

## Ercall Magna Parish Council

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Monday 19th June 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Room, High Ercall School, Church Road, High Ercall.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr's Stephen Bentley, Beatrice Cains, Kevin Connor, Louise Hughes, Brian Newbold, Chris Purves, Mel Ward, Ray Wickson and Andy Williams.

Also in attendance: two members of the public, Michael Barker and the Parish Clerk.  
In the Chair: Cllr Ray Wickson.

All present stood for a minute's silence at the start of the meeting in memory of Fred Newbold who had sadly passed away this month.

Action

**103/06/17.C Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr's Chris Bartlett (family) and Richard Hartshorn (showing). **These apologies were accepted.**

**104/06/17.C Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Cllr Chris Purves declared a Disclosable Pecuniary interest on agenda item 108/06/17.1.C planning applications ref app TWC/2017/0398 & TWC/2017/0462

**RESOLVED** to note that no other Disclosable Pecuniary interests were received on any item included on the agenda in accordance with Sections 50-52, Local Government Act 2000 and The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (England) Act 2001.

It was **AGREED** to accept any Disclosable Pecuniary interests as they may arise during the meeting.

**105/06/17.C Public Participation**

The owners of the Cleveland Arms PH informed the meeting that they had photograph evidence of car transporters going through the village. These would be passed to the Chairman. They also asked if the Parish Council had come up with a suitable site for the redundant notice board outside the Cleveland Arms.

**RESOLVED** that with no other comments from members of the public present, the Council moved on to the next item of business at 7.10 p.m.

**106/06/17.C Urgent Items**

The Parish Clerk said there were no urgent items that relate to financial, health and safety issues or issues that require immediate attention.

*At this stage it was agreed to bring forward item 117/06/17.C Neighbourhood Planning.*

Chairman

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**117/06/17.C Neighbourhood Planning**

The Chairman welcomed Michael Barker to the meeting. Michael thanked the council for inviting him to the meeting and then explained what his position was since retiring from Telford & Wrekin Council. He was now a self-employed consultant working mainly on Neighbourhood Plans for local Town & Parish Council's. He explained that with delays in publishing the Telford & Wrekin Local Plan there is a vacuum in the planning system which could result in some applications getting through the system. Therefore it was more important than ever that we have a Neighbourhood plan in place as soon as possible.

*Cllr Mel Ward arrived at 7.10 pm.*

The Chairman then outlined the present form our plan was in. Michael said he would need to see a copy of this before he could quote how many days work was required before bringing the plan to the stage for an inspector to examine. His rate was £300 a day.

**Proposed:** Cllr Kevin Connor

**Seconded:** Cllr Mel Ward

**Resolved:** **that we ask Michael to quote how many days work was required before bringing the plan to the stage for an inspector to examine.**

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Cllr Beatrice questioned what had happened to the previous two consultants we had employed. The Chairman said that the one from Shropshire RCC was employed solely to carry out and analyse the survey.

The Chairman thanked Michael for his input to the meeting.

**107/06/17.C Minutes**

**Proposed:** Cllr Stephen Bentley

**Seconded:** Cllr Chris Purves

**Resolved:** **that the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 15th May 2017, having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, adopted and signed by the Chairman.**

Chairman

**Proposed:** Cllr Stephen Bentley

**Seconded:** Cllr Chris Purves

**Resolved:** **that the minutes of the meeting of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th May 2017, having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, adopted and signed by the Chairman.**

Chairman

**108/06/17.C Planning****108/06/17.1.C Schedule of planning applications**

<b>Application number</b>	<b>Site Address</b>	<b>Description of proposal</b>	<b>Parish Council Comments</b>
<b>TWC/2017/0385</b>	Greenhous Group Ltd, Greenhous Village, Osbaston, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6RB	Phase 2 application seeking demolition of 11 no. buildings, partial demolition of water tower ancillary buildings, additional car storage parking areas over and above that approved by Phase 1 application TWC/2015/0358 (Part Retrospective)	See objections below;

Parish Clerk

Firstly against the Greenhous Group for failure to comply with conditions under phase 1 and secondly against Telford & Wrekin Council for failure to monitor the conditions they applied under phase 1.

With reference to the Greenhous Group we have received many complaints from villagers concerning vehicle movements, the routes and early morning times. Despite emails and meetings, Car Transporters continue to approach and leave the site via Walton Bends and on occasions Silver Hill. Vehicles arrive on site at 06:00 hours or earlier and park up along the Greenhous access road, disturbing neighbours and taking their tachograph breaks. Car Transporters continue to travel at inappropriate speeds through High Ercall. No lower speed limit has been instigated between High Ercall and Walton, thus making speed enforcement in High Ercall not possible. This was a pre-condition that Telford & Wrekin have failed to provide. As this application is to clear the site to enable more vehicle storage, this will also increase frequency of Car Transporter movements.

As regards Telford & Wrekin Councils failure it is clear that the Greenhous Group are in breach of conditions approved by the Planning Committee under phase 1 and Telford & Wrekin Council have failed to monitor these conditions and are in default in their position as the planning authority.

Therefore until the Greenhous Group comply with the conditions under phase 1 permission and Telford & Wrekin Council have ensured and demonstrated compliance with those Phase 1 earlier conditions, Ercall Magna Parish Council will continue to object strongly to this application on behalf of local people who are being adversely affected.

It should be remembered that other communities both in and outside of the Telford & Wrekin Council boundary are being adversely affected by the flouting of Planning Conditions by the Greenhous Group.

<b>Application number</b>	<b>Site Address</b>	<b>Description of proposal</b>	<b>Parish Council Comments</b>
<b>TWC/2017/0398</b>	The Beeches, Ellerdine Heath, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6QJ	Removal of conditions 2 and 3 of W97/0843 to remove limited occupation	Support subject to no objections from local residents.
<b>TWC/2017/0442</b>	Barnes Farm, Rowton, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6QX	Extension to an existing lagoon	Parish Council made no comment on this application and will accept whatever the planning officer's decision is subject to no objections from local residents.
<b>TWC/2017/0459</b>	Woodcoat, Walton Avenue, High Ercall, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6AJ	Conversion of former Methodist Church (Use Class D1) into 1no. dwelling (Use Class C3) Erection of a single storey side and rear extension, installation of 2no. dormer windows and erection of a detached double garage	Support subject to no objections from local residents.
<b>TWC/2017/0462</b>	The Beeches, Ellerdine Heath, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6QJ	Erection of an aviary (Retrospective)	Parish Council object to this being a retrospective application. Concern about how close to the highway this is, would have an impact on road users such as dog walkers and horse riders, the massive structure of it, larger than the dwelling and ask the question is this a hobby or a business which we would like an answer on.

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Clerk**108/06/17.2.C Schedule of additional planning applications**

There were no additional planning applications received after the date of publication of the agenda for this meeting.

**108/06/17.3.C Schedule of planning decisions**

There were none.

Action**108/06/17.3.C Other Planning Issue**

There were none.

**109/06/17.C Police Matters**

There were none to report.

**110/06/17.C Highway and Environment Issues**

The Parish Clerk reported that all recent issues had been reported and logged with the Telford & Wrekin Council highway & environmental reporting system. There were no other incidents to report.

**111/06/17.C Finance****111/06/17.1 Accounts for payment;**

100238	Salaries & Expenses	£304.32
100239	Post Office, PAYE	£341.42
100240	R. Wickson, Chairman's Allowance 1st Qtr.	£250.00
100241	Eon, Street Lighting repairs and survey	£1216.44
100242	K Baker, Internal Audit	£60.00

**Proposed:** Cllr Andy Williams

**Seconded:** Cllr Chris Purves

**Resolved:** **that in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Parish Council the above payments be authorized.**

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Clerk

**111/06/17.2 BACS Payments**

Cllr's were asked to consider changing our method of payment of our invoices from cheque to BACS. The Parish Clerk explained how this would work including audit trails. He added that some cheque payments would still be required.

**Proposed:** Cllr Louise Hughes

**Seconded:** Cllr Andy Williams

**Resolved:** **that the parish council make future payments where possible by BACS.**

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**111/06/17.3 Change of Bank**

Following this decision the Parish Clerk explained that Barclays who already charge for cheques would also make a charge for BACS payments. However he had investigated through HSBC and found that there would be no bank charges if we transferred our account to them.

Action

**Proposed:** Cllr Kevin Connor  
**Seconded:** Cllr Mel Ward

**Resolved:** that the parish council change banks from Barclays to HSBC.

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#### 111/06/17.4 Hedgerow Assessment

Cllr Stephen Bentley had met and received a fee proposal to complete an assessment of the existing hedgerow highlighted for removal at the proposed chicken farm site in Roden from Ranm Sanderson. This fee was £490 + VAT.

**Proposed:** Cllr Beatrice Cains  
**Seconded:** Cllr Brian Newbold

**Resolved:** that the above quotation be accepted.

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100243 Ranm Sanderson, Hedge Row Survey £588.00

#### 112/06/17.C Annual Return

##### 112/06.01 Annual Governance Statement

**Proposed:** Cllr Kevin Connor  
**Seconded:** Cllr Chris Purves

**Resolved:** that the Annual Governance Statement (Part 1 of the Annual Return) be approved and signed off.

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##### 112/06.02 Internal Audit

Members noted the comments from the Internal Auditor. No action required.

##### 112/06.03 Accounting Statements

**Proposed:** Cllr Andy Williams  
**Seconded:** Cllr Stephen Bentley

**Resolved:** that the Accounting Statements (Part 2 of the Annual Return) for the financial year ending 31st March 2017 be approved and signed off.

Parish  
Clerk

#### 113/06/17.C SALC

All correspondence from the County Secretary had been passed to Members.

The Chairman had also forward to all Cllr's and relevant documents from the Wrekin Area. There had been no meetings to report on.

Action**114/06/17.C Street Lighting**

Street Light no 6 outside 32 Coppice Drive was reported as faulty plus Street Light no 4 on Shrewsbury Road was on all the time.

Parish Clerk

There were no other reported faults.

The Parish Clerk had now received the inspection report from Eon on all street lights pending LED upgrades. Firstly there would be additional work required before any LED lanterns could be installed. This was priced at £5687.97 + VAT. Six new columns would also be required priced at £5644.12 + VAT.

Cllr's agreed that two further quotations should be sought for the six new columns.

Parish Clerk

**115/06/17.C Defibrillators**

The Parish Clerk said he had now obtained costings for these and had made initial enquiries through local businesses for possible sponsorship for a defibrillator at Ellerdine Village Hall, High Ercall Village Hall and Roden (site yet to be agreed) He hoped to have further information available for the next meeting.

Parish Clerk

**116/06/17.C Village Halls**

Cllr Kevin Connor said there were no issues to report on from Ellerdine Village Hall.

Cllr Andy Williams said there were no issues to report on from High Ercall Village Hall.

**117/06/17.C Neighbourhood Planning**

This item had been considered earlier in the meeting.

**118/06/17.C Telford & Wrekin Council**

Councillors noted items of correspondence/publications that had been received from Telford & Wrekin Council since the May meeting.

Cllr Stephen Bentley reported on the latest position over the Cleveland Arms PH. Cllr's suggested we should look at getting a 'Spot List' on this property.

**119/06/17.C Correspondence**

Councillors noted the items of correspondence/publications that had been received by the Parish Clerk since the last meeting. All other correspondence had been forwarded by email to all Cllr's by the Parish Clerk.

Action

**120/06/17.C Parish Matters**

Cllr Chris Purves asked when the bollards on the A442 are to be replaced or removed.

Parish Clerk

Cllr Mel Ward expressed concern over the state of the grassed area around the Gospel Oak.

Parish Clerk

Cllr Mel Ward also expressed concern over the lack of adequate signage on recent work carried out by Severn Trent at Walton and Park Lane.

Parish Clerk

The Chairman reported on recent concerns over the area around the new war memorial at the junction of Shrewsbury Road. He confirmed that this area will now be kept tidy.

Parish Clerk

**121/06/17.C Next Meeting(s)**

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be a Full Council Meeting on Monday 17th July 2017.

Parish Clerk

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.35 p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....

Chairman