

ETTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2021

Present: (Councillors) D Clarke, J Collins, I Houghton, D Hughes, G Lambert, C Melville Wright and R Whitfield of Ettington Parish Council

In Attendance: S Furniss - Clerk to the Council, Cllr I Seccombe – WCC, Cllr PA O'Donnell – SDC and approximately 1 members of the public.

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| 1 | Apologies for Absence Cllr Smith sent his apologies due to being socially isolated and these were accepted. |
| 2 | Declaration of Disclosure Pecuniary Interest None declared. |
| 3 | To Confirm Minutes It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of 15 November 2021 be accepted as a true record. |
| 4 | Community Centre Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Second Community Centre Management Representative: Cllr Whitfield it was resolved become second representative.• Passed on comments from November meeting regarding potential for over commercial use being detriment to local users. They have confirmed that this is being constantly monitored but some commercial usage is required to remain financially viable.• Use of upstairs area since tidying up and replacement of stairs. Are aware that it is not public usage compliant and will be working on this over a period of time.• Thanked the PC for grant towards lighting fund which will be arranged.• Continue to plan for Jubilee celebration. <p>Cllr Houghton asked on the financial standing of the CC. Cllr Hughes confirmed that these are stable due to a number of factors including reduced running costs during Covid shutdown, Covid grants and NHS hire of building. Some of these funds have been invested to harness solar panel generated power. Certain regular users, eg, First Responders, Church, School etc one free use of building in 2022-23.</p> |
| 5 | Warwickshire County Council/Stratford District Council update <p>Cllr Seccombe, WCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Covid: Rates in Stratford district are highest across county;• First iteration of new plan was presented at recent Cabinet meeting. Main foci continue to be looking after the vulnerable, a thriving local economy and climate change.• Green Shoots Fund has allocated £630k to date and there is likely to be a second opportunity for applications in January.• There has been a successful bid in respect of electric charging points which will enable installation of 1,000 double headed units across the county by in 2023. Discussions are ongoing regarding positioning of these in Shipston.• The organisation's carbon footprint has reduced by 31% over the last 20 (mainly attributed to home working and increased focus on building use. Committed to being carbon neutral by 2030. The draft was approved having undergone a consultation process including via 'Voice of Warwickshire' for which members continue to be sought and interested parties should contact Cllr Seccombe. <p>Cllr O'Donnell, SDC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposed merger of Warwick and Stratford District Council continues to be a focus of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The highest response rate across the district was from Ettington. Consultations revealed Warwick district to be just over 50% against and SDC just over 50% for. Government approval will be required. Regardless of what |

	<p>happens it will be necessary for increased working across districts in order to achieve financial savings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victorian Christmas Market will be held 9-12 December; • Christmas refuse collection – there will be no change in collection timetable. Excess recycle materials should be put out in rigid container; Real christmas trees can be put outside for collection whether or not householders pay the green waste charge. • In response to previous query Cllr O'Donnell summarised the homeless figures for the previous 12 months. The Fred Winter Centre will support reintegration through broad spectrum input.
6	<p>Open Forum A parishioner thanked the Clerk for ensuring liaison between the community and council.</p>
7	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p><u>Applications</u></p> <p>21/03647/LBC Replace existing timber windows and doors with new painted timber windows and doors. Make minor internal alterations at Pool Yard, Rogers Lane, Ettington, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 7SX Comments due by: 16 December 2021. It was resolved to make no objection be submitted but a query will be raised regarding the consistency on plans between North and South.</p> <p><u>Decisions</u></p> <p>21/02344/FUL 7-8 Saracens Close GRANTED - Noted</p> <p>21/03224/VARY White Horse Inn, Banbury Road, Ettington, CV37 7SU Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) of planning permission 20/02517/FUL (date of decision 05 February 2021) to replace 2 no. first floor windows on the north east elevation of unit 3 with 2 no. dormer windows. Granted - Noted</p> <p><u>Other Matters</u></p> <p>Planning Application 17/03658/FUL (also 18/02362/VARY & 19/02753/VARY). WCC are undertaking a site visit on the basis that their non-objection was based on the turning head and initial application referred to 'extension of Hockley Lane'.</p>
8	<p>Finance Report – It was resolved that the payments listed in Appendix 1 be paid.</p>
9	<p>Clerk's Report - Appendix 2 Noted without comment.</p>
10	<p>Correspondence Report – Appendix 3 It was resolved that the Council support the use of the Community Centre and car park as requested by Warwickshire Search and Rescue. Cllr Hughes will convey this to CCMT.</p>
11	<p>MUGA – Cllr Hughes summarised costings he has obtained to date and which had been emailed to Members earlier in the day. Further research will need to be undertaken. Consideration should be given to maintenance requirements, longevity, tennis being the main use, need for increased width of access if specialist maintenance equipment to be used. Cllr Hughes stated that he would appreciate support from other councillors in exploring options.</p>
12	<p>Speeding – White Hatching Cllr Houghton had nothing further to report and will contact Jo Edwards of the Transport, Planning and Road Safety Group at WCC for further information.</p>
13	<p>Budget 2022-23 Appendix 4. It was agreed that the proposed budget would be amended as follows :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Column heading 2 be amended to read Budget 20/21 (rather than Budget 19/20) and column heading 3 to read Budget 2021/22 (rather than Budget 20/21);

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No inflation uplift to be applied; • 2.5% increase to be applied to Clerk's Salary • Combined budget of Professional Fees and Youth Project Costs be uplifted to £3,500 to reflect anticipated cost of Youth Project Consultation; • Cllr Training to be increased to £600 • Street Lighting Power to be increased by 50% • All other lines to remain as per current year. <p>The Clerk will amend and circulate in order that Members have time to consider it prior to presentation at January meeting when Precept request will need to be agreed.</p>
14	<p>RoSPA Play Safety Annual Play Area Report – Appendix 5</p> <p>There was lengthy discussion regarding the Junior Swing (risk score 10) and the need to take account of the report. It was resolved that Wicksteed Leisure will requested to undertake inspection as per the recommendation. It was further resolved that Cllr Hughes will assess whether the plastic goalposts are repairable/fit for purpose.</p> <p>Cllr Hughes reported that he thought we have spare seat components for the circular picnic bench and will investigate this and liaise with the Grounds Maintenance Contractor. Cllr Houghton's suggestion of using recycled plastic for the oblong table top. If this is not possible then Cllr Hughes will liaise with the Grounds Maintenance Contractor to establish whether he could undertake the repair. These issues will be followed up at a future meeting.</p> <p>It was further resolved that all other Suggested Actions/Tasks be approved and initiated.</p>
15	<p>Community Orchard – It was resolved that Andrew Bonell of Alsters Kelly will be asked to act on transfer of land from Beau Homes to Ettington Parish Council.</p> <p>Following discussion about the wild flower area of the Beau Homes development and the community orchard area of Hays Meadow it was resolved that these should be future agenda items.</p>
16	<p>Banking – It was resolved that the Bank Mandates be amended such that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cllr Charles Melville Wright to view accounts and authorise payments b) Jane Carter to view accounts, instigate and authorise payments in readiness for commencement of employment on 1 January 2022
17	<p>CCTV Cllr Whitfield reported that following further discussions it has been suggested that the Chequers and a private householder will be approached regarding potential for siting CCTV on their properties (both having good sightline of road). There was agreement that this should be explored.</p>
18	<p>Parish Meeting Cllrs reported back that there was good attendance and feedback though there continues to be confusion amongst some attendees regarding the structure/difference between this and Parish Council meetings. Cllr Whitfield will produce minutes of the meeting for presentation at the January meeting of the Parish Council in order that any issues raised can be considered by the Council. £38.24 was raised from refreshments and this will be donated to Shipston Home Nursing.</p>
<p>Dates of Future Meetings All meetings are held in the Lounge at the Community Centre at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated</p> <p>12 January 2022 9 February 2022 9 March 2022</p>	

