

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Monday 18th February 2018
at 7.00 p.m. in High Ercall Village Hall.**

PRESENT: Cllr's Elaine Aston, Graham Barrow, Stephen Bentley, Beatrice Cains, Kevin Connor, Richard Hartshorn, Louise Hughes, Tony Smith, Scott Walker, Mel Ward and Ray Wickson.

Also in attendance: the Parish Clerk.

In the Chair: Cllr Ray Wickson.

022/02/19.C	Apologies for Absence	<u>Action</u>
	An apology for absence had been received from Cllr's Chris Purves (poorly). This apology was accepted.	Parish Clerk
023/02/19.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.	
024/02/19.C	Minutes	
	Proposed: Cllr Richard Hartshorn Seconded: Cllr Tony Smith	
	Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on the 21st January 2019, having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, adopted and signed by the Chairman.	Chairman
025/02/19.C	Minutes of Committee Meetings	
	Proposed: Cllr Kevin Connor Seconded: Cllr Elaine Aston	
	Resolved: that the following minutes be noted and adopted;	Parish Clerk
	Planning Committee 04/02/19	
026/02/19.C	Public Participation	
	With no members of the public present it was Resolved that the Council moved on to the next item of business.	
027/02/19.C	Urgent Items	
	The Chairman said he would arrange a public meeting with residents of Roden on either the 27th February, 13th or 20th March at Park Timber to discuss the planning issues at Roden Hall. Cllr Richard Hartshorn to confirm date.	Cllr Richard Hartshorn

028/02/19.C Planning**028/02/19.1.C Schedule of planning applications**

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

028/02/19.2.C Schedule of additional planning applications

There were none.

028/02/19.3.C Schedule of planning decisions

Application No	Site Address	Description of Proposal	Decision
TWC/2018/0974	7 Coppice Drive, High Ercall, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6BX	Alterations to existing roof	Full planning permission granted 31/01/2019
TWC/2018/0939	Site of Barn Cottage, Heath Lane, Ellerdine, Telford, Shropshire	Outline application for 1no. self-build dwelling and garage with all matters reserved	Outline refused 15/02/2019.
TWC/2018/1046	Site of Roden Nurseries, Roden Lane, Roden, Telford, Shropshire	Reserved matters application for the erection of 9no. dwellings pursuant to TWC/2015/0220 including details for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale ***Amended Plans Received***	Reserved Matters Granted 14/02/2019.

028/02/19.4.C Other planning Issues

The Parish Clerk reported that the planning officer was looking at the height of the recently erected wooden fence, especially where it backs on to the Ridgway Estate on the new development adjacent 8 Walton Avenue, High Ercall, Telford, Shropshire.

Cllr Elaine Aston reported that the latest drawing on the TWC website was showing that tree T6 was to be removed on the development at Roden Nurseries.

Parish Clerk

029/02/19.C Police Matters

There were no police issues. Still awaiting police contract details for our area from PCSO Julie Tennant at Wellington Police Station

Action

Cllr Stephen Bentley arrived at 7.20 pm.

Cllrs then discussed the funding criteria for the Smart Water scheme. Gary Higgins, Consultant Director of Security Services for SmartWater Technology had confirmed that the price for the SmartWater kits is £8.90 + VAT per household. So, £8.90 x 746 household in the parish = £6639.40. This did not include future developments in Walton Avenue and Roden.

However we can secure an offer through the Police and Crime Commissioner to provide 25% of the Home Kits plus the provision of the street signage. This offer is only available if we commit to providing the kits to a minimum of 80% of households. If you want to take advantage of this please let me know and I will provide you with the Application Form.

If you go ahead we will liaise with the Local Police and West Mercia's We Don't Buy Crime Team to secure the necessary support.

Proposed: Cllr Louise Hughes **Seconded:** Cllr Elaine Aston

Resolved: **that the parish council approve the purchase of 746 SmartWater kits for all current households in the parish.**

Parish
Clerk

Due to forthcoming parish council elections on the 2nd May this year these kits would not be distributed until after this date.

030/02/19.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 Graham Barrow expressed concern over the state of Shrewsbury Road, pot holes and surfaces breaking up, as you approach the village from Roden especially opposite the junction to Sherlowe Lane.

Parish
Clerk

Cllr Stephen Bentley said that there would be no 'Average Speed Indicators' installed along the A442 due to lack of reliable historic data.

Cllr Richard Hartshorn expressed concern over builders vans and vehicles working at Roden Hall parking on the road and grass verges on the junction to Rodington. These were now extending down as far as The Lodge.

Parish
Clerk

Cllr Mel ward reported the road surface breaking up, including pot holes, on the road opposite the junction to Coppice Drive

Parish
Clerk

The Chairman reported the edge of the road breaking up from the corner by the bowling green to the entrance to the new development at Walton Avenue. He also questioned what permission and advance notice was required following numerous occasions when lights had been installed opposite the junction to the new development at Walton Avenue.

Parish
Clerk

Action
Parish
Clerk

He added that the hedge between Coppice Drive and Cleveland Avenue had still not been cut back by the owner of the property adjacent to this path.

As regards salt bins, TWC had now forwarded their Winter Service Policy in relation to grit bins. On roads that are not on the defined gritting routes grit bins should be considered for installation at high risk sites. These sites are:

Bends:

Bends on steep gradients where the result of loss of control of a vehicle would be significant i.e. injury to occupants, pedestrians or significant damage to the vehicle. In determining severity the likely speed of the vehicle needs to be taken into consideration.

Junctions:

In general this will be at a minor road joining a major road where the down slope would cause a vehicle to carry on into the path of an oncoming vehicle on the main road. In determining severity the likely speed of the vehicle needs to be taken into consideration and where the resultant loss of control of a vehicle would be significant in terms of injury to occupants, pedestrians or damage to the vehicle.

If the Parish would like to purchase a grit bin, the cost is £140 each. This includes £100 for the bin, and £40 for 3 refills a season. If these refills are not used up in a season then they are carried over to the next season.

Resolved: no further action at this stage.

031/02/19.C Finance

031/02/19.1.C Accounts for payment;

100351	Salaries & Expenses	£1665.91
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Proposed: Cllr Kevin Connor **Seconded:** Cllr Graham Barrow

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

Parish
Clerk

The Parish Clerk thanked the Council for his additional gratuity Payment.

The Chairman then explained the NALC recommendations for applying for a Public Works Loan. After studying the checklist of key information to be provided with any Parish and Town Councils borrowing application and contacting our County Association to submit the Application Form, it was;

Proposed: Cllr Stephen Bentley **Seconded:** Cllr Tony Smith

Resolved: with 8 votes for and 2 abstentions, that through our County Association the Parish Council would seek the Secretary of State's approval for proposed borrowing with regards to the purchase of the Cleveland Arms.

Parish
Clerk

Action

Cllr Mel Ward left the meeting at 8.23 pm.

032/02/19.C SALC

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

The Chairman reported that the Wrekin Area Committee was looking into concerns expressed by many councils over recent planning decisions made by TWC.

033/02/19.C Street Lighting

Tree branches were still obstructing the street lights by the tennis club and pedestrian crossing.

Parish
Clerk

The Parish Clerk had still not got a start date from Eon on phase I of the conversion of our street lights to LED. However any reported faults in this phase would be repaired and converted to LED. Chairman to notify the Parish Clerk of a number of lights that are out.

Chairman

034/02/19.C Village Halls

There was nothing to report from Ellerdine Village Hall Committee or High Ercall Village Hall Committee.

035/02/19.C Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Chris Purves had informed Cllr Kevin Connor by email a list of the documents that were still required. This email would be forwarded to all Cllr's before a date is set for the Steering Group to meet.

Parish
Clerk &
Chairman

036/02/19.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 TWC Full Council have resolved to write to the Secretary of State to intervene on the hospital dispute.

037/02/19.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.

Correspondence from Janice Middleton on several 'lost' rights of way would be forwarded to Andrew Careless at TWC for comment.

Parish
Clerk

Action

038/02/19.C Parish Matters

The Chairman said he was meeting TWC’s Enforcement Officer with reference to the development at Mill Bend.

Chairman

There were no other parish matters

039/02/19.C Next Meetings

The next meetings of the Parish Council would be;

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

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

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.57 p.m.

Signed

Date

Chairman