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| **ETTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **Minutes of the Meeting of 11 December 2017** | |
| **Present**  (Councillors) J Collins, R Hawksworth, J Henry, D Hughes, L Holtom and R Smith of Ettington Parish Council  **In Attenance** | |
| 1 | **Apologies for Absence** None received. |
| 2 | **Acceptance of Apologies for Absence** N/A |
| 3 | **Declaration of Disclosure Pecuniary Interest** None declared |
| 4 | **To Confirm Minutes** It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of 8 November 2017 be accepted as a true record. |
| 5 | **Community Centre Update** - David Martin conveyed thanks from the management committee for the tree trimming around the car park lights. It was reported that the bid for a grant towards the new stage-lighting project from the County Councillor’s annual fund had been unsuccessful but that it is nevertheless still intended to implement the scheme. |
| 6 | **Warwickshire County Council/Stratford District Council update** Apologies received from Cllr Secombe and it was presumed that Cllr O’Donnell was unable to attend due to weather conditions. |
| 7 | **Open Forum** The parishioner who instigated Item16 was in attendance to support his concerns and was invited to participate in that discussion |
| 8 | **Planning Matters**  **A – Applications**  ***Application(s) reference: 17/03309/FUL:*** Proposed :Two storey rear  extension, single storey front and side extensions, detached garage and brick  boundary wall to front, At22 Banbury Road, Ettington, CV37 7SU, **Comments due**  **by: 12 December 2017.**  After a debate concerning the likely appearance of the property after its extensions  and the loss of a bungalow in the overall housing mix it was **resolved** that the  Parish Council would not lodge an objection.  ***Application(s) reference: 17/03458/VARY***Variation of Condition 5 of planning  permission 12/00395/FUL (occupancy condition) dated 29 June 2012, to temporary  lift restrictive condition for three years. Original description of development:  Relocation of previously approved slurry lagoon (3,255 cubic metre capacity) for the  on-site storage of slurry and the construction of an agricultural workers dwelling  including use of agricultural land for residential curtilage.  Original Description: Relocation of previously approved slurry lagoon (3,255 cubic  metre capacity) for the on-site storage of slurry and the construction of an  agricultural workers dwelling including use of agricultural land for residential  curtilage. At Galley House Tree House Farm , Whatcote Road, Fulready, CV37 7PE  The above application has been received. **Comments due by:** 22 December 2017.  It was **resolved** to object on the grounds that the applicants have already submitted application ref 17/01086/VARY (pending) for a relaxation of Condition 5 to widen the scope for tenants’ eligibility. The condition should apply from the outset regardless of the outcome of the earlier variation application.  **D Decisions**  ***17/03065/TPO:*** T1 - Beech - Fell T663 - Beech – Fell At :3 The Dell,  Rookery Lane, Ettington, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 7TQ **Granted**  **C - Ongoing/Pending Matters**  ***17/01822/FUL*** Proposed Conversion of Garage to provide two residential flats for  rural farm workers at Tree House Farm , Whatcote Road, Fulready, Ettington CV37  7PE  ***17/01086/VARY*** Variation of condition 05 (occupancy condition) of planning permission 12/00395/FUL for the 'Relocation of previously approved slurry lagoon (3,255 cubic metre capacity) for the on-site storage of slurry and the construction of an agricultural workers dwelling including use of agricultural land for residential curtilage' to amend the wording of the occupancy condition from to in the locality in agriculture or forestry to a person working in a rural enterprise within the locality where there is/was a defined functional need atTree House Farm , Whatcote Road, Fulready, Ettington CV37 7PE  ***17/01499/FUL:*** Proposed 4 new dwellings and garages at: The Nurseries, Hockley  Lane, Ettington  ***Application(s) reference: 17/02941/FUL and 17/02495/LBC*** Proposed  Fenestration alterations and Internal alterations to existing barn conversion at Rye  Piece Barn, Rogers Lane, Ettington, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 7SX  **Comments due by:** 13 November 2017. |
| 9 | **Finance Report** It was **resolved** that the payments listed be authorised. |
| 10 | **Clerk's Report**  1**Road Signage M40** remains on the ‘to do’ list  2 **100th Anniversary of the Great War** The date for the inaugural meeting of interested parties has had to be re-arranged but will precede the next PC meeting and may require use of a room in the Community Centre.  3 **Drainage on Rogers Lane** It was noted that the Banbury Rd. drains had also had attention and one drain cover replaced revealing that its broken predecessor had been supported by sandbags which had clearly been blocking the pipework.  4 **Dog Waste Bin For Football Pitch** It was reported that the football field bin had been emptied and the contents deposited near the bin on the path to the Banbury Rd. Lest it should be left there in future it was agreed that the FC representative be advised of SDC’s intended collection schedule if they have a routine.  5 **Legacy Trees** No news so far- DH to chase.  6 **Solar Powered Speed Control** Councillors expressed dismay and resolved that a reply should be sent recommending the matter be made an April 2018 priority.  10 **Estate Agent Signage** The blatant example on the ‘phone box green is still standing and the Clerk requested to take issue with the miscreants as soon as possible. |
| 11 | **Correspondence Report** - none received other than on agenda |
| 12 | **Proposal in Respect of Football Field** Councillors were not in principle averse to the re-siting of the soccer field subject to the land-owners’ completion of the necessary groundworks and the FC’s approval. However, the long term objective of saturating the remainder of the field with housing could not be countenanced. Furthermore, the protection of the playing field facility beyond the expiry of the existing lease needs to be ensured in any agreement. Councillors resolved that before agreeing to an engagement with the landowners’ agents the PC should seek professional advice from a suitable planning consultant who would also assist in any meaningful negotiations. |
| 13 | **Precept 2017 – 18** As not all Councillors had had the opportunity to digest the appendix relating to precept requirements and budget setting it was resolved that Councillors should convey any comments or suggestions to the Clerk by 31st December. A final draft should then be prepared for approval at the January 2018 meeting. |
| 14 | **Payment For Use of Community Centre** The proposed agreement as circulated by Cllr Hughes for the use of Community Centre facilities by the Parish Council was unanimously approved. |
| 15 | **Neighbourhood Plan – Section 16 Consultation** The progress made by SDC was noted. |
| 16 | **Road safety issues** The author of appendix 5 was present and in addition to amplifying his concerns reported that only the previous Tuesday yet another road-blocking collision at the Fosse Way crossroads made it all the more imperative that the illuminating “SLOW” signs on approach from Banbury are visible and functional. They do work but their sensors are obstructed by the overhanging hedgerow which also obscures the junction. It was resolved that the latter issue be raised with the Highways Dept. to determine if they will do the necessary pruning or instruct the relevant landowner.  Councillors understood the potential kerbside parking issue outside the new shop but felt that the Highways Dept., having approved the plans, would be unmoved by any representation. Finally, pavement parking is a grey area and prohibition almost unenforceable. Councillors resolved that a plea to refrain from the practice be submitted to the Village Newsletter and Facebook forum. |
| 17 | **Grant Application** It was **resolved** that the application be approved. |
| 18 | **Tennis Courts –**   1. **Open Access** It was resolved that research into open access equipment be continued and the Clerk was asked to discover via WALC/NALC if they are aware of any authorities which have such systems or means of access to similar facilities. 2. **Commercial Letting Rate** The council **resolved** that there should be a commercial rate for the use of the MUGA but that while demand is minimal and public use equally minimal that rate should be the same as the standard rate. However, the rates should be reviewed annually in January and if commercial use begins to impinge on public needs then a differential introduced. It was unanimously agreed that in view of the latter the previous decision regarding dog training fees be revisited at the January meeting. 3. **Surface Maintenance** deferred to the January Meeting. |
| 19 | **Development off Rogers Lane – proposed name and landscape plan**  The name “Ryepiece Orchard” was **approved** but the landscape discussion deferred until the developer’s representative is present with plans. |
| 20 | **Youth Project** It was reported that a grant of £10K had been secured from Lottery Funding and this would be publicised in March. The Council agreed to the convening of a Playground Tender Working Group and the proposed terms of reference. It was noted that over £200 had been raised at the recent Youth Council car wash and cake stall, and that thanks should be recorded for Monsoon’s kind sponsorship of coffee. A fund raising dinner-dance is planned for the evening of 16th February at The Chase. |
| 21 | **Affordable Housing** It was noted that the Ryepiece Orchard representative had indicated she might have some suggestions for an addition to the ring fenced £150K S106 monies. As the PC had agreed to make a decision regarding its disposal at the Jan 2018 meeting it was agreed that she should be asked to circulate any details in advance of it. |
| 22 | **Boundary Hedge**   1. **50 Banbury Road**  Councillors considered the Middlemarch Environmental proposal re the 50 Banbury Rd. hedge and it was **resolved** that they should be engaged to carry out their survey. 2. **General Upkeep** Cllrs Holtom and Hawksworth report their findings on the boundaries and hedges and it was resolved that they should be reviewed annually. Councillors also resolved that the two ‘wasted’ areas either side of the sub-station should be developed in some way as a village amenity. If the Middlemarch survey proves valuable and the Council suitably impressed with their work consideration might be given to engaging their assistance in the matter. |
| 23 | **Spitfire Development** It was **resolved** that the Parish Council supports the District Council’s preferred option for dealing with the damaged hedgerow trees and does not wish to take responsibility for the S106 land but has no persuasions regarding the other three options for the latter and will respect the DC’s decision in that regard. Cllrs. Henry and Collins agreed to draft a comprehensive list of Spitfire’s transgressions on the site to accompany the above resolutions for onward transmission to the case officer as he now appears to be demonstrating frustration with them. |
| Dates of Future Meetings (meetings commence at 7.30 and are held in the Lounge at Ettington Community Centre unless otherwise stated).  January 2018 – date to be agreed  14 February 2018  14 March 2018 | |