

ETTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th JUNE 2023

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

Attending: Clerk Jane Carter, District Councillor Trevor Harvey, County Councillor Izzy Seccombe. 4 members of the public

1	Apologies for absence or not present Apologies received from C. Melville Wright, G Lambert
2	Declaration of Pecuniary Interests:- None declared
3	To Confirm Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting on 10 th May 2023: the minutes were approved and signed as true record
4	Community Centre Update : the pop up bar was doing well. An approach had been made regarding using the playing fields for dog training and dog socialising walks
5	Warwickshire County Council/Stratford District Council updates: Councillor Harvey reported on Stratford District Council motions under consideration. Any developments with more than 10 houses would now be required to install defibrillators. The impact of solar farm development was under consideration. Councillor Izzy Seccombe said the Tysoe/Kineton road had been closed due to a badgers' sett being under the road. The council has received a £2.8 m grant for the repair of potholes. Warwickshire Residents were divided on the grass cutting schedules between those that wanted it cut regularly and those that wanted it left for wildlife. Grass verges are cut 3 times a year in Warwickshire unless councils request otherwise
6	Open Forum A resident updated the council on conversations between residents regarding Ryepiece Orchard. The matter is with SDC enforcement and the clerk said the developers needed to respond by July . The matter would be on the September agenda. A representative from a local dog walking business addressed the council. She asked for permission to use the MUGA/playing fields for dog training sessions. The matter would be added to the next agenda
7	Planning and Highways Matters: i. Highways matters (standing item)- nothing to report ii. 23/01247/FUL 1 Nelson Close Ettington Warwickshire CV37 7SL. Single Storey Rear Extension & Internal Alterations – NOTED

8	<p>Finance Report - Appendix 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To note and approve payments and receipts: proposed by Cllr Whitfield and agreed. ii. To note and approve bank reconciliation: current account- proposed by Councillor Houghton and approved iii. To note and approve bank reconciliation: reserves accounts- proposed by Cllr Clarke and approved. iv. To approve the AGAR audit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The internal audit was noted. Matters for action would be added to future agendas. ii) The annual Governance statement Section 1 was approved and signed by the Chairman iii) Section 2 of the annual audit was approved and signed by the Chairman iv) The EOY accounts 2022-23 were noted and approved
1)	<p>Clerk's and Correspondence Report – This had been circulated and was noted. Councillors were asked to look at the webinar link for code of conduct training as circulated by SDC.</p>
10	<p>Community Centre and School defibrillators request for support: the clerk had received a request form Ettington School to adopt the defibrillator outside the school and consider moving it to a more accessible place. The village shop had been suggested. The council agreed unanimously to adopt the defibrillator. Cllr Smith to speak to the owner of the shop to see if it would be possible to site the defib there. Item to be discussed at next meeting.</p> <p>The council approved expenditure of £100 for Ettington First Responders to service defibrillators at the community centre and Fulready.</p>
11	<p>Oak Trees Halford Lane: Cllr Houghton said that resident had been in touch regarding trees in Halford Lane which were now becoming dangerous. It was unclear which trees were causing concern and whose land they were on. Cllr Houghton to make more enquiries.</p>
12	<p>School Clock Maintenance: Cllr Smith updated the council on discussions regarding the School Clock. He had met with residents and also the current clock repairers to understand what work needed to be done. It was clear the clock is very old and requires specialist maintenance. It may be necessary to review the level of insurance. Only one company had been found that was capable of doing the work. It was agreed that Cllr Smith should arrange an inspection by the company. A report would be considered at a future meeting.</p>
13	<p>Right of way- School Lane: Cllr Smith had received correspondence from the resident who had raised the matter of School Lane at a previous meeting. The letter confirmed there was no intention to close the lane or prevent access by school children and parents. The matter was closed.</p>

14	<p>Playground development update: the clerk was drafting the tender and arranging initial site visits for companies that wished to view. The Youth Group had met on site and agreed an area next to the MUGA and near the small football area would be the preferable site but companies could make their own suggestions. Adding Landscaping and creating social spaces should be included within the tender document. Spend on the existing play area would be considered once quotes for the new area had been received.</p> <p>The proposal to provide access to toilets outside of the Community Centre was considered. Cllr Houghton would review where these could be sited and budget required and report back.</p>
15	<p>MUGA Update: Cllr Hughes said the online booking system was now a priority as the MUGA was getting busy. The Clerk and Cllr Smith to investigate and make a recommendation to the council at the next meeting. A system to control the locking of the MUGA and also switching on the lights in the winter was preferred. Discussion as to whether the court should be charged for would be added to a future agenda.</p>
15	<p>Dates of Future Meetings The council agreed to a change of date for the October meeting to Wednesday October 18th in the Lounge. The next meeting would be Wednesday 12th July.</p>

Approved By _____

Date _____