



**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.30PM.**

**54/21 Those Present:**

Councillors: K Lamb (Chairman), G Clements, B Swan, C Stanyon, K Allen, S Jones, C Chapman and the Clerk.

**Apologies:** Cllr S Peall apologies were accepted. Cllr E Arnold Newing (Vice Chair) no apologies received.

**55/21 To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.**

None were declared.

**56/21 The Pre-Planning Application Consultation - Proposed 12m column in the style of a telegraph pole at Longland Farm, Exted Hill, Elham, Canterbury, CT4 6UD was considered following the recommendations from the Telecomms Committee and the following response was **agreed**.**

The outcome of the Telecomms Committee meeting of 08.02.2021 was a general agreement that the Exted Hill planning application ought to be supported but with reservations that it falls short of delivering the Parish Councils' stated aim of improving the mobile phone reception for the majority in the village. We suggest the text following as a submission to Harlequin's pre-planning consultation offering qualified support:

Message to Harlequin:

*Elham Parish Council have agreed to support the application for the Exted Hill telecoms proposal.*

*However, we note that circa 100 properties to the south and east of the village will derive little or no benefit from this proposal.*

*Our own research concludes that a combination of the Lickpot Hill and Exted Hill coverage would have been excellent. Would you advise why this combination has not been pursued and whether this, or something similar, might still be a possibility in the near future.*

*We understand that your partner EE must control costs, but we in turn are aware that in order to fulfil Government targets as set down by OFCOM, a stated minimum level of connectivity is required as the service is rolled out and we are concerned that this minimum will not be achieved with the Exted Hill installation alone.*

**57/21** It was **agreed** to donate the old Parish Council laptop to Elham Primary School to enable a child to learn remotely during the current lockdown.

**58/21** **Date of Next meeting and Close**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.42pm.