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| **ETTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of the Meeting of 10 July 2017** | |
| **Present:**Cllrs D Hughes (Chairman), LHoltom, J.Henry, R.Smith and R.Hawksworth.  Mr.D.Martin (Community Centre), District Cllr. P-A O’Donnell, Cty Cllr I.Seccombe, and 11 members of the public.  . | |
| 1 | **Apologies for Absence**  Cllr. J. Collins (on vacation) |
| 2 | **Acceptance of Apologies for Absence**  Apology accepted. |
| 3 | **Declaration of Disclosure Pecuniary Interest**  There were none. |
| 4 | **To Confirm Minutes**  It was **resolved** that the minutes of 14 June 2017 be accepted as a true record*.* |
| 5 | **Community Centre Update**  Mr. Martin reported that whilst the data projector had been successfully installed in the Lounge the screen was out-of-stock but would be fitted in time for the September meeting and a key to the terminal would be provided. He wished to place on record his thanks to Mark Taylor for tidying the car park so well. Cllr Holtom in turn asked for her thanks on behalf of SDC for Mr. Batchelor’s assistance on crockery provision for a recent workshop to be noted. |
| 6 | **Warwickshire County Council/Stratford District Council update**  Cllr O’Donnell advised that within 6 to 12 months the DC’s planning portal will be upgraded to provide a more comprehensive, automated service to parties who register for it. She reported that at the recent Shipston Community Forum Philip Seccombe (CPCC) had focused on cybercrime and measures being taken to combat it.  Cllr. Seccombe reported that the Library Service in Stratford would resume in its proper Henley St. home that week with a formal opening planned for September. The premises will now also house the Registrar’s Offices and wedding venue. Retractable bollards are being installed at the extremities of Henley St. in order to restrict vehicular access to those authorised and as a counter-terrorism measure. She announced that City Cllrs have again been allocated £5k each for dispersal on worthy projects by communities in their wards and bids should now be submitted. |
| 7 | **Open Forum**  Messrs Inman and Whitworth and Ms. Gann each voiced his/her concerns relating to the planning application 17/01499/FUL during the discussion that ensued in Item 8.  Mr/Ms Viggers contributed to the Item 8 debate on 15/01342/FUL |
| 8 | **Planning Matters**   1. **Ongoing/Pending Matters**   **15/01342/FUL** Land adjacent to 99 Banbury Road  There was discussion relating to the positioning of the access road which has been created and doubts that it matched the plans. The Clerk had received information from the case officer that the correct position is “centred opposite a manhole cover on the other side of the road” and he suggested the PC could check the accuracy from that reference. There was dismay, too, that the hedgerow had been ripped out destroying wildlife habitat.  Of equal concern was the fact that contractors had commenced removal of mature trees on the boundary line twixt the development site and the Chequers car park but had stopped after remonstration by the owners. The said tree line was clearly to be retained on the approved plans. The Clerk had reported that the case officer was in agreement on this point but Mr/s Viggers are still fearful that sub-contractors are being fed misinformation and could resume the destruction at any time.  It was resolved that the PC would send a sternly worded letter to both the case officer copied to the Planning Enforcement section regarding these issues and querying to what set of plans the developer is working. It would also suggest that since they have already succeeded in alienating villagers the developers might be well-advised to engage more with the community by keeping us abreast of how work will proceed - Cllr Holtom to draft and circulate for approval.  **16/01773/FUL** Land off Rogers Lane  ***17/01046/FUL*** Formation of habitable room in roof-space with front and rear dormers 8 Manor Lane, Ettington, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 7TE  ***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 at Tree House Farm , Whatcote Road, Fulready, Ettington CV37 7PE  ***17/01323/REM***Reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale)  pursuant to outline application 15/04409/OUT for the demolition of stables and  erection of one dwelling At Orchard Cottage , Hockley Lane, Ettington, CV37 7SS  ***17/01357/FUL:***Proposed replacement of single storey side extension with two  storey side extension at 5 Avon Close, Ettington, CV37 7ST,  ***17/01402/FUL:***Proposed carport, 2 storey front extension, garage conversion and  extension and single storey side extension at Salters Lane House, Fulready,  There was no new information to report on these 6 items awaiting decisions.   1. **Applications**   ***17/01499/FUL:***Proposed    4 new dwellings and garages at: The Nurseries, Hockley Lane, Ettington,  Comments due by: 12 July 2017.  Councillors were in accord with the concerns expressed by the contributors from the Open Forum and **resolved** unanimously to submit an objection to the application on the following grounds:  **Road Safety** - Single track road with no turning facility or passing places, already oversubscribed with traffic from existing and approved dwellings, and dangerous for pedestrians. Junction with Banbury Rd. a major hazard. Previous application for the site turned down on road safety grounds 29 years ago.  **New Housing Quota -** The DC’s Core Strategy for 2011 - 2031 has decreed that as a G3 Service Village Ettington should absorb 59 new homes over the period. There is already an aggregate of 70 built or approved.  **Neighbourhood Plan** - the site does not fall within the emerging plan’s (now at draft consultation stage) built-up boundary for development.  Cllr. Hughes to draft, circulate for comment and submit by the deadline. |
| 9 | **Finance Report**  It was **resolved** that the payments listed be authorised.  The content of the Q1 Finance Report was noted without comment. |
| 10 | **Clerk's Report**  Cty Cllr Seccombe reported that Jeff Morris (Highways Dept) is planning a visit to PURE and signage will be discussed. Cllrs noted the remainder of the report. |
| 11 | **Correspondence Report**  As it is unclear whether or not the Old School Road is adopted it was concluded that the best way to establish the Highways Dept. view is to submit an online request for the pothole to be repaired. Cllr Hughes to action.  Cllr Hawksworth advised that for the continued benefit of the orchids the grass cuttings should be removed once the church bank is mown. Given that it might be an unreasonable request to SDC it was resolved that Mark Taylor be asked to undertake the task. |
| 12 | **Neighbourhood Plan**  Cllr Hughes reported that the statutory 6-week consultation period for the draft plan is underway. The two open sessions for villagers to learn more or question the NP group at launch time were not well attended and so another two were arranged and advertised by door to door fliers. The Group will sift through comments received in mid-August and post them on the web site with details of revisions made to the plan. |
| 13 | **Youth Project**  Cllr Henry reported that there had been no further engagement since the last PC meeting but a Youth Ccil meeting is shortly to be convened and they now have a logo and mission statement. Cllr Smith reported that interest had been expressed by skate park suppliers with helpful ideas so there is potential to move forward on that front. Mr. Inman wished his thanks to the YP group for their efforts which are great for the village to be recorded. |
| 14 | **Tennis Courts  - Open Use**  Pending the outcome of research into electronic access systems it was resolved that for the forthcoming school holidays the court would be unlocked and locked daily as had been the case for last Autumn’s trial. Councillors will organise a duty rota for coverage. The free availability would be advertised through the Community Facebook and via the Youth Council. |
| 15 | **100th Anniversary of End of Great War (appendices 3a & 3b from meeting of 14 June 2017**  Cllr. Holtom reported enthusiasm from various local groups for the organisation of a Jubilee type event spanning the whole day and volunteered to gather a working group to progress the initiative. |
| 16 | **Damage to Playground Wet-pour surface**  The necessary repairs have been carried out. |
| 17 | **Road Signage**  Cty Cllr Seccombe agreed to take up the matter of the M40 sign directing traffic through the village (matter raised by a Parishioner) with the Highways Dept. - Cllr Smith to check out the details and convey them to her.  The matter of the insecure bus stop signs would be reported by the Clerk to Dave Matthew (Highways). |
| 18 | **Request to Use Football Pitch**  It emerged that although the Veterans have already been using the football pitch seemingly by harmonious arrangement with the Rovers it now appears that there is friction between them. It was resolved that the Clerk and Cllr Hughes should set up formal PC agreements for use of the pitch and meet jointly or severally with club representatives to mediate. |
| 19 | **Outstanding Highways Issues**   * Vehicular Access to Old School Lane * Drainage on Rogers Lane * Footpath SD347 (Flooding end of Old Halford Road) * Overgrown Hedge on Rogers Lane   Cty Cllr Seccombe intimated it is unlikely that one Highways individual could cover this miscellany of issues as they cross a number of sections. |
| Dates of Future Meetings  No meeting scheduled for August  13 September 2017  11 October | |