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| **ETTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 10 May 2017** | |
| Present: (Councillors) J Collins, J Henry, D Hughes, L Holtom and R Smith  In Attendance: S Furniss, Clerk to the Council, Cllr I Seccombe, WCC, Cllr O’Donnell, SDC and 4 members of the public | |
| 1 | **a) Election of Chairman and signing of Acceptance of Office** Cllr Hughes was nominated and seconded by Cllrs Henry and Collins. There being no other nominations Cllr Hughes accepted the nomination and signed the Acceptance of Office.  **b) Election of Vice Chairman and signing of Acceptance of Office** Cllr Holtom was nominated and seconded by Cllrs Henry and Collins. There being no other nominations Cllr Holtom accepted the nomination and signed the Acceptance of Office. |
| 2 | **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Ruth Hawksworth’s apologies were received due to personal commitment. |
| 3 | **Acceptance of Apologies for Absence:** Apologies accepted. |
| 4 | **Declaration of Disclosure Pecuniary Interest** : Cllr Hughes declared an interest in item 10b. |
| 5 | **To Confirm Minutes** It was **resolved** that the minutes be accepted as a true record. |
| 6 | **Community Centre Update** - David Martin asked for grant support in respect of replacement of a number of fire extinguishers – it being stated at a recent fire safety inspection that they need replacing. It was **resolved** that the request be approved. |
| 7 | **Warwickshire County Council/Stratford District Council update**  Cllr Seccombe reported that County Elections have resulted in a Conservative majority. Interim arrangements in respect of the CE position have been ratified with Monica Fogarty leading on external partnerships and David Carter leading on paid services. The arrangement will contribute substantial savings. OFSTED inspection is in process and will be reported on in due course.    Cllr Penny-Anne O’Donnell, SDC was welcomed to the meeting and to her new role. Cllr O’Donnell responded with thanks and stated that she will aim to attend all meetings but has nothing to report as this is only her second day as Councillor. |
| 8 | **Open Forum**  Mr Lyall asked that his name be spelt correctly and both the Chairman and Clerk offered their apologies for previous misspelling.  Mr Lyall stated that there is a lot of debris following the tree works. This will be checked by Cllr Holtom.  Mr Martin asked if there is any update on when work on the White Horse will be progressed but the Council was not in a position to do other than speculate on this.  Mr Martin asked whether the recent application, by Spitfire, for a variation in the terms of the Planning Approval had been successful and it was confirmed that this had been granted. |
| 9 | **Re-adoption of Policies, Procedures, Regulations and Standing Orders:**  It was **resolved** that all be re-adopted. |
| 10 | **Planning Matters**   1. **Ongoing Matters**   **16/01773/FUL** Land off Rogers Lane  ***17/00829/TEL56:***  Installation of a 20m drab olive brown high monopole at Grove Farm.  Noted.   1. **Applications**   ***17/01046/FUL***    Proposed : Formation of habitable room in roofspace with front and rear dormers at 8 Manor Lane, Ettington, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 7TE  It was **resolved** that no comment will be submitted.   1. **Decisions**   ***Application(s) reference: 17/00726/AGNOT***    Proposed : Extension to existing agricultural building for agricultural storage purposes at Disused Railway Station, Warwick Road, Ettington,  **Granted**  17/00498/FUL, Gardeners Cottage, Ettington Grange. **Granted**  Noted. |
| 11 | **Finance Report** It was **resolved** that the payments listed be authorised and the End of Year Accounts be approved. |
| 12 | **Clerk's Report**  **Telephone Box** At the Parish Meeting the majority view (though few had commented) was that the box, if decommissioned, should be used to house a Public Access Defibrilator. Further opinion will be sought via Village News, website etc. |
| 13 | **Correspondence Report** Noted. |
| 14 | **Neighbourhood Plan** Cllr Hughes reported that likely date for commencement of Public Consultation is 15 June with consultation events on 16th and 17th .This will be widely publicised. |
| 15 | **Youth Project** The fundraising event on 1 May had raised a very impressive £579.90. A meeting earlier in the evening had been attended by Mark Wood who is very experienced in raising funds for Polar Exploration. The Youth Council are very pleased to accept his offer of support in further fundraising including bidding for grants. |
| 16 | **Audit** It was **resolved** that all questions in Section 1- Governance Report, be answered in the affirmative. It was further **resolved** that Section 1 – Accounting Statement be signed off.  The Clerk confirmed that the Internal Auditor is scheduled to undertake audit on 16 May. |
| 17 | **Star Councils** Cllr Holtom confirmed that the focus this year is health and wellbeing. It is hoped that next year’s focus will be on something which lends itself to an application based on the Youth Council. |
| 18 | **Tree Work** – Appendix 5. Cllr Holtom proposed that the inspection be undertaken every 2 years, with Cllr Smith proposing it be undertaken every 3 years. A vote resulted in 4/1 in favour of a 3 yearly inspection and this was **resolved.** |
| Dates of Future Meetings (meetings commence at 7.30 and are held in the Lounge at Ettington Community Centre unless otherwise stated).  12 July 2017 Rich and Jackie apologies.  No meeting scheduled for August  13 September 2017 | |