

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Monday 15th October 2018  
at 7.00 p.m. in Ellerdine Village Hall.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr's Elaine Aston, Stephen Bentley, Kevin Connor, Richard Hartshorn, Louise Hughes, Tony Smith, Mel Ward and Ray Wickson.

Also in attendance: four members of the public and the Parish Clerk.  
In the Chair: Cllr Ray Wickson.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to this meeting and thanked Ellerdine Village Hall for allowing us the use of their hall.

**178/10/18.C Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr's Beatrice Cains & Chris Purves (holiday). **These apologies were accepted.**

The parish clerk informed the meeting that he had received a resignation from Andy Williams due to increasing work and family commitments. A notice of this vacancy would be put up in the notice boards.

Action

Parish Clerk

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**179/10/18.C Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

**RESOLVED** to note that no 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.

**180/10/18.C Minutes**

**Proposed:** Cllr Richard Hartshorn  
**Seconded:** Cllr Louise Hughes

**Resolved:** **that the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on the 17th September 2018, having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, adopted and signed by the Chairman.**

Chairman

**181/10/18.C Minutes of Committee Meetings**

**Proposed:** Cllr Richard Hartshorn  
**Seconded:** Cllr Tony Smith

**Resolved:** **That the following minutes be noted and adopted;**

Planning Committee 01/10/18

*Cllr Mel Ward arrived at 7.14 pm.*

Parish Clerk

Action**182/10/18.C Public Participation**

Mike Beeson thanked the parish council for the action they had taken to improve the situation at Greenhous Village over transporters parking in close proximity to their properties.

Carol Connor reported a blocked drain outside the Beeches on the road from the A442 to Ellerdine.

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

Parish Clerk

**183/10/18.C Urgent Items**

With the resignation of Cllr Andy Williams there was now a vacancy on the planning committee.

**Proposed:** Cllr Richard Hartshorn

**Seconded:** Cllr Louise Hughes

**Resolved:** **That Cllr Elaine Aston is appointed to the Planning Committee.**

There were no other urgent items that relate to financial, health and safety issues or issues that require immediate attention.

**184/10/18.C Planning****184/10/18.1.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/2018/0829</b>	19 Park Lane, High Ercall, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6BA	Crown reduction by 4m on 1no. Beech tree	The Parish Council to support this application.

Parish Clerk

**184/10/18.2.C Schedule of additional planning applications**

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

**184/10/18.3.C Schedule of planning decisions**

There were none.

**184/10/18.4.C Other Planning Matters**

The Chairman reported on a recent meeting with David Jones, Telford & Wrekin Council's Planning Enforcement Officer on the following outstanding issues;

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**Cleveland Arms** – a judge has now been appointed to consider the appeal made by the owner of the Cleveland Arms against a decision by Telford & Wrekin Council to serve an Enforcement Notice for breach of planning control. Cllrs were reminded that this public house was closed on the 6th January 2016 and despite considerable demolition of the ground floor area and concerns from the property owners of the condition of the property, they still live in the upstairs rooms. The Parish Council would make representations to the Planning Inspectorate supporting Telford & Wrekin Council's enforcement action on this property.

Parish Clerk

**The Barn, Mill Bend** – no further movement on this development.

**Greenhouse Village** – holding area has now been moved, slot times agreed to transporter deliveries and the outside flood lights would be monitored once the clocks alter at the end of the month.

**185/10/18.C Police Matters**

There were no reported police issues.

**186/10/18.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.

Cllr Louise Hughes suggested a health check is carried out on the trees in the closed churchyard. This was agreed. Concern was expressed that Mrs Abbot was arranging for an Oak Tree to be cut down adjacent to the main road as you approach High Ercall from Roden following one of its branches coming down during the recent storms. Agreed we ask her to hold back on this pending an inspection.

Parish Clerk

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Cllr Richard Hartshorn said the footpath outside the Old Post Office in Roden was obstructed by tree branches. Cllr Elaine Aston agreed to have these removed. Cllr Richard Hartshorn also reported a skid sign missing from a post as you approach Roden from Shrewsbury and a Deer Warning sign as you approach Mill Bend twisted and pointing in the wrong direction.

Cllr Elaine Aston

Parish Clerk

The Chairman reported the new 30/40 mph sign knocked over as you approach Walton from High Ercall and the Give Way sign at the end of Crab Tree Lane needs putting back.

Parish Clerk

Telford & Wrekin Council would be asked for an update on our request for a bus shelter at Marlbrook Way. Cllr Elaine Aston felt the one at the junction of Poynton Road could do with replacing as the roof required replacing and youths were gathering at the rear of this shelter.

Parish Clerk

Telford & Wrekin Council would now be asked to cut the hedge back adjacent to 1 Cleveland Avenue and recharge the owner.

Parish Clerk

Action**187/10/18.C Finance****187/10/18.1 Accounts for payment;**

100329	Salaries & Expenses	£701.53
100330	PKF Littlejohn, External Audit	£360.00
100331	Eon, Street Lighting Repairs	£485.24
100332	Nobridge, Play Areas & Churchyard	£2322.50

**Proposed:** Cllr Richard Hartshorn**Seconded:** Cllr Kevin Connor**Resolved:** that in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Parish Council the above payments be authorized.Parish  
Clerk*Cllr Stephen Bentley arrived at 7.53 pm.***187/10/18.2 Grant Application;***Cllr Mel Ward declared a non-disclosable interest in this application.*

High Ercall Primary School had requested a grant of £380 for financial assistance (transport) towards Key Stage 1 trip to Legoland in Birmingham.

**Proposed:** Cllr Elaine Aston**Seconded:** Cllr Tony Smith**Resolved:** that in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Parish Council a grant of £380.00 is authorized (cheque no 100333).Parish  
Clerk**187/10/18.3 External Audit Report;**

The Parish Clerk reported on this year's external audit by the newly appointed auditors from PKF Littlejohn.

On the basis of their review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in their opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with proper practices and no other matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. However the AGAR was not accurately completed before submission for review and had to be amended to correct the misclassification of some grant income (from TWC not precept but other income). This report was noted.

**188/10/18.C SALC**

All correspondence from the County Secretary had been passed to Members by either the Chairman or Parish Clerk. Cllrs noted the date of the AGM.

Action**189/10/18.C Street Lighting**

There were no reported faults.

The Chairman reported that he had consulted via email members of the working group set up to progress the LED Street Lighting Upgrades project. The recommendation was to accept the Eon quotation.

**Proposed:** Cllr Richard Hartshorn  
**Seconded:** Cllr Kevin Connor

**Resolved:** **that in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Parish Council the Parish Council accepts the quotation from Eon to upgrade all street lights to LED.**

Parish  
Clerk**190/10/18.C Village Halls**

Cllr Kevin Connor reported that there were no issues to report from Ellerdine Village Hall Committee. The roof has now been repaired. The next project will be to replace the floor in the old doctor's surgery. Future projects include some re-decoration, upgrade the toilets including a disabled facility and improvements to the kitchen.

The Chairman reported that High Ercall Village Hall continues to be very popular and recent events well attended. Now looking at work to the toilets and re-decoration of the bar area.

**191/10/18.C Neighbourhood Planning**

The Chairman reported that following a meeting of the Steering Group with Michael Barker he has now been given all the data he requires to draft out our evidence review before we then start on planning our draft policies.

Cllr Chris  
Purves**192/10/18.C Bus Service 519**

Cllr Stephen Bentley reported that Newport Town Council will now not support part funding for the re-introduction of the 519 service on a Saturday which had now been stopped. This was very disappointing as it would benefit Newport. However talks are taking place with Arriva and it is hoped this service will start again (option 3) within the next few weeks on a 12 month trial.

Cllr  
Stephen  
Bentley**193/10/18.C Telford & Wrekin Council**

Councillors noted items of correspondence/publications that had been received from Telford & Wrekin Council since the last meeting. Cllr Stephen Bentley had nothing to add from Telford & Wrekin Council.

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**194/10/18.C Correspondence – General**

Cllrs 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 Cllrs by the Parish Clerk.

The Post Office have reported that a new Post Office will open in High Ercall Store on Monday 11th November 2018 starting at 13.00. This will then be open 7 days a week.

**195/10/18.C Parish Matters**

Cllr Mel Ward asked if the parish council could check on the planned mix of properties on the new development at Walton Avenue was as per planning application as the recently erected display board was showing a mixture of 3 bedroomed bungalows, and 4 & 5 bedroom houses. Cllr Tony Smith expressed concern over the access from this development onto the B5063.

Parish Clerk

Cllr Elaine Aston asked for an update on the proposed footpath from the main road to Marlbrook Way and the entrance improvements to Coopers.

Chairman

Cllr Richard Hartshorn reported that a Neighbourhood Watch scheme had been started in Roden.

The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Stephen Bentley would be meeting representatives from Roden Home reference Phase II of this development on the 5th November 2018.

**196/10/18.C Next Meetings**

The next meetings of the Parish Council would be;

Monday 5th November Planning Committee Meeting at 7.00 pm in High Ercall Village Hall.

Monday 19th November Council Meeting at 7.00 pm in the Community Room, High Ercall School, Church Road, High Ercall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.50 p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....

Chairman