

ETTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH, 2024

Present: Councillors D Clarke, R. Smith (Chair), R. Whitfield, C. Melville-Wright, D. Hughes, I. Houghton

Attending: Clerk Jane Carter. Cllr Izzi Seccombe

1	Apologies for absence or not present : Apologies received and accepted Cllr Gavin Lambert. Cllr Trevor Harvey had sent apologies.
2	Declaration of Pecuniary Interests: - Cllr Smith and Hughes declared an interest in planning application 24/00196/OUT
3	Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 17th January 2024 were approved and signed as true record.
4	Public Forum: None present
5	Warwickshire County Council: Cllr Izzi Seccombe updated the council on the activity of WCC. Budgets remained a national problem. Adult and children social care continued to account for a substantial part of the annual budget and costs were rising. An increase in the council tax had been set at 4.99%.The issues with flooding at Halford traffic island were under investigation.
6	Community Centre Update: Events had been mapped out for the coming year. These included a summer festival, comedy night, Halloween, and others. The bar remained profitable. A further £6k was required to complete work to the heating system. The Clerk had attended a Charity Governance training webinar. She would circulate notes. A meeting would be sought between representatives of the management group, trustees, and the parish council
7	Planning and Highways Matters: I. Highways matters: proposed plans for work to the highway between the shop and The Chequers including widening the footpath and making the footpath accessible to all had been circulated to Cllr Smith following a meeting with Highways and Cllr Izzi Seccombe. Cllr Smith would go back to the Highways engineer with amendments. Next steps would be to agree costs and phasing. II. Planning: 24/00196/OUT Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of one single storey self-build/custom build dwelling. 13 Manor Lane Ettington Warwickshire CV37 7TE A revised application for a single storey building had been received. The council did not consider it addressed the concerns of the previous application and would remain detrimental to the street scene. It was agreed to OBJECT.

8	<p>Finance Report The finance report had been circulated: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Payments and receipts as circulated were approved. Invoices were noted and approved. ii. Bank reconciliation: current account- this was approved iii. Bank reconciliation: reserves accounts- this was approved
9	<p>Clerk's and Correspondence Report – The defibrillator has been delivered and quotes were being obtained for its installation at The Chequers. Advice from Ettington responders was being sought on installation of a defib at Church end of the village. The one outside the school would be removed.</p>
10	<p>Communications: The clerk reported on the frustrations with the management of the current website. She had investigated 3 other options and had circulated the recommended proposal by Parish Council Websites. It was agreed to proceed with the build of a new website at a cost of £749 plus VAT.</p> <p>There was a need to be able to communicate with residents quickly and effectively and it was agreed that a Parish Council digital bulletin be created. This would be used to communicate meeting minutes and agendas, planning consultations and other important news from Stratford District and Warwickshire County Councils.</p> <p>The clerk would recommend proposal for the collection of resident data.</p> <p>Social media was discussed and whether Ettington Parish Council should have its own SM presence. The clerk would investigate best practice and current access to EPC social media accounts.</p>
11	<p>Parish Meeting: the format for the parish meeting was discussed. It was agreed that the current local organisations showcase held on a Saturday in May was time consuming for all parties. After a discussion, it was agreed the Parish Meeting would be held before the annual parish council meeting on Wednesday May 8th starting at 7 p.m. The Chairman would give a brief report on the work of the parish council and residents would be invited to address councillors on any issues.</p>
12	<p>Youth area and playground project: A second site meeting had been planned. Clerk would attend and meet the contractors to discuss access and any other matters.</p>
13	<p>MUGA Update: The clerk and Cllr Smith continued to review online booking and remote lighting options.</p>
14	<p>Dates of future meeting the next meeting would be Wednesday March 13th, 2024. The meeting was closed at 9.45 p.m..</p>

Approved By _____

Date _____