

Minutes of a Meeting of the Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Monday 17th December 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in High Ercall Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr's Elaine Aston, Stephen Bentley, Beatrice Cains, Kevin Connor, Richard Hartshorn, Louise Hughes, Brian Newbold, 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.

001/01/19.C Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr's Chris Purves (poorly) and Scott Walker (holiday). **These apologies were accepted.**

The Parish Clerk reported that he had received one application to fill the casual vacancy on the council. This was from Graham Barrow from Roden who met the criteria for standing for a parish Cllr.

Proposed: Cllr Elaine Aston

Seconded: Cllr Louise Hughes

Resolved: that Graham Barrow be co-opted to the parish council.

The Chairman welcomed Graham to the meeting who signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests.

Cllr Mel Ward arrived at 7.03 pm.

002/01/19.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.

003/01/19.C Minutes

Proposed: Cllr Stephen Bentley

Seconded: Cllr Richard Hartshorn

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

004/01/19.C Minutes of Committee Meetings

Proposed: Cllr Kevin Connor

Seconded: Cllr Elaine Aston

Action

Parish Clerk

Parish Clerk

Chairman

Resolved: that the following minutes be noted and adopted;

Planning Committee 07/01/19

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005/01/19.C Public Participation

Hilary Procter from Roden enquired when a meeting will be set up for Roden residents with reference to the Roden Hall development. She expressed concern that meetings had been held with Cllr's and representatives from Rotherwood since the last parish council meeting. The Chairman said that they were still awaiting the revised plan. Once received he would set up a meeting.

Chairman

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

006/01/19.C Urgent Items

The Chairman said he was still looking into the partnership working with adjoining parishes on the introduction of Speed Indicator Devices (SID's). There were no other urgent items that related to financial, health and safety issues or issues that required immediate attention.

007/01/19.C Planning

007/01/19.1.C Schedule of planning applications

There were none at the time of publication of the agenda.

007/01/19.2.C Schedule of additional planning applications

Application number	Site Address	Description of proposal
TWC/2019/0040	Barnes Farm, Rowton, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6QX	Erection of an agricultural lagoon for the storage of slurry and earth bunding.

Agreed to defer this to the planning committee meeting on the 4th February 2019.

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007/01/19.3.C Schedule of planning decisions

Application No	Site Address	Description of Proposal	Decision
TWC/2018/0967	Rowton Stables, Rowton, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6QY	Siting of a static caravan for residential use as accommodation for equine worker (Retrospective)	Full planning permission granted 14/01/2019

007/01/19.4.C Other planning Issues

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Land adjacent 8 Walton Avenue, High Ercall, Telford, Shropshire. **Resolved** not to adopt the POS after studying the estimated costs for maintaining it.

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008/01/19.C Police Matters

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Julie Tennant from Wellington Police Station to the meeting. Julie explained that her visits to the parish include checks on the new building site off Walton Avenue and school parking. She would try and attend our Annual meeting in May.

Cllrs then discussed whether to go forward with the Smart Water scheme.

Proposed: Cllr Richard Hartshorn

Seconded: Cllr Louise Hughes

Resolved: **that the parish council approve this scheme subject to further discussions on funding options.**

Parish
Clerk

With regard to the introduction of Speed Indicator Devices it was;

Proposed: Cllr Kevin Connor

Seconded: Cllr Tony Smith

Resolved: **that the parish support in principle a working partnership with other rural parishes on this project. This would now go to the next meeting of the Rural Forum.**

Parish
Clerk

009/01/19.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 Richard Hartshorn reported the roadside gully grid again sunken opposite the entrance to Roden Nurseries.

Parish
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Pot holes were reported on the bend adjacent to the bowling green in High Ercall.

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The condition of the road surface opposite Roden Dogs home was also highlighted.

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As regards salt bins, TWC would now be asked to quote for addition ones in the parish and clarification on the criteria for establishing locations within the parish and a check made over where the one on the top of Cotwall Bank had gone.

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010/01/19.C Finance**010/01/19.1.C Accounts for payment;**

Cllr Stephen Bentley declared an interest under cheque no. 100346.

Action

100345	Salaries & Expenses	£647.38
100346	K. Baker, Clerk's Cover	£30.00
100347	Npower, Street Lighting Energy	£3077.32
100348	Hollingswood PC, Recycling Sacks	£62.38
100349	Eon, Street Lighting Repairs	£358.64

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.**

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Cllr Louise Hughes then presented a case on the advantages of the parish council being members of CPRE.

Proposed: Cllr Louise Hughes

Seconded: Cllr Tony Smith

Resolved: **that the parish council join CPRE at an annual fee of £36 (cheque no. 100350)**

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010/01/19.2.C Budget 2019/20

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. Cllrs then went through the budget for 2019/2020 which had been prepared by the Parish Clerk.

Proposed: Cllr Kevin Connor

Seconded: Cllr Graham Barrow

Resolved: **that the parish council agree a budget of £59,805.**

Parish
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010/01/19.3.C Precept 2019/20

Proposed: Cllr Stephen Bentley

Seconded: Cllr Richard Hartshorn

Resolved: **that the parish council agree a budget of £39,971.**

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011/01/19.C SALC

All correspondence from the County Secretary had been passed to Members by either the Chairman or Parish Clerk.

Proposed: Cllr Richard Hartshorn

Seconded: Cllr Kevin Connor

Action

Resolved: that the Chairman & his wife's names are put forward for this year's ballot for the Buckingham Palace garden party.

Parish Clerk

012/01/19.C Street Lighting

Cllr Louise Hughes reported tree branches obstructing the street lights by the tennis club and pedestrian crossing.

Parish Clerk

013/01/19.C Village Halls

Cllr Kevin Connor said there was nothing to report from Ellerdine Village Hall Committee.

The Chairman reported that High Ercall Village Hall Committee had still to appoint a new Chairman.

014/01/19.C Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Chris Purves had reported that Michael Barker now has a final draft for the Steering Group to consider. Meeting to be arranged.

Cllr Chris Purves

015/01/19.C Bus Service 519

Cllr Stephen Bentley reported that the Saturday service seems to be working OK and he had had good feedback from Arriva.

However a letter of concern was being drafted over the lack of financial support we had received from Telford & Wrekin Council (TWC) which when agreed would be forwarded to the local MP's, heads of council at TWC and the local press.

Chairman

016/01/19.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 reported that the TWC precept would increase by 3.2%, the police around 11% but as yet no figures from the fire authority. He added that the problems with the development at Shawburch has not gone away. TWC are about to install 'Average Speed Cameras' along the A442 from Shawburch to Peplow

017/01/19.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.

Action**018/01/19.C Parish Matters**

Cllr Tony Smith said he was still concerned over the rubbish outside the Cleveland Arms which was in the conservation area.

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The Chairman said he was investigating the possibility of applying for a Public Works Loan if the Cleveland Arms has to be purchased as a community asset. Agreed to include as an agenda item at the next meeting.

Chairman

There were no other parish matters

019/01/19.C Next Meetings

The next meetings of the Parish Council would be;

Monday 4th February 2019 – Planning Committee at 7.00 pm in High Ercall Village Hall.

Monday 18th February 2019 - Council Meeting at 7.00 pm in High Ercall School.

020/01/19.C Exclusion of the Press & Public

Proposed: Cllr Richard Hartshorn

Seconded: Cllr Louise Hughes

Resolved: that under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1992, the public and Press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 5 of part 1 of the Schedule12A of the Act.

At this point Cllr Stephen Bentley, the Parish Clerk and members of the public left the meeting.

Confidential Minute

Action

021.01/19.C Finance Working Group

Cllr's were asked to consider a report from the Finance Working Group.

It was proposed that the parish clerk receive a gratuity of £1000 in recognition of the additional work load over the last year, this will be paid at February meeting.

Louise Hughes - proposed
Kevin Connor – seconded
All in agreement

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A discussion took place around the parish clerks Job description and terms and contract, it was explained that Edwards role fits into all of profile one with elements of profile two, thus the rate SCP 19 would be paid from April 2019 and reviewed annually

Brian Newbold – proposed
Tony Smith – seconded
All in agreement

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Action

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.15 p.m.

Signed

Date

Chairman