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| **ETTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  Minutes of the Meeting of 11 January 2017 | |
| **Present**: (Councillors) J Collins, R Hawksworth, J Henry, D Hughes and R Smith of Ettington Parish Council  **In attendance:** S Furniss, Clerk; Cllr I Seccombe, WCC; Cllr P Seccombe, SDC, David Martin, Community Centre and approximately 7 members of the public. | |
| 1 | **Apologies for Absence** Cllr Holtom tendered her apologies due to pantomime commitment. |
| 2 | **Acceptance of Apologies for Absence Cllr** Holtom’s apologies were **accepted**. |
| 3 | **Declaration of Disclosure Pecuniary Interest** None declared |
| 4 | **To Confirm Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting that took place on 14 December 2016** The minutes were **approved** as a true record. |
| 5 | **Community Centre Update** - David Martin reported the committee have been looking at specification for screen and projector which is within budget and purchase/installation with be progressed. |
| 6 | **Warwickshire County Council** WCC continue to work on setting budget. Last year a budget deficit was met from reserves. The Council has accepted a 4 year settlement which will aid future planning but brings a reduction of £67m over four years (this takes into account other income such as 2% precept increase). By 2020 there will be a change in retention of business rates. With regard to the Combined Authority WCC is a non-constituent member and the Council is minimising expenditure in this direction by only contributing funds which have a strong evidence base to increase benefit to Warwickshire.  **Stratford District Council** Cllr P Seccombe reported that SDC have been looking at budgets for 17-18.  **Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner** Cllr P Seccombe reported that he is leading a consultation on using some of the £29m reserves. He will be coordinating a multi-agency meeting to consider strategies for dealing with problems generated by gypsies and travellers. |
| 7 | **Open Forum**  Mr R Lyall stated that there is an Increasing amount of litter under hedge of playing field bordering Shirley land. He went on to state that “David’s Orchard” is a misnomer for the piece of land on Rogers Lane which is subject to planning application ***16/03972/FUL***. The owner clarified that it has been known by many names over the years. For the purpose of minutes it will be known as ‘land off Rogers Lane’ (as per planning application)  Mrs Joanna Paris stated that there is a fleet of four cars which a family leave with their engines running which she believes to be both anti-social and environmentally unfriendly. Cllr Hughes clarified that this is not something that the Parish Council will become involved with. Some useful pointers were made by Cllr P Seccombe, Cllr Hughes and Cllr Smith  Mrs Paris went on to bring to the Council’s attention that the hedge bordering Rogers Lane/Shirley land is getting very tall and cutting out the light. Cllr Hughes stated that, as the Council intends to contact the relevant Land Agent regarding a section of this hedge adjoining this, which is encroaching over the verge, this will also be brought to the land agent’s attention. |
| 8 | **Planning Matters**   1. **Ongoing Matters**   **16/00769/COUENF** Enforcement Notice for structure in White Horse Car Park. It was confirmed that, following discussion at the meeting of 14 December, a letter will be sent to Mr R Weeks, Head of Planning at SDC. Cllr Hughes to draft the letter.   1. **Applications**   ***Application(s) reference: 16/03574/LDE***    Proposed : Use of land and buildings for the storage of fire wood and materials relating to a landscaping business for a period of 10 years or more  At : Land At, Old Warwick Road, Ettington,  For : Mr Nik Spencer  Comments due by: 20 January 2017.  It was **resolved** that no objection would be submitted but a request made that the area be maintained in a manner which is tidy and doesn’t encroach on the surrounding area/footpath.  ***Application(s) reference: 16/03972/FUL***    Proposed : Erection of 6 dwellings (4 no. houses and 2 no. bungalows) and associated garages, accesses off Rogers Lane and connecting to adjoining public footpath, footpath improvements, creation of surface water attenuation pond and new landscaping (resubmission of 16/01773/FUL).  At : Land Off Rogers Lane, Manor Lane, Ettington,  Comments due by: 23 January 2017.  Ms Kat LaTzar and Mr Foster-Hall outlined the changes made to this application. Discussion followed with Cllr Smith stating that the improvements preserved the view on the approach from Banbury Road, of Rogers Lane. Cllr Hughes summarised the reasons for the previous objection.  A vote was held with Cllr Hawksworth abstaining. The result was 3:1 in favour of the development with Cllr Hughes objecting.  It was, therefore, **resolved** that no objection would be submitted but comment would be made that this development would take Ettington above its target number of houses under SDC’s Strategic Plan and requesting that, if permission is granted this should be with the proviso that the land fronting Rogers Lane be maintained as private or public open space in perpetuity.   1. **Decisions**   **16/02068/FUL** 5 Hillman Way **Approved.** Noted.  **16/02068/FUL** The White Horse **Approved** Noted. |
| 9 | **Finance Report** - Appendix 1 It was **resolved** that the payments listed be authorised. |
| 10 | **Clerk's Report** - Appendix 2 Content of the report was noted. |
| 11 | **Correspondence Report** - Appendix 3 Content of the report was noted. |
| 12 | **Neighbourhood Plan** Version 8 will be considered at the next meeting due to be held on 25 January. It is hoped that any pending contributions will be finalised by then in order that final editing can be undertaken prior to pre-submission to SDC which is planned for May 2017. A photographer is on board to take photos for inclusion in the plan. |
| 13 | **Tree Work** – Appendix 4 It was **resolved** that the Clerk will contact those companies which had been asked to tender to find out why they had chosen not to and a further tender process will be undertaken. This will possibly include asking WCC to tender. |
| 14 | **Affordable Housing** This will be an agenda item once a decision has been made regarding Planning Application ***16/03972/FUL*** *(which, if passed, will bring in an additional £100,000 for affordable housing).* |
| 15 | **Telephone Box Purchase** – It was agreed that a consultation on this will be part of the Annual Parish Meeting |
| 16 | **Precept/Budget 2017-18**  It was **resolved** that a precept of £31,900 will be sought from Stratford District Council. |
| 17 | **Wellesbourne and District Lions Club Bench**  It was **resolved** that the offer of a bench, to be sited at playing field, will be accepted as follows:  1A total cost limitation of £1000 including bench purchase and installation.  2.      The provision of a Lions plaque on the bench.  3.      No WDLC responsibilities for any ongoing maintenance/servicing/repair costs at all to the bench and its surrounds. |
| Dates of Future Meetings (meetings commence at 7.30 and are held in the Lounge at Ettington Community Centre unless otherwise stated).  8 February 2017  8 March 2017  12 April 2017 | |