

Minutes of a Meeting of the Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Monday 29th January 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Room, High Ercall School, Church Road, High Ercall.

PRESENT: Cllr's Elaine Aston, Stephen Bentley, Beatrice Cains, Kevin Connor, Richard Hartshorn, Louise Hughes, Chris Purves, Mel Ward and Ray Wickson.

Also in attendance: the Parish Clerk.

In the Chair: Cllr Ray Wickson.

022/01/18.C Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Richard Hartshorn (farming duties) and Louise Oldfield (maternity leave). **These apologies were accepted.**

Action

Parish Clerk

023/01/18.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.

024/01/18.C Accounts

Cllrs reviewed the following;
Accounts for the first 9 months of the financial year and the projected Income/Expenditure for the financial year ending 31st March 2018.

On the projected expenditure the Parish Clerk answered any queries that Cllrs raised.

025/01/18.C Budget 2018/19

Cllrs then went through the budget for 2018/2019 which had been prepared by the Parish Clerk.

Areas that would need further consultation during the coming year included the specification and frequency from Telford & Wrekin Council for a new grounds maintenance and street cleansing contract due to come into effect in April 2019.

The extent of the new data protection regulations and a parish council newsletter.

Proposed: Cllr Elaine Aston

Seconded: Cllr Kevin Connor

Resolved: that the Parish Council set a budget of £34,504.

Parish Clerk

Action

026/01/18.C Precept 2018/19

The Parish Clerk explained that Telford & Wrekin Council had stated that in order to show a 0% increase in the Band D Council Tax charge on the 2018/19 Council Tax Demand Notices the parish council precept requirement would need to be £31,194.

Cllr's expressed concern that with a zero percentage increase we would have no surplus for any additional work required for the new grounds maintenance and street cleansing contract being operated by Telford & Wrekin Council which was already being reduced. Cllr Stephen Bentley said we should add a further £5000 to our precept to cover this. This was agreed.

Proposed: Cllr Kevin Connor

Seconded: Cllr Louise Hughes

Resolved: that the precept for 2017/2018 is set at **£39,194.**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.123 p.m.

Parish Clerk

Signed

Date

Chairman