

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Monday 19th November 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Room, High Ercall School.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr's Elaine Aston, Stephen Bentley, Beatrice Cains, Kevin Connor, Louise Hughes, Brian Newbold, Chris Purves, Scott Walker and Ray Wickson.

Also in attendance: four members of the public and the Parish Clerk.

In the Chair: Cllr Ray Wickson.

197/11/18.C	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	<u>Action</u>
	Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr's Richard Hartshorn (holiday) Mel Ward (work) and Tony Smith (family). <b>These apologies were accepted.</b>	Parish Clerk
	The Parish Clerk reported that there had been no call for an election following the resignation of Andy Williams. The vacancy will now be advertised.	Parish Clerk
<b>198/11/18.C</b>	<b>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</b>	
	<b>RESOLVED</b> 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 <b>AGREED</b> to accept any Disclosable Pecuniary interests as they may arise during the meeting.	
<b>199/11/18.C</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	
	<b>Proposed:</b> Cllr Kevin Connor	
	<b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Elaine Aston	
	<b>Resolved:</b> that the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on the 15th October 2018, having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, adopted and signed by the Chairman.	Chairman
<b>200/11/18.C</b>	<b>Minutes of Committee Meetings</b>	
	<b>Proposed:</b> Cllr Kevin Connor	
	<b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Elaine Aston	
	<b>Resolved:</b> That the following minutes be noted and adopted;	Parish Clerk
	Planning Committee 05/11/18	
<b>201/11/18.C</b>	<b>Public Participation</b>	
	Mr Barrow expressed concern that the memorial soldier had been taken away from Roden just before Remembrance Day and that no poppies were put up on lamp posts as in High Ercall. The Chairman explained the situation over the soldier and apologized. Poppies would be put up in Roden next year.	Chairman

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

### 202/11/18.C Urgent Items

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

### 203/11/18.C Planning

#### 203/11/18.1.C Schedule of planning applications

Application number	Site Address	Description of proposal	Parish Council Comments
TWC/2018/0918	27 Talbot Fields, High Ercall, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6LY	Erection of a single storey front extension	The Parish Council agreed to support this application subject to local objections from adjoining properties.

Parish Clerk

#### 203/11/18.2.C Schedule of additional planning applications

Application number	Site Address	Description of proposal	Parish Council Comments
TWC/2018/0939	Site of Barn Cottage, Heath Lane, Ellerdine.	Outline application for 1 no. dwelling and garage with all matters reserved	This application was deferred until the planning committee meet on the 3rd December.

Parish Clerk

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

#### 203/11/18.3.C Schedule of planning decisions

There were none.

#### 203/11/18.4.C Other Planning Matters

The Parish Council had been asked whether they would like to adopt the public open space areas on the new development at Walton Avenue.

Agreed to consider this once the development had been completed.

Parish Clerk

### 204/11/18.C Police Matters

There were no reported police issues.

The Chairman welcomed Gary Higgins from SmartWater to the meeting. Gary explained his background in the police before joining SmartWater. He added that this was a five year project working with West Mercia. With a lack of police officers now, especially in rural areas, this was one way of reducing theft.

Action

Gary then explained how SmartWater works;

It assigns your valuables with their own unique forensic code, allowing them to be traced back to you. Makes your home less of a target for thieves. Can be used on anything from electronic equipment to jewellery. Easy to apply, only visible under UV light - does not leave unattractive marks or stains. Proven to work - widely used by the police and feared by criminals. Gives added peace of mind. Supplied with signage to warn thieves that your home is protected. When deployed by police, SmartWater has helped reduce burglary by up to 85%. Helps to increase prosecutions by linking criminals back to the scene of their crime.

In conclusion Gary added that West Mercia, Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion is calling on more Councils to supply crime deterrent SmartWater in their area. Back in June, the Commissioner announced his 'We Don't Buy Crime - Leading From the Front' project, which seeks to reduce acquisitive crime throughout West Mercia, and offered to contribute 25% of the cost for Councils looking to supply SmartWater in their area.

The Chairman thanked Gary for attending the meeting. This would now be an agenda item in December.

Parish  
Clerk

Cllr's were then asked to consider whether the parish council have an interest in joining a partnership with adjoining rural parishes to provide Speed Indicator Devices. This was agreed.

Parish  
Clerk

### 205/11/18.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.

There were no additional highway or environmental issues.

### 206/11/18.C Finance

#### 206/11/18.1 Accounts for payment;

100334	Salaries & Expenses	£658.86
100335	K Baker, Acting Clerk's Duties	£60.00
100336	Npower, Street Lighting Energy	£3150.39
100337	Poppy Appeal, Wreath	£19.00

**Proposed:** Cllr Kevin Connor

**Seconded:** Cllr Chris Purves

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

Parish  
Clerk

Action**206/11/18.2 Finance Committee;**

The Chairman said we need to appoint another member to this committee to replace Andy Williams.

**Proposed:** Cllr Beatrice Cains

**Seconded:** Cllr Kevin Connor

**Resolved:** that Cllr Chris Purves is appointed to this committee.

The Chairman requested that this committee meet as soon as possible and he would tell them after the meeting the business he would like them to consider.

Parish Clerk

Chairman

*Cllr Stephen Bentley arrived at 7.58 pm.*

**207/11/18.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.

The Chairman reported on the recent AGM that he and Cllrs Louise Hughes and Chris Purves attended. At that meeting Katrina Baker was elected as President of the Association. Cllr Chris Purves suggested we invite Katrina to a future meeting to explain how we as a parish council get recognized for the work we have carried out in the past as a number of parish council were mentioned at the AGM with many of their achievements already carried out by us. This was agreed.

Parish Clerk

**208/11/18.C Street Lighting**

Street Light no. 4 in Cleveland Avenue and street light no. 4 in Walton Avenue were reported as not working.

Parish Clerk

The Chairman then presented a report on a three year phased programme for converting all lights to LED. Following the inspection by Eon a few issues were raised and the requirement for additional works before any LED lanterns could be installed. These were priced into two categories which the parish clerk went through. Questions raised included why has the asbestos seals to be removed and the type and wattage of the new LED units.

Cllr Beatrice Cains raised the issue over the new LED light on the corner opposite her house in Coppice Drive. The parish clerk ensured her that the Eon project manager would meet us on site when next in the village.

Parish Clerk

**Proposed:** Cllr Kevin Connor

**Seconded:** Cllr Louise Hughes

**Resolved:** that the proposed schedule is agreed subject to satisfactory answers to the issues raised above.

Parish Clerk

Action**209/11/18.C Village Halls**

Cllr Kevin Connor reported that Ellerdine Village Hall Committee had been successful in obtaining a grant of £30,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation. The grant is specifically to be used to upgrade/improve the toilet facilities at Ellerdine Village Hall. He added that there are many potential funding sources that you can apply through.

The Chairman reported that High Ercall Village Hall continues to be very popular and they have a busy programme of events planned up to Christmas including opening on New Year.

**210/11/18.C Neighbourhood Planning**

Cllr Chris Purves reported that Michael Barker had now produced an Evidence Review, Early Engagement and Consultation for us to approve. He would forward copies to all Cllrs. The next stage would be for Michael to write up our policies.

Cllr Chris Purves

Agreed next meeting of the steering group would be on Monday 3rd December at 7.30 pm following the planning committee meeting.

Parish Clerk

**211/11/18.C Bus Service 519**

Cllr Stephen Bentley again reported that Newport Town Council would not allow any of their Section 106 money to support part funding for the re-introduction of the 519 service on a Saturday which had now been stopped. However Cllr Stephen Bentley said he was confident funding would be forthcoming from other sources to re-introduce this Saturday service in the new year. Agreed we ask for this to be put on the next agenda of the Rural Forum. Cllr's thanked Stephen for all the work he had put into this project.

Cllr Stephen Bentley

Parish Clerk

Cllr Brian Newbold again questioned why Telford & Wrekin Council would not erect a bus shelter by the tennis courts in High Ercall. The Chairman agreed to arrange a meeting with an officer from Telford & Wrekin Council and Cllr Brian Newbold on site.

Chairman

**212/11/18.C Bus Shelters**

Cllrs were asked to consider a report on the provision of a new bus shelter at Marlbrook Way and the replacement of the wooden one at the junction of Poynton Road. The Parish Clerk reported that the bus shelter at the junction of Poynton Road belonged to the Parish Council. Telford & Wrekin Council had stated they had no budget for a new one at Marlbrook Way.

A quotation had been received from BC Shelters to erect and install two bus shelters. These would be two bay with side panels, perch seating and timetable case for a total cost of £4714.00 + VAT. Highway approval would now be sought along with checking our budget provision.

Parish Clerk

**213/11/18.C Churchyard**

The parish clerk reported on a recent inspection of the trees in the Closed Churchyard from Benbow Bros which is as follows;

There is a small amount of dead wood in virtually all of the 10 Lime trees, unfortunately some of which are quite considerable in size. Indeed there was evidence on the ground of some large pieces of dead wood which would appear to have fallen and, had the unthinkable occurred and this had hit someone underneath there could have been considerable injury. The lime trees are positioned either side of the pathway to the church door or therefore will regularly have parishioners walking and standing underneath which of course increases the risk.

I recommend that we clear the major dead wood and that the epicormic basal growth is also cleared to allow for future inspection.

The Yew tree has had a hollow stem for many years. The southern stem was lost some years ago but has now been replaced by a healthy new leader. The northern stem leans towards the main church door and there is substantial visible decay in the main stem. To minimise the chance of failure, I would recommend a reduction of the northern stem by one third of its volume. The new southern stem will continue to develop, giving the tree many more years to enhance the Church, whilst significantly lowering the risk of personal injury during wedding pictures! I did not consider any of the other trees within the churchyard to have any serious safety issues at the time of my inspection.

The Large Ash, standing close to the Eastern boundary is fully mature and in decline. Dead branches will fall from time to time but as this tree is rarely frequented the risks are very small and the tree can be left to let nature take its course (unlike the trees along the main church access path).

Total cost £1230 + VAT.

**Proposed:** Cllr Kevin Connor

**Seconded:** Cllr Louise Hughes

**Resolved:** **that this quotation be accepted subject to approval that this work can be carried out by the PCC and conservation tree officer at TWC.**

Parish  
Clerk

Cllr Elaine Aston asked if we could have an update on the condition of the Oak Tree in Mrs Abbotts field

Parish  
Clerk

**214/11/18.C Telford & Wrekin Council**

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

Action

Since the last meeting the Chairman and Cllr Stephen Bentley had met with planning officers on the Roden Hall Development with a very positive response. They hoped to meet with the developers within the next week on the new plans for this site. A Rotherwood representative will attend our next meeting.

Cllr Stephen Bentley said he tried to attend as many Remembrance Services as he could and was very pleased with the turnout at all churches.

**215/11/18.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.

**216/11/18.C Parish Matters**

Cllr Beatrice Cains reported that the hedge from 1 Cleveland Avenue was still overhanging the footpath between Coppice Drive and Cleveland Avenue.

Parish Clerk

There were no other parish matters

**217/11/18.C Next Meetings**

The next meetings of the Parish Council would be;

Monday 3rd December Planning Committee Meeting at 7.00 pm in High Ercall Village Hall.

Monday 17th December 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 21.22 p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....

Chairman