

ETTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL		
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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14TH 2026		
Present: Councillors D Clarke, J. Harvey, R. Whitfield, R. Smith (Chair), G. Francis. K. Allen, T. Holdsworth (Part)		
Attending: Clerk Jane Carter Public: 10 County Councillor David Curtis		
260114/1	Apologies for absence : Cllrs David Hughes, Cllr Trevor Harvey	
260114/2	Co-option Casual vacancy: The vacancy had been advertised and there had been one applicant. Tony Holdsworth was co-opted unanimously. The acceptance of office was signed	
260114/3	Declaration of Pecuniary Interests: - none	
260114/4	Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting The minutes of the meeting on December 11th, 2025, were approved and signed as a true record.	
260114/5	County and District Council report: Cllr Harvey had circulated a report which was noted. Cllr Curtis updated the meeting on highways matters and the availability of grants	
260114/6	Public Forum: Residents raised their concerns over a planning application for the building of four houses at The Dolls House, Rookery Lane. The application had been received the day of the meeting and residents asked the council for time to consider the plans and present their objections at a future meeting. A resident asked for an update on the installation of CCTV. This remained with SDC and no information had been received.	
260114/7	Highways and Village Maintenance I. 20mph speed limit: County Cllr Curtis updated the council on discussions with the portfolio holder Cllr Warren who was supportive of traffic calming measures. Highways officers continued to resist requests for the introduction of a 20mph limit through the village. A design for the advisory limit near the school was being considered II. Banbury Road crossroads: County Cllr Curtis outlined the proposal for changes at the junction. The parish council expressed concern at the proposals and said they were inadequate and did not address the issues. A roundabout would cost more than £2m but Highways portfolio officer Cllr Warren had noted the request to look at a mini painted roundabout. Vegetation obscuring signage and visibility at the Banbury Road crossroads had been cut back but not to the extent required. Cllr Curtis would ask again. A meeting between the MP, Police Commissioner, County and parish Councillors and Highways would be explored to look at both the issue of traffic calming and improvements to the staggered junction.	Cllr Curtis

	<p>III. Reflective bollards and chicane: no progress. ACTION: County Councillor to progress and to advise on progress on zebra crossing painting</p> <p>IV. Security Cameras: No update</p>	
260114/8	<p>Planning</p> <p>I. Construction of 4no. dwellinghouses, access improvements and associated works including demolition of existing dwelling and ancillary buildings. The Dolls House Rookery Lane Ettington Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 7TN</p> <p>The application had been received and circulated to councillors. After a discussion it was agreed that the application would be considered at an extraordinary meeting to allow residents to compile their comments and present to the council.</p>	
260114/9	<p>Finance Report</p> <p>i. To note and approve payments and receipts: APPROVED</p> <p>ii. To note and approve bank reconciliation: current account: APPROVED</p> <p>iii. To note and approve bank reconciliation: reserves accounts: APPROVED</p> <p>iv. To note budget report October- December 2025: NOTED</p>	
260114/10	<p>Ettington Community Centre:</p> <p>No report</p>	
260114/11	<p>Football Pitch, Playing Field, MUGA, Village Maintenance</p> <p>I. To approve the option to extend current groundsman contract April 2023-March 2026 by a further 12 months to March 2027: this was approved. A rate of inflation increase would be introduced April 1st</p> <p>II. General maintenance (standing item): Cllr Harvey said the bench opposite the school needed repairing. The clerk would raise with the contractor</p>	Clerk
260114/12	<p>Budget and precept 2026-27:</p> <p>Following the discussion at the November meeting the clerk had circulated an update financial forecast for the year end and revised budget for 2026-27. It was agreed that the council should consider its reserves position regarding the community centre, playground, devolution and highways projects. An increase in the precept to £95,000- equivalent of £35.46 per household per annum increase- would generate sufficient funds to provide reserves for the community centre of £20,000, the playground £5,000, MUGA and playing field £4,000. The 2026-27 budget would show expenditure of £60705 and income of £106, 370. A vote was taken and councillors voted 6-1 to increase the precept to £95,000. Cllr Allen voted against.</p>	
260114/13	<p>Date of next meeting: Extraordinary meeting Tuesday January 20th 7 p.m. Ordinary meeting February 11th, 2026, 7.30 p.m. both at Ettington Community Centre p.m. The meeting closed at 8.54 p.m.</p>	

Approved By _____

Date _____