ETTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL	
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETIING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2021	
Present: Cllrs D Clarke, R Hawksworth, D Hughes and R Whitfield of Ettington Parish Council **In Attendance:** S Furniss, Clerk to the Parish Council, Cllr I Seccombe – WCC, Cllr P-A O'Donnell – SDC and 4 members of the public.	
1	**Apologies for Absence** Apologies were received and **accepted** as follows: Cllr G Lambert, due to being on holiday Cllr J Collins, due to being on holiday Cllr I Houghton, due to family commitments Cllr R Smith due to ill health
2	**Declaration of Disclosure Pecuniary Interest** none declared.
3	**To Confirm Minutes** It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 25 August 2021 be accepted as a true record.
4	**Community Centre Update** The community centre is in negotiation with NHS regarding use of small hall as a vaccination hub from September to January several sessions per week. They would work round prior bookings. If this proceeds there will be a requirement for the vehicular and pedestrian access to be salted/gritted and the Community Centre have asked whether the Council would be minded to make the annual grant available for purchase of these. It was **resolved** that this doesn't meet the requirements of the grants policy.
5	**Warwickshire County Council/Stratford District Council update** Cllr O'Donnell reported from SDC as follows: • The Bus Survey ends on Sunday and encouraged attendees to complete the questionnaire; • Any specific questions regarding the proposed merger between Stratford and Warwick District Councils, can be directed to her and will presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; • The Council is addressing how it can meet the far reaching changes resulted from the new Domestic Abuse Act, which it very much welcomes; • Stratford, Shipston and Southam Leisure Centre will be holding autism friendly sessions weekdays between 1.00 – 3.00 pm Monday to Friday; • The Council is organising Jobs Fair on 15 October; • Council is one of those most adversely affected financially as a result of Covid due to its reliance on tourism; • A car meet organised by the Secret Society Car Club which was to have been held in the Cotswolds is to be held at Caffeine and Machine[1]; • 25 Afghan National families have been given temporary accommodation at Walton Hall with provision of wraparound care. There are Just Giving pages and collection of requested items (the list of which changes from week to week) at St Peter's Church; •

[1] It was subsequently established that the car meet will be held on 28 September 2021 and C&M stated "It's going to be run in exactly the same way as our weekends are and C&M is actually only open for this event and not to the general public that day."

	Cllr Seccombe reported from WCC as follows: • 100 Afgan families will be settled across Warwickshire and those supporting the initiative have been working extremely hard due to the short period over which they arrived. WCC are working with two Home Office groups - Afghan Resettlement Group and the Afghan Asylum Seekers Group. Finding suitable accommodation will have challenges there will be a need to accommodate extended families; • The Bus Survey referred to by Cllr O'Donnell is part of a national initiative to get better use from public transport and WCC seek to ensure a convenient, responsive, economic and green solution for its residents; • Covid numbers across Warwickshire are rising as are numbers in hospital; • The Government announcement on increased funding for Social Care and Health will have a negative financial impact on social care as, initially all the funds will go to NHS yet employers of social care staff will have to meet additional National Insurance contributions; • WCC Highways have objected to the Planning Application in respect of Bramble Reed, Hockley Lane.
6	**Open Forum** • **Planning enforcement:** In response to query about letters of complaint, as detailed in Correspondence Report, a parishioner asked if a response had been received. Cllr Hawksworth confirmed that a response had been received, and it gives valid reasons for SDC's response in respect previous queries/complaints. No response has been received in respect of a separate letter regarding the unauthorised building of agricultural buildings at the end of Hockley Lane. It was **resolved** that the correspondence will be published as a news item on www.ettington.org and a response chased in respect of the unanswered letter. The concerns raised were supported by another parishioner; • **Planning Application Bramble Reed, Hockley Lane** Cllr Hawksworth responded to a query regarding this application, explaining the Planning Officer has requested further information and, therefore, the determination date has been extended. It was speculated that this might be to ensure decision of Appeal in respect of previous application is received before latest application has to be decided. • **Potentially Dangerous Trees at Fulready Ford.** Cllr Clarke reported that an approach has been made by Fulready residents regarding said trees. It was **resolved** that the Clerk will inform WCC of these concerns. Some Fulready Parishioners have asked if trees are starting to come down
7	**Planning Matters** **Applications** **Reference: 21/02344/FUL:** Proposed Erection of dwellinghouse with garage and associated works at Plots 7 And 8, Saracen Close, Old Warwick Road, Ettington CV37 7SH Comments due by: **15 September 2021.** A comment has previously been submitted. There has been an extension to determination date due to SDC not publishing neighbour notices. **Reference: 21/02620/FUL :** Proposed Change of use from farm store and farm rest room to dog consultancy/behaviouralist facility and dog groomers at Grove Farm , Stratford Road, Ettington, CV37 7NX Comments due by: **23 September 2021**. No objection will be

	submitted other than request that Ettington and Fulready Neighbourood Plan policy in respect of dark skies be observed.
8	**Finance Report** - Appendix 1 The income was noted. It was **resolved** that the payments listed be authorised for payment.
9	**Clerk's Report** - Appendix 2 The content was noted without comment or discussion other than the following items: **5 Planters** In response to query by Cllr Hawksworth it was **resolved** that recycled plastic the full width of the 'gates' should be purchased. **14: Youth Project Group:** Clerk reported that in respect of consultation she has been in touch with: a) Senior Lecturer in Human Geography at Birmingham University who will disseminate details to PHD students: b) Clerk of a Parish Council with a career in education, marketing, PR, Occupational Therapy who would be interested in undertaking consultation c) Ben Evans of Chime Management who undertook consultation of Blockley young people. **15 Planning Professional Support:** Clerk confirmed Avon Planning Services would with sufficient notice, would be able to provide support at a cost of £70 + VAT per hour. It was **resolved** that this is acceptable.
10	**Correspondence Report** Appendix 3 The content was noted without comment or discussion other than: **Consultation on Ward Boundaries:** It was agreed that Cllr Hughes will produce draft response for consideration at the meeting scheduled for 13 October 2021. **Mobile Skatepark** no further investigation will be undertaken. **South Warwickshire Council:** Cllr Hughes will attend the meeting WALC Area Committee Zoom Meeting which will have representatives of Stratford and Warwick District Councils and will report back at October meeting.
11	**Resignation of Councillor Jenny Henry** The clerk reported that Notification of the Vacancy has been made and any requests for an election must be with the Returning Officer at SDC by 22 September. If none or fewer than 9 electors request an election then the position can be processed according to the Council's Casual Vacancy Policy. If 9 or more electors request an election then this will be organised by SDC with the cost borne by EPC. It was **resolved** that the Chairman will write a letter of thanks and appreciation to Cllr Henry.
12	**Recruitment of Clerk** – Appendix 4a and 4b It was **resolved** that Appendix 4a and 4b be adopted and that WALC will be asked to evaluate the job description to advise on remuneration due to changes in the salary structure in 2018/19. It was noted that this will lead to a delay in the recruitment process.
13	**Use of Playing Field as Element of Community Centre Hire** Appendix 5 It was agreed that Appendix 5 is acceptable but a final decision will be deferred until the Community Centre have been given an opportunity to comment.
14	**Jubilee** Appendix 6 It was **resolved** that Cllr Hughes will approach the Community Centre Management Team to explore the potential for the flyer to go out in their name with the cost of printing to be met by the Council.

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15	**Portfolios** Appendix 7 This item was deferred to the October meeting.
16	**Speeding – White Hatching** This item was deferred to the October meeting.
17	**Keeping the Spirit Alive** Details of an on line event, to be held on 4 November, have been received and any members wishing to attend should notify the Clerk.
18	**MUGA –** Cllr Hughes reported that he had met with Courtsalls representative (this being the company that installed the MUGA). Their rough estimate to extend the court was £140k. There was discussion around the pros and cons of this with view expressed that the MUGA is for community use rather than hire to local 5-a-side football tems; that recouping expenditure via hire fees would take many years and a hire system would require considerable administration. The cost of resurfacing with a surface suitable for tennis/football/basketball is estimated to be £30,000. It was **resolved** that resurfacing of MUGA will be an agenda item for October meeting with Cllr Hughes getting firm quotes and Cllr Smith getting costings for an electronic entry system and the Clerk presenting Ear Marked Reserves Budget.
19	**Annual Parish Meeting** It was **resolved** that this should be in November and Cllr Whitfield offered to support Cllr Collins in making arrangements.

Dates of Future Meetings All meetings are held in the Lounge at the Community Centre at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated

13 October 2021
10 November 2021
8 December 2021

These minutes remain draft until indicated below

Adopted as a true record at the Parish Council meeting held on ……

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