

ETTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL		
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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 10TH , 2024		
Present: Councillors D Clarke, R. Smith (Chair), R. Whitfield, D. Hughes, I. Houghton; C. Melville-Wright		
Attending: Clerk Jane Carter. Cllr Izzi Seccombe. Cllr T. Harvey. 3 members of the public		
240410/1	Apologies for absence or not present : Apologies received and accepted Cllr Gavin Lambert	
240410/2	Declaration of Pecuniary Interests: - None	
240410/3	Minutes of the last Parish Council Meetings on Wednesday March 13 th and Extraordinary meeting on March 25 th , 2024, were approved and signed as a true record.	
240410/4	Warwickshire County Council: A consultation on public rights of way was underway in Warwickshire. A photographic competition for Warwickshire's Country Parks was being held. Stratford District Council: a report from Cllr Harvey had been circulated and was noted.	
240410/5	Community Centre Update: Spend on improvements to the heating were continuing. It was hoped this would be resolved by the summer. A meeting of Parish Council representatives, Community Centre volunteer and trustees was arranged for March 17 th .	
240410/6	Public Forum: A resident said that Ettington Chase was now for sale and asked if the council could investigate whether the building could be listed to protect it in the event of possible future development.	
240410/7	Planning and Highways Matters: I. Highways matters: None II. Planning Matters: none	
240410/8	Finance Report The finance report had been circulated: - i. Payments and receipts as circulated were approved. Invoices were noted and initialled by the Chairman ii. Bank reconciliation: current account: this was approved iii. Bank reconciliation: reserves accounts: this was approved iv. EOY 2023-2024 Accounts and budget report- these were noted and approved	
240410/9	Clerk's and Correspondence Report – A report had been circulated and was noted. It was agreed to donate £650 to the production of the Ettington News	Clerk
240410/10	Football Pitch and Playing Fields I. Updated terms of reference for football pitch working group were approved. Cllrs Houghton, Whitfield, Hughes, and Smith were confirmed as members II. The parish council was required to maintain the wooden post and rail fencing around the football pitch. The benefits of 500m native	

	<p>hedging were discussed in place of fencing. It was felt this could help with drainage. The Football Pitch working group would discuss.</p> <p>III. Self-closing gates at the two playing field footpaths to Banbury Road were discussed. Clerk would raise with the groundman and obtain quotes for installation</p> <p>IV. The clerk had received correspondence about residents walking dogs without a lead on the playing field. It was agreed to use communication channels to remind residents this was not allowed</p>	
240410/11	Youth area and playground project: The Youth Area had been completed and was now open for use. An inspection had taken place and the safety report received. The weather continued to hinder progress on the toddler and junior area, but it was hoped these would be open within six weeks.	
240410/12	MUGA Update: . It was agreed that new tennis nets be purchased in time for the summer. Cllr Hughes to circulate quotes. Cllr Houghton said he was still investigating the best system to operate the lights. LED bulbs should also be considered	Clerk/Cllr Hughes Cllr Houghton
240410/13	Date of next meeting: The next parish council meeting would be Wednesday May 7th, 2024, at 8 p.m. This would be preceded by the Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m. The meeting was closed at 9.25p.m.	

Approved By _____

Date _____