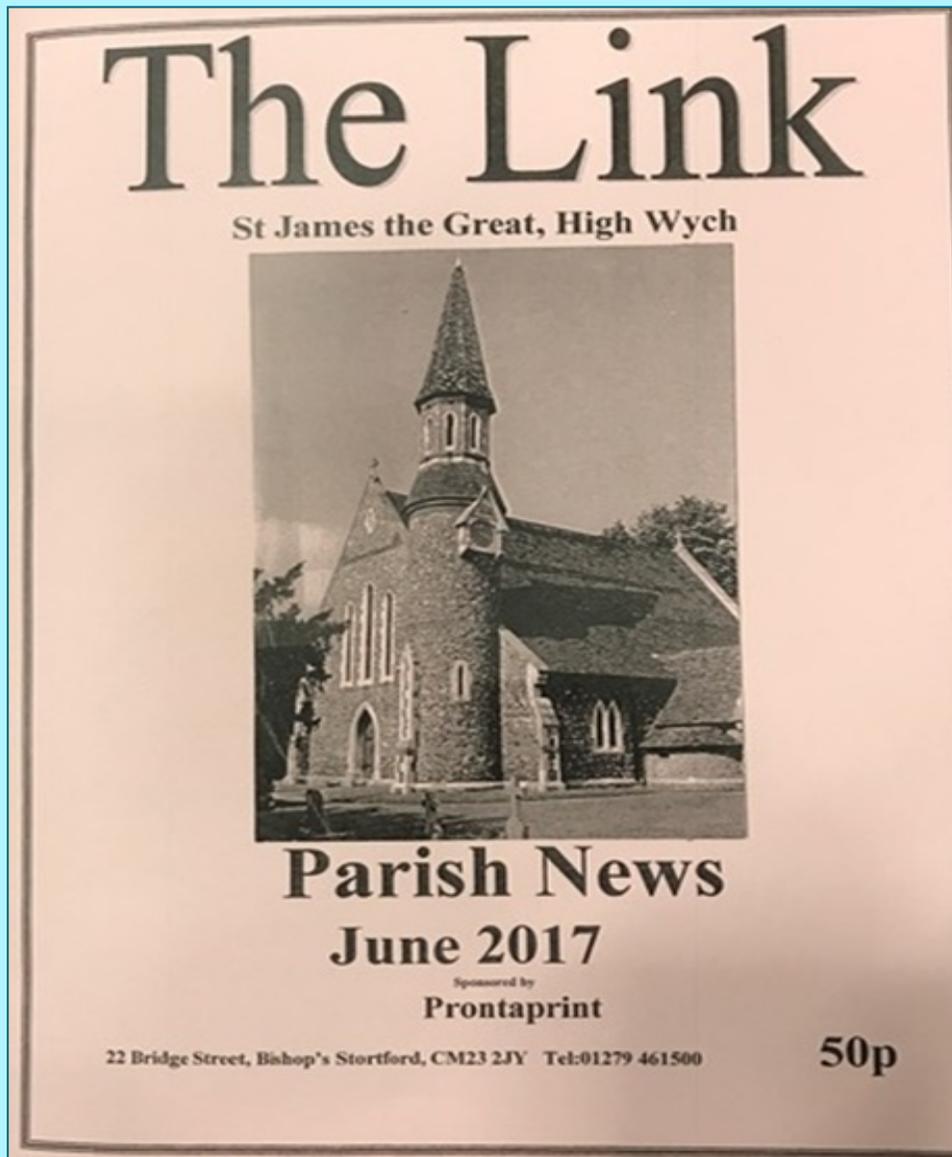


High Wych Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting 17 May 2017



Every Parish in England must hold a Meeting for all its Government electors between 1st March and 1st June inclusive. This is an assembly open to all electors of the Parish, chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council or by a person chosen by the meeting if neither are present.

Agenda

- Secretary's Report (Sam Clark)
- Treasurers & Councillor Report (David Smith)
- Report by Hertfordshire Constabulary (Duncan Wallace)
- Drive Safe Report
- Councillor Report (Wendy Marks)
- Allens Green Hall update
- The Link proposal
- Harlow Theatre Company
- Community Views and News

Secretary's Report

2016/17

- Investment support for St. James Church
- Playground fencing
- Allens Green Hall support
- Signed Pavilion Lease
- SIDS UP!
- Local History
- Little Link / Big Link
- New Councillors (+ expressions of interest from others!)
- David Saunders retirement
- Broadfield Footpath application
- Stop Harlow North
- FB, DM me?

Challenges

- Administration
- Involvement and scale

Secretary's Report 2017/18 Priorities

- Administration (inc building the team)
- Allens Green Village Hall
- The Link
- Playground Equipment
- Phone Box



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Councillor's Report for
David Smith

Allotments

- All plots allocated
- No waiting list
- Asbestos being prepared for removal
- Issue with parking being addressed
- One formal complaint dealt with

2016-2017 Projects

- High Wych Playing Fields play area has been fenced off to improve safety at the High Wych Lane entrance and to exclude dogs from the area
- The Pavilion has been formally leased to the Harlow Theatre Company who have undertaken a major renovation of the building both internally and externally

2017-2018 Projects

- Review/implementation of the requirements for Transparency by HWPC
- Possible addition of new equipment in the High Wych Playing Field

Website

- The website has been updated to use the latest version of the software. Opportunity taken to make the site more attractive
- Further updates will be undertaken as part of the Transparency project

Other

- A defibrillator has been installed at the High Wych Memorial Hall for community use
- Internet Café has been running for 5 years and continues to be popular
- A notice board has been installed at the Memorial Hall for use by the Brownies and Rainbows
- Playing Fields benches have been renovated
- Japanese knotweed in High Wych Lane has been treated by HCC Highways

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Treasurer's Report

2016-2017 Main Income

- Annual Precept - £7,700
- New Homes Bonus - £5,728
- Allotment Rents - £772.50
- Pavilion Lease/Insurance - £895

2016-2017 Reserves Brought Forward

- General - £2,334
- Pavilion Reserve - £500
- Large Projects Reserve - £5,000
- Grants - £400

2016-2017 Council Expenses

- Playing Fields Maintenance (Grass Cutting, Inspections, Equipment Maintenance, Bin Emptying)
- Car Park Maintenance/Loan Repayments
- Allotments (Water)
- Administration/Membership of HAPTC
- Website
- Internet Café Sponsorship
- Outreach Post Office Sponsorship
- Grants & Donations

2016-2017 Grants

- St James' Church - £2,000
- Allen's Green Village Hall - £328
- Outreach Post Office - £350
- Stop Stansted Expansion - £100
- Stop Harlow North - £100
- Brownies/Rainbows - £77

2016-2017 Projects

- Pavilion Development -£2,500
- HW Playing Fields Play Area Fencing - £6,287

2017-2018 Grants (Budgeted)

- Large Projects - £4,000. Earmarked for the purchase of Allen's Green Village Hall
- Outreach Post Office - £350
- Internet Café - £250
- Allotments - £600. Asbestos Removal
- Stop Stansted Expansion - £100
- Stop Harlow North - £100
- Other Small Grants - £400
- Informal request from HTC for further funds to complete the work on the Pavilion

Report by Duncan Wallace on behalf of Police

01/04/17 – 16/05/17 There have been 7 reported crimes on our system.

- 2 x Theft from motor vehicle – fuel from parked vehicles
- 1 x Theft from a back garden
- 1 x Burglary, non dwelling. Nothing taken but shed contained landscaping tools.
- 1 X Public order offence between neighbours
- 1 x Non recordable public order incident
- All above relate to High Wych
- 1 x Damage to motor vehicle in Allens Green

01/04/16 – 16/05/16 There were 9 reported crimes entered

- 6 for High Wych
- 3 for Allens Green

Yearly totals for year ending 31/03/17

- High Wych 27 offences of which 2 were non recordable leaving 25.
- Allens Green 16 offences of which 3 were non recordable leaving 13.

Yearly totals for year ending 31/03/16

- High Wych 32 offences
- Allens Green 15 offences
- The past year saw a reduction of 4 offences recorded

Survey on vehicles travelling through High Wych (opposite The Rivers Hospital @ LP503)

- **A Total of 58659 vehicles travelled through the village**
- **29878 Westbound**
- **28781 Eastbound**
- **A total of 276 were in excess of 7.5 tonnes**
- **142 Westbound**
- **134 Eastbound**
- **Mean speed Westbound was 35**
- **Mean speed Eastbound was 37**
- **36.4% of vehicles Westbound were in excess of NPCC prosecution thresholds**
- **49.9% of vehicles Eastbound were in excess of NPCC prosecution thresholds**

HIGH WYCH – DRIVE SAFE

Report to the Annual General Meeting of the High Wych Parish Council

Wednesday 17th May 2017

There have been 15 sessions of Drive Safe since the last AGM. Obviously cancellations due to bad weather but we also had a significant gap when the equipment we used was transferred from Ware Police Station to Hertford. During the transition, several pieces of equipment went missing and also a new booking out procedure from Hertford had to be set up.

Drive Safe has to be conducted in daylight hours and in dry weather, so in the winter months we cannot be out as much as we would like to.

I would say currently we have half a dozen volunteers and two leaders who regularly attend our sessions and this is mainly due to when I am available and the hours/days that are easiest for me. Accessing the equipment from Hertford has had its problems. Car parking is difficult. Where the equipment is stored involves several trips to and from the car.

More recently equipment has gone missing again. Two sessions had to be cancelled.

On a more positive note we now have a permanent SID located outside the allotments at the junction opposite Broadfields. This has been welcomed by locals and I hope is the start of tackling speeding along High Wych Road.

The top speed recorded this year was 61mph. Obviously the driver was not concerned about the high-vis jackets and the SID displaying the speed. This was on a Friday evening at 7pm.

Where possible, in terms of number of volunteers, we have counted the number of cars in an hour that have been speeding in the 31-35 mph bracket as we only report to the police those doing 36mph and above. We had 125 cars on one of these sessions at midday on a Thursday.

High Wych Road is getting increasingly busier – for example on a Saturday late morning in one hour we had 260 cars, 46 were speeding over 36mph (18%). On another Saturday we had 350 cars and over 100 were in the 31-35mph bracket. All these figures are counting cars in one direction (towards the SID).

Last but not least I would personally like to thank all our volunteers for their help and support this past year. I believe it is important for Drive Safe to continue in High Wych in order to provide sufficient data for further action to be taken to combat speeding drivers.

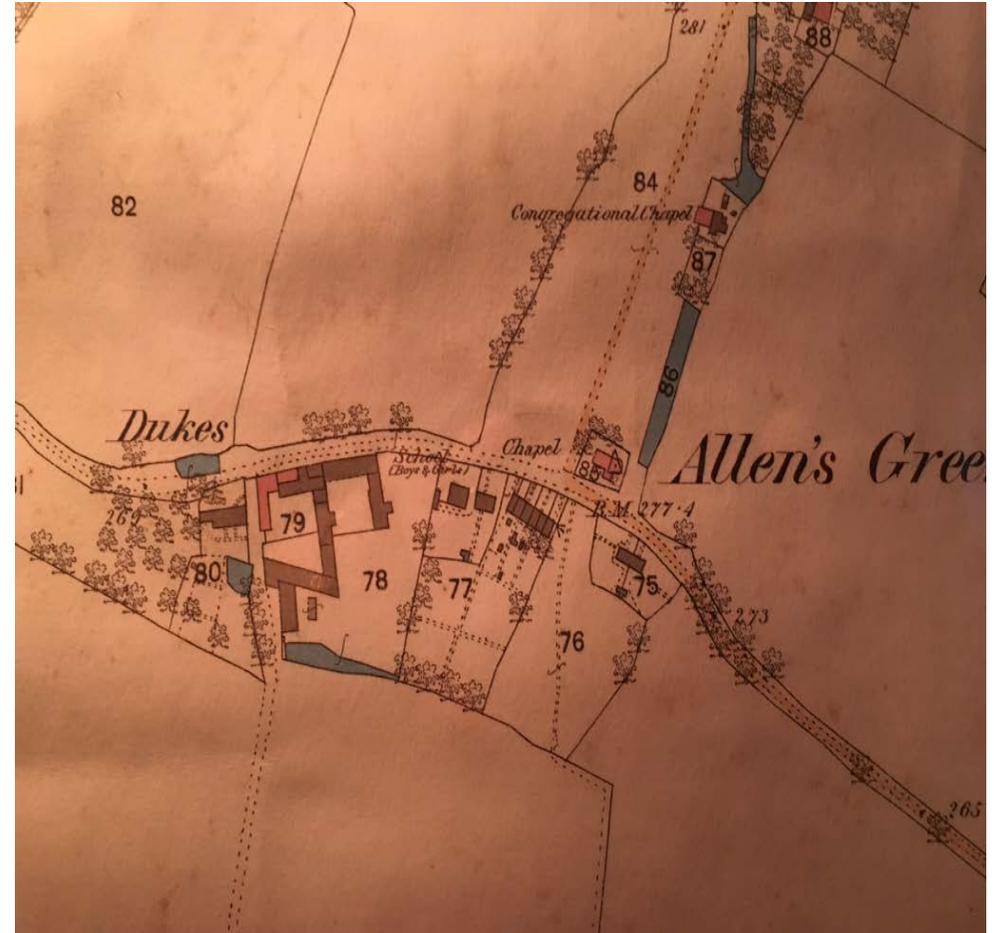
Linda Emanuel

Drive Safe Co-Ordinator

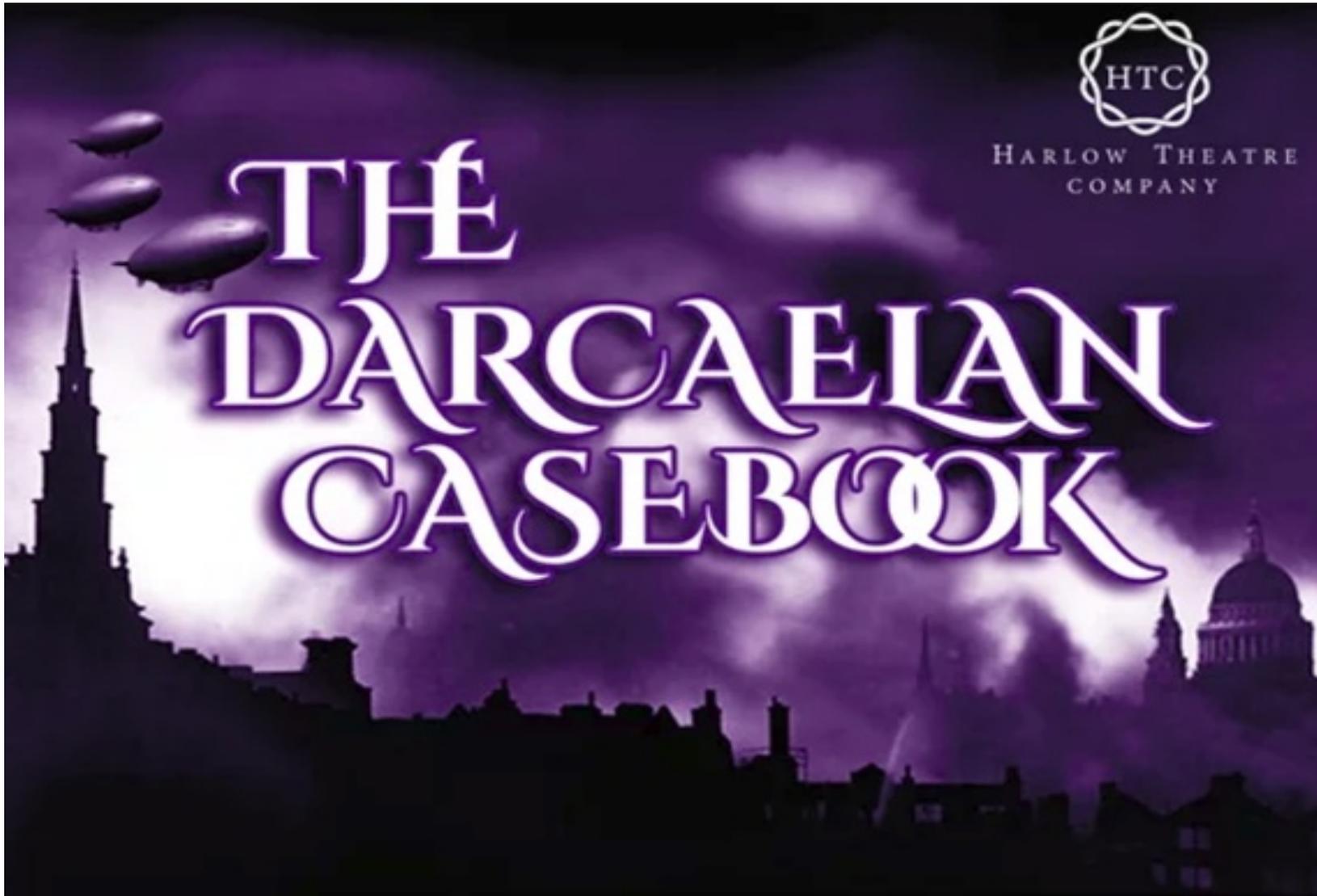
Wendy Marks – Footpaths & Litter

- I have been responsible for the footpaths in the High Wych area and report to Nicholas Maddex when there is a limb of a tree across any path or overgrown foliage. He calls on a firm of contractors who regularly cut back said foliage.
- During the year a notice was put up on the path which runs alongside the bungalows in Broadfields. This was removed within a couple of days but reminded walkers that we do not have a legal right to walk there so we are trying to address this matter. Theo van de Bilt has been collecting signed forms by residents who use the path, and has sent them off to East Herts Council. We have been told it is a long process and not to expect it to be finalised for a couple of years.

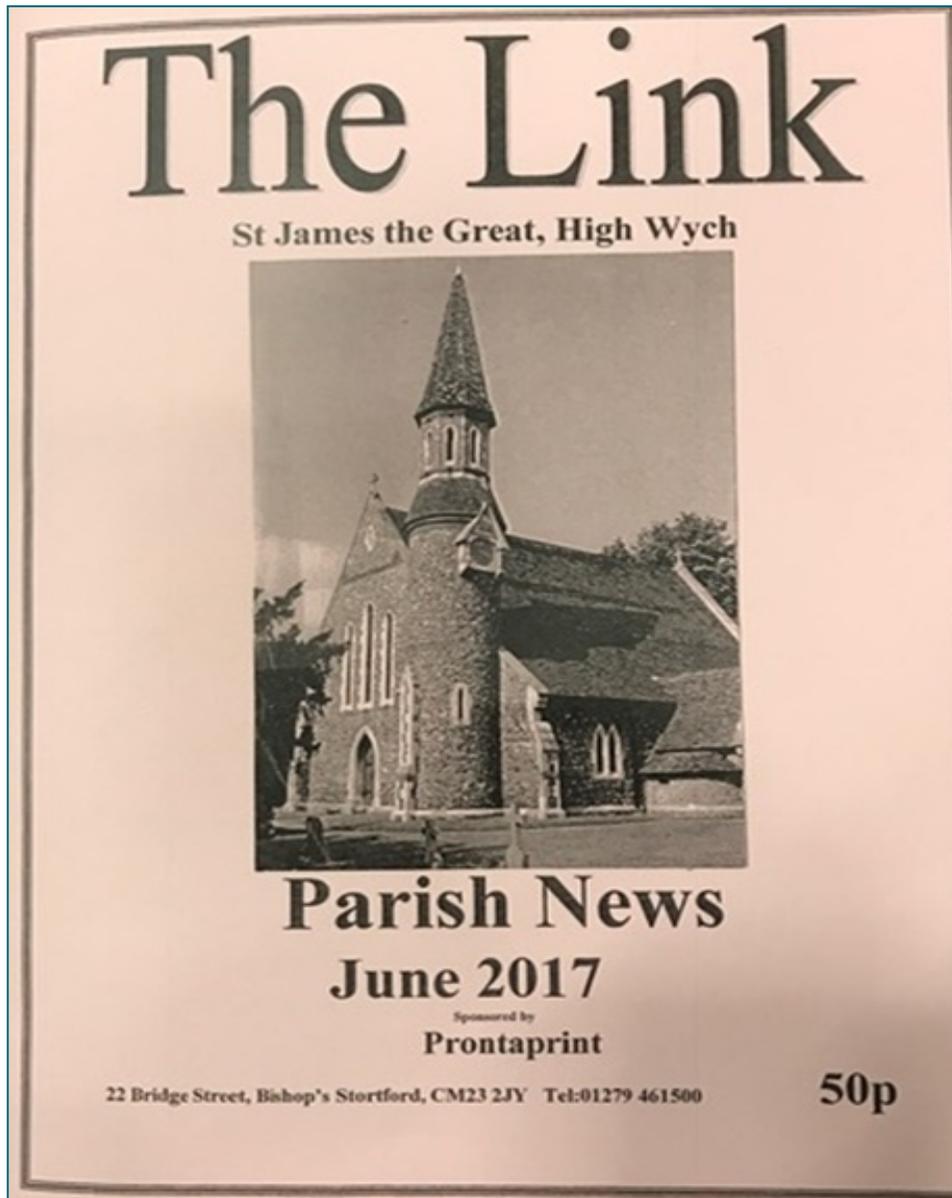
Allens Green (Brian Sullivan)



Harlow Theatre Company



2 Phase Proposal – Little Link and Big Link



Phase 1:

Little Link (as usual)

- Monthly to subscribers

Big Link

- Quarterly to entire ecclesiastical parish i.e. 8 little and 4 big
- Increase amount + range of content and income
- 1st September target first Big Link

Build the team, comprising

- Editorial & Content
- Production & Publishing
- Distribution
- Finance & Advertising

Phase 2 ~ 2019

Monthly Big Link to all ecclesiastical parish

Stop Harlow North



- New team (some old faces)
- Meetings held under the District Plan consultation in Hunsdon & Gilston village halls
- Instruct planning consultant to formally object to the District Plan
- Huge number of objections to the consultation
- Await public examination on the district plan

Community News and Views



- Tom Payne
Chairman
Planning Applications
Stansted Airport
Neighbourhood Watch
Outreach Post Office

- Councillor David

Treasurer

Website/Communications

Projects

Allotments

- Councillor Wendy

FootpathsLitter Picking

- Councillor Brian Sullivan
Consultation Documents
Allen's Green Village Hall
Allen's Green Playing Field

- Councillor Bridget Parrish
Sawbridgeworth Community Bus
Memorial Hall Committee
High Wych Playing Field
Sawbridgeworth United Charities Trust

- Secretary to the Council Sam Clark
Stop Harlow North Representative
High Wych Playing Field
Allen's Green Playing Field
RFO

- Ali Geller
Minuting Secretary