to the project and these would be presented for budget discussions at the December meeting. A resident was invited to speak and asked if interested residents could be included in discussions at an early stage. Cllr Smith proposed that the Youth Working Group be expanded to include residents and interested parties. This was agreed. The project would remain as a standing item on future agendas.</p>
14	<p>MUGA- There were still issues with the self-closing gate. Quote for additional items and works were still progressing. A quote for floodlights had been received but there were queries over whether the lights should dimmable. Cllr Hughes would report back to a future meeting.</p>
<p>The meeting was closed at 10.10 p.m. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 14th December 2022</p>	