

## ETTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022

Present: D Clarke, I Houghton, D Hughes (Chair), G Lambert, C. Melville Wright, R Whitfield  
Attending: J Carter (Clerk), Cllr I Seccombe, 7 members of the public

1	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllr R Smith (work); Cllr J Collins (illness)
2	<b>Declaration of Disclosure Pecuniary Interest :</b> none
3	<b>Minutes</b> of the last Parish Council Meeting that took place on 13 July 2022 were approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman
4	<b>Community Centre Update:</b> A second Greenshoots application for a further set of batteries for the solar panel system had been submitted. The water bill dispute had been settled and the debt wiped out. The heating system programmer had been improved and could now be controlled remotely. One car park floodlight was not working and quotations to replace it (and at the same time the other 3) with LED fittings are being sought.
5	<b>Warwickshire County Council/Stratford District Council update:</b> Cllr Izzi Seccombe of Warwickshire County Council said that a number of services had been held to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II. A new member of State for levying up and communities had been appointed following the election of the new Prime Minister. Finance was going to prove difficult in 2023 with the costs around the new Care System amounting to £47m. WCC had asked the Government to delay. Warm hubs were being considered for the winter both for drop-in centres during the day and homework hubs. WCC were working with districts so there would be no duplication. There would be a joint website promoting the centres. Three community supermarkets were being operated by WCC- two remote and one fixed. Membership was £5. Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell of Stratford District Council had sent a report which was read by the Clerk and is attached as an appendix. One of the key issues was the potential application for an Anaerobic Digester Centre to be centred in Tysoe. Traffic could potentially travel through Pillerton Priors, Ettington and Wellesbourne onto the M40.
6	<b>Open Forum</b> (Approximately 15 minutes is allocated to this item): a resident asked about the progress of the Youth Consultation and if it was possible to see the survey which had been carried out. The Clerk was contacting the consultant and a report was being produced. The resident asked if an adult outdoor gym could be considered. Another resident said the trim trail on the playground was no longer fit for purpose for children to use. A resident asked about the proposed work to the footpaths around the local store. This item was on the agenda and an update would be given. A resident asked about the possibility of holding hybrid meeting both in public and via Zoom as more people may be encouraged to attend.
7	<b>Planning Matters</b> The following applications were noted: 22/01960/FUL 4 Ivy Lane Ettington Warwickshire CV37 7TD. Addition of rear dormer to existing loft.- PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS 22/02276/FUL Extension to the rear of the property. 51 Banbury Road, Ettington, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 7SR- NO COMMENTS

	<p>22/02652/FUL Ground Floor Single Storey front extension Police House 99 Banbury Road Ettington Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 7SR- NO COMMENTS</p> <p>The Chairman reported on a meeting of local Parish Council chairmen he had attended to discuss the planning application for an Anaerobic Digester Centre to be situated in Tysoe. He said that traffic would be an issue if lorries were given permission to use routes through Ettington to the M40. It was agreed that this placed on future agendas and the application closely monitored. He would report back on future joint parish council meetings.</p>
8	<p><b>Finance Report</b> – The finance report had been circulated and was noted. The purchase of a new software accounts system was approved. It was agreed that an account be opened with CCLA and that £85000 of the council’s reserves would be transferred into an easy access fund. The Clerk would continue to identify other potential investment accounts for the remaining £85000 on a longer-term deal.</p>
9	<p><b>Clerk’s Report</b> – The Clerks report had been circulated and was noted. Cllr Houghton said he would make contact with the resident of The Old School and inspect the work carried out to the clock.</p>
10	<p><b>Correspondence Report</b> – The correspondence report had been circulated and was noted. The clerk was asked to write to the resident who had raised the issue of a 20mph limit explaining this had been fully explored and would not be supported by the relevant agencies.</p>
11	<p><b>Community Orchard Planting Project Update-</b> Cllr Lambert updated the council on the progress of the planting of the Community Orchard on the playing field. This would take place on Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers would be needed to help plant the 24 trees. They were asked to arrive by 10.30 a.m. The trees had been purchased at a cost of £1900. It was agreed that the planting be registered as part of the Queen’s Green Canopy project being run as part of the Jubilee celebrations</p>
12	<p><b>CCTV update-</b> The clerk updated the council on discussions around installation of CCTV cameras. It was agreed that as there was no site owned by the parish council where they could be situated so it could not be progressed. It was agreed to close the matter and remove from the agenda .</p>
13	<p><b>Ivy Lane/Churchill Close pedestrian improvements-</b> A report had been received from Cllr Smith and was noted. He reported that the original email chain started with a request on behalf of a resident who had fallen from his mobility scooter. Having met the resident outside the shop I was able to form a better picture of the issue. A further meeting was arranged with Cllr Seccombe and Highways. As a result, Highways have committed to make improvements to the pavements and their connections to the vehicular access ways to the shop both in and out, so 4 areas in total. They have also undertaken to check the slope leading into the zebra crossing which might also be outside of the regulation limit. Highways suggested that we might consider where within the village, people might want to get to and from. The primary ones would be the Community Centre, The Shop, The Church, The School and The Chequers. We should walk these routes with a critical eye considering mobility scooters, wheelchairs, pushchairs, prams, walking frames and sticks. We should raise these issues to the Highways department and they can be queued for future works.</p>
14	<p><b>MUGA-</b> A report had been circulated and was noted. Councillors considered the matter of charging for the user groups identified in Appendix 4 (Tennis Solutions, Pillerton Ladies, and Wellesbourne WI ladies netball) and concluded that as the participants are largely Ettington residents or from bordering parishes they should be afforded the same free access given to parishioners and not be subject to the Commercial Rate agreed at the July meeting. It was</p>

	agreed that a booking system for the courts would be explored and that the items listed would be purchased. Cllr Hughes agreed to compile quotes to bring to the next meeting.
15	<b>Youth Project-</b> The clerk reported she had been unable to get a reply from the Youth Consultant but would continue to chase. A report had been promised and once received copies would be circulated to the youth group and the wider council.
16	The meeting was closed at 9.30 p.m. The next meeting was confirmed as 9 <sup>th</sup> November, 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Report from Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell, Stratford District Council

On Monday I help my WCC PC meeting and included my SDC PCs as well The topic was the opening hours and booking system at the Wellesbourne and Shipston recycling plants with the officer Andrew Pau and Portfolio Holder Cllr Heather Timms taking questions. One persistent concern is access to the booking system for those not online or computer users . We were advised that the easiest way for these residents is to book through the WCC Customer Services Team on 01926 410410

### **Lawful Development process**

I have had a few PCs enquiring re lawful development process. Below Ryan O'Keefe explain the process . Any questions do please let me know.

Lawful Development applications can be broken into two application types;

Lawful development proposed (LDP)

Lawful development existing (LDE)

For LDP-they are different to Planning applications in that they are a notification for the Local Authority the application has been submitted to, to make assessment on the lawfulness of the proposals and if they meet the relevant criteria as set out within the General Permitted Development Order 2015 as amended (GPDO 2015). As such, there is no statutory requirement on these applications for consulting neighbours, parish or ward members. The only exception to this, is the prior notification applications that are under the same legislation- larger home extensions-HHPA's and upper storey applications AAPA's where we do notify neighbours, parish and ward members.

For LDE- as they often a matter of establishing and researching if the proposal has been lawful through the passage of time, then we consult on them to our parish and ward members as they may have knowledge of the site in question.

### **The Cabinet have updated us regarding the below:**

New CCTV Manager, Trevor Pepper, started with SDC on 26 September.

- Begging/Homelessness in Stratford – Partnership Operation starts in October (support, diversion, enforcement). Police have been allocated dedicated resources for three weeks for the latter.
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- County Lines Week - this week Police targeting offenders of cuckooing.
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- NatWest ASB - SDC ASB warning letters being sent to all committing ASB, street drinking, targeting key offenders, evidence by CCTV.

### **Food Hygiene**

In light of the Commonwealth Games coming to the Midlands this summer, food and safety officers carried out sampling in outlets preparing and serving ready-to-eat foods to ensure that food safety standards were being maintained. The majority of premises had satisfactory results which offered a high degree of confidence in our food outlets throughout the District.

Additionally, 108 hotels and B&Bs were sent an advice pack to remind service providers of their food hygiene and their health and safety obligations during this busy period.

## Dust!

Environmental protection officers have received a relatively high number of dust complaints this summer from construction sites, mainly due to the warm weather. Officers have been working, in some cases in conjunction with planning enforcement officers, to assess the complaints to see if additional dust control measures should be employed beyond those specified in relevant planning permissions and method statements.

- **Anaerobic Digester Tysoe** due to a clash with Parish Council meetings I was unable to attend the public meeting. However, an SDC colleague who did attend has advised me that if the fast-track vehicles and trailers cannot use the primary choice route, they will route through Pillerton Priors, Ettington and Wellesbourne onto the M40. Therefore, it is important to keep an eye on the planning application if you wish to engage with the consultation.
- **Council Tax Support**

You may remember that in April the then Chancellor, Rishi Sunak, announced a new scheme for local councils to administer paying £150 towards fuel bills to properties in Council Tax Bands A-D (+ a couple of exceptions) and also provided us with a small Discretionary Scheme. The Scheme closed on 30 September and SDC's main budget was £5.74million.

I am delighted to tell you that we have paid out every penny and are, in fact, overspent by £17,850 due to there being more eligible properties than advised by Government. We will receive the £17,850 from Government in due course. The Discretionary Scheme, which totals £252k, runs to the end of November. To date we have paid out £245k and expect to have paid all the money out shortly. Nobody needs to apply. We are simply trying to get bank details from those who have already applied. SDC has helped over 44,700 households in total as a result of the Government's initiative.

- **Asylum seekers**  
There are 103 staying at the Grosvenor Hotel. As you will have read in the press, they are a mixture of families and single women. Please do be aware that the people at the Grosvenor – again the press has not been helpful by revealing this address – are vulnerable. If residents want to help with clothes etc., they can volunteer via local charities. Please don't just turn up.

### Waste Collection 123

I have raised concerns regarding the impact this new system has upon the elderly and vulnerable residents who have clinical and incontinence waste which is grey bin material. Given the reduced frequency of collection many residents had reached out and been told to buy another bin. However, it is the frequency of the collection which is of concern in addition to the volume of waste. I did ask for clarification at OSC regarding the consideration given to the disability minority and disability discrimination act 2010 when planning this policy. I have not received clarification apart from it would now be considered. Therefore, as this impacts vulnerable people's daily living experience, I have also asked it as a pre-submitted question for Full Council on Monday. I will update as soon as I have more information.

- **Housing strategy**  
Improvements to getting on the housing list are in progress with the team at the moment. They do deliver c 500 affordable homes every year which is a great achievement.

- **Ellen Badger Hospital:** having attended the public meeting on this I have asked that it is discussed again at WCC OSC. I do believe that we need a strong cottage hospital/rural hospital model for our rural communities. Therefore, simply in my opinion, there should be beds at EB. However apart from feeding back your viewpoints there is little we as Cllrs can do. Which is why feeding back your opinions on this is so vital. This is a moving feast and at present it would appear negotiations are relying on a bed needs survey and agreement with GPs. I would advise further detail can be accessed directly from our Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder Cllr Barker who is also on the board for SWFT and as a result can answer questions factually if you email her directly at SDC. She has the latest update from SWFT but was unable to forward at the time of this report.:
- [jo.barker@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:jo.barker@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Kindest Wishes

Penny-Anne  
Ward Member for Ettington.