

Ercall Magna Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Monday 20th March 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Room, High Ercall School, Church Road, High Ercall.

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

Also in attendance: 2 members of the public and the Parish Clerk.

In the Chair: Cllr Ray Wickson.

Action

048/03/17.C Apologies for Absence

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

049/03/17.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.

050/03/17.C Public Participation

Following the robbery at the Post Office in High Ercall Village Hall the owner of the Cleveland Arms said there had been a robbery at their premises which was reported to the police with an incident number but they had received no follow up. Cllr Stephen Bentley said the police should at least visit the scene of any reported crime.

Parish Clerk

Cllr Mel Ward arrived at 7.06 pm.

The owners of the Cleveland Arms PH informed the meeting that they had now submitted a planning application with Telford & Wrekin Council for the Cleveland Arms and were awaiting its registration in their system.

RESOLVED that with no other comments from members of the public present, the Council moved on to the next item of business at 7.10 p.m.

051/03/17.C Urgent Items

The Parish Clerk said there were no urgent items that relate to financial, health and safety issues or issues that require immediate attention.

Action**052/03/17.C Minutes**

Proposed: Cllr Richard Hartshorn
Seconded: Cllr Chris Purves

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 21st February 2017, having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman

053/03/17.C Planning**053/03/17.1.C Schedule of planning applications**

Application number	Site Address	Description of proposal	Parish Council Comments
TWC/2017/0146	The Wagon Barn, New House Farm, Ellerdine, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6RS	Listed building application for the erection of an extension to the existing garage and alterations to form annex with artist studio and erection of a detached garage	Cllr's supported the Full Application back in December 2016 so supported this Listed Building application.

Parish Clerk

053/03/17.2.C Schedule of additional planning applications

An additional application ref TWC/2017/0234 at 1 Windy Oak Cottages, Ellerdine Heath which had only been received today, was deferred until the April meeting. There were no additional planning applications received after the date of publication of the agenda for this meeting.

053/03/17.3.C Schedule of planning decisions

Cllr's noted the following decisions;

Application Number	Site Address	Description of Proposal	Telford & Wrekin Council Decision
TWC/2017/0056	New Farm, Roden Lane, Roden, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6BS	Conversion of traditional farm building into residential dwelling	Withdrawn 07/03/2017
TWC/2016/1112	Land to the West of Barnes Farm, Rowton, Telford, Shropshire	Variation of condition 13 of planning application TWC/2016/0315 to modify the feedstock to incorporate food waste with a pumpable foodsoup	Full granted 08/03/2017

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Application Number	Site Address	Description of Proposal	Telford & Wrekin Council Decision
TWC/201/1111	Land adjacent 8 Walton Avenue & adjacent Ridgway, High Ercall, Telford, Shropshire	Outline application for up to 45no. dwellings with associated access, all other matters reserved	Outline granted 20/02/2017

053/03/17.4.C Other Planning Issues

Andy Gittins, Principal Development Planning Officer, at Telford & Wrekin Council had today forwarded further information from the applicant for the application for a 66 bed dementia care home in Roden. Cllr's agreed they required time to consider this before making comment but would do before this application went to committee on the 26th April 2017.

054/03/17.C Police Matters

Latest crime figures for the parish were on the West Mercia website.

Following the latest robbery at the Post Office in High Ercall Village Hall and other recent reported incidents in the parish, Cllr's expressed concern that they had not seen any raised profile of the police in the rural areas despite recent press coverage that this had been increased. These concerns would be passed on to John Campion West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner and Inspector Gary Wade at Telford Police Station.

Parish Clerk

Cllr's felt more Neighbourhood Watch Schemes should be started up. Cllr Stephen Bentley reported that the one in Waters Upton worked well along with a new initiative with a 'What's App Group' set up by Katie Baker.

Parish Clerk

055/03/17.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. Recent reported pot holes had been marked out and Cllr Brian Newbold reported that some of these had been repaired today in Coppice Drive. Other outstanding ones would be forward to Dave Hanley.

Parish Clerk

Cllr Andy Williams expressed concern over the litter along the highways and enquired how we could arrange a litter pick. Agreed this could be achieved by appointing 'Street Champions' The parish clerk to forward these details to Cllr Andy Williams.

Parish Clerk

Action

Although the passing places in Crab Tree Lane had been completed Cllr's felt this was to a very poor standard and did not leave enough space for two HGV's to pass. Also we were told that once this work had been completed the 40 mph speed limit would be applied between Walton and High Ercall and down Crab Tree Lane. Enquires would be made to see when this would be introduced. As regards the two bus stop areas at the Walton end of Crab Tree Lane Cllr's felt these were dangerous for pedestrians waiting at these and required a safety fence installed between these and the highway and bus stop signs added. As the Greenhouse Group had paid for these we would ask them for their comments. The Crab Tree Lane sign at the Walton end had also been damaged.

Parish Clerk

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As regards road signage the parish clerk was asked to instruct Telford & Wrekin Council to replace the Shrewsbury sign adjacent to the Cleveland Arms, requested some 12 months ago and remove the 'Except for Access' signs in Silver Hill.

Parish Clerk

056/03/17.C Finance**056/03/17.1 Accounts for payment;**

100219	Salaries & Expenses	£467.66
100220	Post Office, PAYE	£341.42
100221	Cllr Ray Wickson, Chair's Allowance	£900.00
100222	Nobridge Nurseries, Churchyard	£775.56
100223	Telford & Wrekin Council, Room Hire	£325.00
100224	Eon, Street Lighting Repairs	£844.30
100225	High Ercall Tennis Club, Grant	£30.00

Proposed: Cllr Richard Hartshorn

Seconded: Cllr Chris Purves

Resolved: that the above payments be authorized.

Parish Clerk

056/03/17.1 Grants

A grant request had been received from Ellerdine Village Hall towards the purchase of 5 Economy Tables.

Proposed: Cllr Stephen Bentley

Seconded: Cllr Chris Purves

Resolved: that a grant of £500 be awarded to Ellerdine Village Hall towards the purchase of these tables.

Parish Clerk

Cllr Andy Williams was investigating through the school a grant for extra curriculum activities. The relevant forms and policy documents would be forwarded to Cllr Andy Williams.

Parish Clerk

Action**057/03/17.C Financial Regulations**

The Parish Clerk presented an updated version of the Financial Regulations following the latest model published by the National Association of Local Council. He had also consulted Winsham Parish Council who had recently reviewed and adopted theirs.

Proposed: Cllr Stephen Bentley

Seconded: Cllr Kevin Connor

Resolved: that these are now adopted by the Parish Council.

Parish Clerk

058/03/17.C SALC

All correspondence from the County Secretary had been passed to Members. The Chairman had also forward to all Cllr's and relevant documents from the Wrekin Area.

Cllr Louise Hughes suggested the Parish Council carry out a review of the Clerk's Salary. This was agreed.

Parish Clerk

059/03/17.C Street Lighting

There were no reported faults.

Before Eon could consider quoting for a phased programme of upgrading all street lights to LED, they have recommended that we have all our street lights inspected to include a report on the visual structural condition and electrical condition just to get a better picture that there is nothing nasty lurking in the background. This report would be £10 per column.

Proposed: Cllr Andy Williams

Seconded: Cllr Kevin Connor

Resolved: that Eon are instructed to carry out this inspection and forward their report.

Parish Clerk

060/03/17.C Defibrillators

The Chairman said he had no updates for possible installations of defibrillators at Ellerdine Village Hall, High Ercall Village Hall and Roden Nursing Home. He hoped to have further information on possible grants available for the next meeting.

Cllr Ray
Wickson**061/03/17.C Village Halls**

Cllr Kevin Connor said there were no issues to report on from Ellerdine Village Hall.

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The area in the front of the hall had now been landscaped and completed. The rear carpark would not be done until the builders had left the adjacent site.

Cllr Andy Williams said bookings were encouraging at High Ercall Village Hall.

062/03/17.C Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Chris Purves said he hoped to complete the section on housing within the next two weeks. He requested a copy of the results of the survey carried out by Shropshire Rural Community Council and the draft submission plan so that he could add his section and ensure there was no duplication. The parish clerk agreed to forward these.

Parish Clerk

063/03/17.C Telford & Wrekin Council

Councillors noted items of correspondence/publications that had been received from Telford & Wrekin Council since the February meeting.

Cllr Chris Purves asked if Cllr Stephen Bentley to get an update on when the new BT fibre optic broadband would be available in his area.

Cllr Stephen Bentley

064/03/17.C Correspondence

Councillors 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 Cllr's by the Parish Clerk.

065/03/17.C Parish Matters

Cllr Richard Hartshorn informed the meeting that they had formed a group in Roden and published a Roden Rag. An open event was planned for next month.

Cllr Stephen Bentley said that following the attack on the post office last week in High Ercall Village Hall, he could not promise when, if ever this facility will open again.

The Chairman said that it might be an idea to get a quotation for mobile CCTV cameras on the three approach roads to High Ercall. This was agreed. This was agreed.

Parish Clerk

066/03/17.C Next Meeting

As the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council fell on Easter Monday it was agreed to put this back by a week until the 24th April.

This would be preceded by the Annual Parish meeting. Subject to room availability the Annual Parish meeting would also be repeated at Ellerdine Village Hall on Wednesday 26th April 2017.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.41 p.m.

Signed

Date

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Parish Clerk

Chairman