

Ercall Magna Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Monday 16th October 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in the Ellerdine Village Hall.

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

Also in attendance: 18 members of the public and the Parish Clerk.

In the Chair: Cllr Ray Wickson.

At the start of the meeting everyone present stood in silence for a minute as a tribute to past Cllr Reg Jones who had recently passed away.

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162/10/17.C Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Brian Newbold (family illness), Louise Oldfield, Chris Purves (holiday) and Scott Walker (holiday). **These apologies were accepted.**

Cllrs noted that Chris Bartlett had resigned from the Parish Council. Notices would now be put up in the parish advertising this vacancy.

163/10/17.C Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

RESOLVED to note that no other 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.

164/10/17.C Public Participation

Elaine Muir reported on the Roden Chicken Farm planning application which had now been approved by Telford & Wrekin Council's Planning Committee. She read out her objections that she gave at this meeting, noting that some of the committee members did not turn up at the site visit and a number of points had to be clarified by the planning officer.

Tony Smith expressed concern over the state of the Cleveland Arms in High Ercall, asking when the fencing will be removed and the area cleared up, as the owners had already missed the deadline set by Telford & Wrekin Council for this work to be completed. The owners, who were present, read out a report that they requested is included in these minutes, and added that until the building is safe the fencing will remain even if it takes up to two years. They have however made a start on tidying up the area. The Chairman outlined the procedures that Telford & Wrekin Council's Enforcement Officer was taking.

Action

Michael Lauriello said that he would hand in a petition to Telford & Wrekin Council, which had now over 200 signatures with reference to the state of the Cleveland Arms and requesting what action the Council would take. He also outlined the action the residents might take over the access to the new development adjacent to the Cleveland Arms.

He added that the residents had put together a rota of local residents who wished to maintain the bowling green for future use, and requested the owners of the Cleveland Arms grant them access. No decision was made.

Susanne Proudly expressed concern over the number of HGV's and Car Transporters using the road through Rowton, and requested some warning signs for the bends through this area.

Parish
Clerk

RESOLVED that with no other comments from members of the public present, the Council moved on to the next item of business at 7.25 p.m.

165/10/17.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.

166/10/17.C Minutes

Proposed: Cllr Stephen Bentley
Seconded: Cllr Richard Hartshorn

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 18th September 2017, having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman

167/10/17.C Planning

167/10/17.1.C Schedule of planning applications

There were no planning applications to consider.

167/10/17.2.C Schedule of additional planning applications

There were no additional planning applications received after the date of publication of the agenda for this meeting.

167/10/17.3.C Schedule of planning decisions

There were none.

Action**167/10/17.4.C Telford & Wrekin Planning Committee**

Cllr Stephen Bentley reported on Telford & Wrekin Council's Planning Committee meeting held on 11th October 2017 in which the Roden Poultry Units application was approved by five votes to three. He added that two other parish councils in Shropshire had successfully had their decisions overturned on similar applications. He proposed that the parish council appeal against the decision made by Telford & Wrekin Plans Board in relation to TWC/2016/0112 Roden Poultry Units. This will be in the form of a Judicial Review and we would need to seek legal advice regarding this matter. After discussion it was agreed to commit up to £5k to obtain specialist legal advice before deciding whether or not to proceed with mounting a judicial review. This would come from ear marked reserves allocated to upgrades for street lighting and not from the precept budget.

Cllr Richard Hartshorn said that he was not objecting to the planning decision but was not against looking at challenging the way the planning committee made their decision. Cllr Kevin Connor agreed that we need to challenge the planning procedure at Telford & Wrekin Council and the way decisions are taken. Cllr Stephen Bentley outlined the planning policies that had not been addressed by the planning officer. Cllr Beatrice Cains requested a copy of these.

Cllr
Stephen
Bentley**Proposed:** Cllr Stephen Bentley**Seconded:** Cllr Kevin Connor**Resolved: that the Parish Council obtain specialist legal advice up to a maximum budget of £5k.**

Chairman

168/10/17.C Police Matters

Telford & Wrekin Council have still not replaced the damaged chevrons at Mill Bend following the recent fatal accident in this area. The police are still investigating this incident and will put forward recommendations on this. There were no concerns that required the attention of the police.

169/10/17.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.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Charter Monitoring Group were looking at a programme of replacing white lines. Cotwall Bank junction was included plus replacing the anti-skid surface on the three approaches to this junction.

Cllr Richard Hartshorn asked if the redundant cow warning signs along the main road through Roden could be removed and replaced with Children Playing in the area.

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Cllr Kevin Connor said the 30 mph signs in Cold Hatton were obstructed by hedge and tree branches.

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Action**170/10/17.C Finance****170/10/17.1 Accounts for payment;**

100257	Salaries & Expenses	£758.60
100258	Mazars, External Audit	£240.00
100259	Npower, Street Lighting Energy	£2088.45
100260	SLCC, Conference	£438.00
100251	Eon, Street Lighting Repairs	£81.18
100252	Telford & Wrekin Council, Training	£30.00
100253	High Ercall Village Hall, Room Hire	£15.00

Proposed: Cllr Richard Hartshorn**Seconded:** Cllr Stephen Bentley**Resolved:** that in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Parish Council the above payments be authorized.Parish
Clerk**171/10/17.C SALC**

All correspondence from the County Secretary had been passed to Members.

The Chairman read out the following motion for this year's AGM which the Parish Council supported;

Ercall Magna Parish Council request NALC via SALC to raise with HM Government concerns with the outdated National Planning Guidelines relating to development in the rural areas of Industrialised Agriculture. In particular, to ensure that any planning applications are sympathetic with their surrounding areas and to reduce any detrimental impact on rural communities.Cllr Ray
Wickson**172/10/17.C Street Lighting**

Light No. 2 Marlbrook Way was reported as not working.

There were no other reported faults.

An order has been placed with Eon to replace the seven faulty columns and replace the units with LED.

Parish
Clerk**173/10/17.C Defibrillators**

The Parish Clerk reported that arrangements are now in hand to install the three backing boards for the defibrillators at Ellerdine Village Hall, High Ercall Shop and Roden at Park Timber.

Parish
Clerk &
Chairman

Action**174/10/17.C Village Halls**

Cllr Andy Williams said there were no issues to report on from High Ercall Village Hall. Still no decision from Telford & Wrekin Council on repairing the car park.

Cllr
Stephen
Bentley

Cllr Kevin Connor said the doctors from Hodnet still have the room in the village hall and the committee were requesting a date when they intend to withdraw.

Cllr Kevin
Connor

Action**175/10/17.C Neighbourhood Planning**

Cllr's Kevin Connor reported that progress is being made but a meeting is now required on creating our 'Vision' for the future.

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176/10/17.C Cleveland Arms, High Ercall

Cllr Stephen Bentley questioned the closure of the road to the rear car park and added that the planning authority had got this wrong within their conditions on the housing development scheme.

Cllr Mel Ward questioned the estimate given by the owners that to replace the dislodged bricks on the outside walls of the Cleveland Arms was in excess of £25,000.

177/10/17.C Telford & Wrekin Council

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

Cllr Stephen Bentley added his thoughts on the recent planning decision for the Roden Poultry Units planning application.

178/10/17.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 Cllrs by the Parish Clerk.

179/10/17.C Parish Matters

Cllr Richard Hartshorn requested a schedule of when the roads and pavements would be swept through Roden.

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Cllr Mel Ward expressed concern over the amount of room the car transporters require to negotiate the junction at the top of Cotwall Bank. It was suggested with the amount of grass verges in this area some form of improvement to widen this junction could be considered.

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180/10/17.C Next Meeting(s)

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be a Full Council Meeting on Monday 20th November 2017 in High Ercall Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.23 p.m.

Signed Date

Action

Parish Clerk

Chairman