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| **ETTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  Minutes of the Meeting of 9 March 2016 | |
| **Present:** (Councillors) R Hawksworth, D Hughes, L Holtom and J Witherford  **In attendance:** Sarah Furniss, Clerk to the Council, Cllr P Seccombe (Stratford District Council), Cllr I Seccombe (Warwickshire County Council) David Martin, Ettington Community Centre, Colette Inman (in respect of Item Number 14 – Grant Application) and approximately 11 members of the public. | |
| 1 | **Apologies for Absence**  Cllr Richard Smith sent his apologies due to work commitments |
| 2 | **Acceptance of Apologies for Absence**  It was **resolved** that Cllr Smith’s be accepted |
| 3 | **Declaration of Disclosure Pecuniary Interest**  None Received |
| 4 | **To Confirm Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting that took place on 10 February 2016**  It was **resolved** that the meeting be accepted as a true record |
| 5 | **Community Centre Update**  David Martin has had good feedback of Broadband Service provided by Sugarnet and Utility Warehouse contract for WiFi at the Community Centre has been cancelled. The Community Centre has some funding available and have identified a number of potential projects which will be prioritised for carrying forward. |
| 6 | **Warwickshire County Council/Stratford District Council update**  Cllr I Seccombe reported that an additional £3m has been awarded from Central Government in respect of both 2016/17 and 2017/18. This has, in the main, been allocated to schemes though a portion has been used to replenish the reserves which have had to be used. Regarding the Combined Authority she informed the meeting that a vote has failed to block moving forward with this and a business case will be developed which will aim to get the best results for Warwickshire.  Cllr P Seccombe has received very positive feedback from Fulready residents regarding the Planning Inspectorate supporting SDC’s refusal of the application in respect of the Poultry Farm.  Regarding the Core Strategy he was pleased to report that the Inspector has found the amended strategy to be sound and it is anticipated that, following a further consultation this will be ratified in June/July 2016. There is a 5-year land supply with an additional 20% buffer. The Local Service Village Policy which gives a guide of 2,000 new homes across Service Villages is approved and as permission granted/homes built is in the region of 1,900 it will be easier to refuse planning permission applications for homes in Service Villages. |
| 7 | **Open Forum**  Mr Lyall reported that there are three lights on the Banbury Road which are on 24/7. The Clerk will report this to WCC.  Mr Lyall commented that footpaths across fields are getting wider because of walkers not sticking to the paths and he views this as very disrespectful to the farmers. This will be put on the agenda for a future meeting.  Mr Lyall expressed concern regarding the misspelling of “Hutsby” in the Neighbourhood Plan and this will be rectified.  Kat Le Tzar reported that a further period of consultation has been undertaken in respect of development proposal of David’s Orchard. This has resulted in a decrease in the density of housing, an increased distance between houses and Rye Piece Barn and a mix of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom homes. It is envisaged that a planning application will be submitted in 4-8 weeks. Mr Lyall requested that the consultation be broadened.  Mrs Paris commented that the tree planting on the Shirley Estate is causing concern with residents particularly those of Rogers Lane. |
| 8 | **Planning Matters**   1. **Ongoing Matters**   **PURE Recycling – application to operate 24/7**. Stratford District Council have submitted an objection to WCC.  **APP/J3720/W/15/3137729, Tree House Farm, Fulready, CV37 7PE** The Planning Inspectorate have dismissed this appeal.  **16/00063/COUQ** – Cllr Hawksworth drafted an objection which has been submitted.  These matters were noted.   1. **Applications**   ***Application(s) reference: 16/00275/FUL***    Proposed : Demolition of existing single storey side extension. Construction of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.  At : 9 Old Warwick Road, Ettington, Warwickshire, CV37 7SH  For : Ms N Thompstone  An amendment/additional information has been received for the application shown above as follows:  Two storey extension set back from front elevation by 225mm  Increase height of two storey extension by 500mm to allow roof pitch to match host dwelling.  If you have any further observations you wish to make on the amendment please write to me by: 2 March 2016  ***Application(s) reference: 16/00437/LBC***    Proposed : First floor rear extension, subdivision of dwelling into two separate flats including internal works.  At : Ettington Post Office , 29 Banbury Road, Ettington, Warwickshire CV37 7SN  For : Mr Andrew Nardone  Comments due by: 10 March 2016.  Case Officer: Ed Pigott  ***Application(s) reference: 16/00443/FUL***    Proposed : First floor rear extension and subdivision of dwelling into two separate flats.  At : Ettington Post Office, 29 Banbury Road, Ettington, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 7SN  For : Mr Andrew Nardone  The above application has been received.  Comments due by: 10 March 2016.  Case Officer: Ed Pigott  It was **resolved** that no objection will be submitted in respect of any of these applications.   1. **Decisions**   **Proposal:** Proposed extension to existing Recycling Facility to form a Shredding and Flocking Facility. With conveyor link to existing MRF and external yard area, together with associated Landscaping environment (Renewal of previously approved planning permission ref: SDC/12CM028)  **Location:** Pure Recycling, CV37 7PN  **Granted.**  **15/04052/FUL, Fulready Farm House – Granted**  **15/04393/TPO, Ettington Grange – Granted**  The decisions were noted. |
| 9 | **Shipston Community Forum**  Cllr Hughes reported that he had attended the recent meeting. Speeding vehicles continue to be an issue and Cllr Hughes is pleased to be able to report that the Parish Council has made a grant to Ettington Speed Monitoring which will enable more frequent monitoring in Ettington to be undertaken. This has resulted in a visit by the press to publicise the grant that EPC had given to the group and highlighting the need for more volunteers.  Information had been distributed on spends in respect of County Councillor Grants. This funding will be in place for 2015/17 but there is no certainty beyond then.  Oxfordshire County Council are looking at de-investing in the Banbury, Brailes, Stratford bus route which could impact on its future viability (it not being self-sustaining). |
| 10 | **Housing Needs Assessment**  The Clerk confirmed that she has drafted an additional question in respect of S106 funding and has sent this to SDC for their approval/advice. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had asked that a question be changed but Sarah Brooke-Taylor’s response is that that will not be possible.  It was **resolved** that this matter be progressed by the Clerk. |
| 11 | Finance Report - Appendix 1  It was **resolved** that the payments listed be approved and the Clerk’s annual incremental pay award be approved from 1 April. |
| 12 | Clerk's Report - Appendix 2  **Planters** Cllr Hughes stated that he will contact Ettington Chase to progress this matter.  **Footpath Number SD67**  WCC have confirmed that they have written to and met the tenant of the land across which this footpath runs and informed him that the footpath must be reinstated.  **Footpath Number SD347**  Cllr Seccombe will continue to follow up on the matter of this path flooding.  **Mowing of Unadopted Land at Hillman Way**  It has now been established that **Ground Solutions UK Ltd** are owners of the open spaces at Hillman Way (as of 2014) and it will be possible to point any future complainants in their direction.  This matter will now be removed from the Clerk’s Report.  **Pedestrian Entrance to Playing Field**  Wicksteed have confirmed the gate will be replaced w/c 21 March 2016  **Broadband – Sugarnet Connection**  The service is now active and the matter will be removed from the Clerk’s report.  **Tree Survey**  Wharton Trees have confirmed the report will be submitted w/c 7 March and, therefore, will be presented at the April/May meeting. |
| 13 | **Correspondence Report - Appendix 3**  The content of the report was noted. With regard to the complaint of littering the general opinion is that, in the main, this is caused by vehicles transporting waste to and from PURE. The matter will, therefore, be reported to PURE and Stratford District Council’s Streetscene Department. |
| 14 | **Neighbourhood Plan Appendix 4**  The content of the report was noted.  It was **resolved** to increase budget to £3000 (currently £1k) |
| 15 | **Grant Applications Appendix 5**   1. Scouts:   A number of issues were raised including a) The need for additional Cub and Scout packs; b) the issue of the “catchment” area being broad and, therefore, the proportion of any grant funding being supported by EPC. It was confirmed that a grant will be sought from Pillerton Parish Council.  It was **agreed** that the Clerk will liaise with Pillerton PC and the applicant in order to find a way forward regarding proportionality of grant award and applicant will be asked to produce a prioritised list of equipment. It was considered that EPC could then perhaps purchase an item/items of equipment and present to the group rather than provide start up funds. Further consideration will be given at a future meeting.  Ettington Barn Concerts: A number of issues were raised including a) the benefit to the village as a whole; is this a subsidy of entertainment; The applicant is not a constituted; the application is in respect of a “cushion” rather than for a specific item/cost.  It was **resolved** that this be refused at this point and the applicant be advised of the reasons for refusal but an application would be considered in the future if the concerns could be addressed. |
| 16 | **Financial Regulations Appendix 6**  It was **resolved** that the Financial Regulations be adopted) |
| 17 | **Audit for 2015-16 Appendix 7**  It was **resolved** that Mr W Robinson be asked to undertake the audit of 2015/16 in line with previous audits and that the Council will not opt out of the Smaller Authorities’ Audit Appointments’ Ltd process. |
| 18 | **Queen’s 90th Birthday – Commemorative Memento for Children of Parish**  It was **resolved** that the Clerk write to both Ettington School and Pre-School to suggest that, if they are providing a momento to the children of the school then the Parish Council would look favourably on a grant application should they wish to submit one. |
| 19 | **Tree Planting on Ettington Estate Lane off Rogers Lane**  There is concern regarding extensive tree planting on land off Rogers Lane particularly in respect of: a) the potential for future encroachment onto footpath; as they grow to full height they will obviate one of the main reasons for the Planning Inspectorate upholding SDC’s decision to refuse the planning application for the 80 home development off Rogers Lane and is, therefore, “provocative”; the current copse (which the new planting adjoins) is poorly maintained and this condition is likely to extend to the new area of planting.  It was **resolved** that the Clerk will send a letter to the Ettington Estate Land Agents outlining the concerns raised. |
| 20 | **Youth Project**  Cllr Hawksworth reported that she has undertaken research in respect of questionnaire for distribution to/completion by young parishioners and anticipates having draft for April. |
| Dates of Future Meetings (meetings commence at 7.30 and are held in the Lounge at Ettington Community Centre unless otherwise stated).  13 April 2016 at **7.00 pm –** Ordinary Meeting followed by **Parish Meeting** at 8.00 pm  11 May 2016 – Annual Meeting  8 June 2016 – Ordinary Meeting  13 July 2016 – Ordinary Meeting  No meeting scheduled for August | |