

Minutes of a Meeting of the Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Monday 11th December 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, Chris Purves, Scott Walker, Mel Ward, Ray Wickson and Andy Williams.

Also in attendance: 6 members of the public and the Parish Clerk.
In the Chair: Cllr Ray Wickson.

202/12/17.C Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence had been received from Cllr Louise Oldfield (maternity leave). **This apology was accepted.**

Action

Parish Clerk

203/12/17.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.

204/12/17.C Minutes

Proposed: Cllr Andy Williams
Seconded: Cllr Chris Purves

Resolved: **that the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 20th November 2017, having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, adopted and signed by the Chairman.**

Chairman

205/12/17.C Public Participation

Resolved to suspend Standing Orders.

Mike Beeson expressed concern over the amount and direction of transporters coming in and out of the Greenhouse Village despite an access road being constructed for such vehicles. There was also an issue with vehicles parking up before 6.am in the surrounding roads, drivers seen urinating on the public highway and noise from inside the site from vehicle sirens. Now there was the issue over the double headed floodlights.

Agreed that this would be checked out with Telford & Wrekin Council's conditions on the planning application.

Parish Clerk

Cllrs felt that these concerns need resolving before the site gets bigger and further planning applications are applied for.

Action

Abbey Gregory then gave a brief presentation on the reasons behind their planning application on land between The Old Post Office and Holly Cottage in Ellerdine Heath for the erection of 1no. dwelling with double detached garage and associated access.

The owners of the Cleveland Arms reported on comments on the recent petition handed to Telford & Wrekin Council, the current checks being undertaken as regards building regulations and still no request from the resident group for access to maintain the bowling green.

Resolved to restore Standing Orders.

RESOLVED that with no other comments from members of the public present, the Council moved on to the next item of business at 7.20 p.m.

206/12/17.C Urgent Items

Cllr Mel Ward said it was important that Telford & Wrekin Council are aware over the concerns over the floodlighting on the Greenhouse site which is part of the Phase II application which has not yet been approved and the other concerns raised by members of the public at this meeting.

Parish
Clerk

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

207/12/17.C Vacancy for Councillor

The Parish Clerk reported that he had received only one application for the co-option vacancy on the parish council. This was from Elaine Aston from Roden who had met all the criteria for this position.

Proposed: Cllr Stephen Bentley
Seconded: Cllr Kevin Connor

Resolved: that Elaine Aston is co-opted on to the parish council.

Parish
Clerk

Elaine Aston then joined the meeting and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Chairman welcomed her to the meeting.

208/12/17.C Planning

208/12/17.1.C Schedule of planning applications

The following applications were considered.

Action

Application number	Site Address	Description of proposal	Parish Council Comments
TWC/2017/0299	The Cleveland Arms, Cotwall Road, High Ercall, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6AE	Conversion of part of existing public house into 1no. dwelling, part demolition of building and the erection of a single storey rear extension and two storey side/rear extension to form new public house with staff accommodation and letting studio ***Amended description, plans and supporting documentation received***	See comments below.

Cllrs agreed that there was no difference in these amended plans which would alter their previous comments on the 15th May 2017 which were as follows; Ercall Magna Parish Council object to this planning application on the following grounds; This application is more like a small housing development with a 'Burger Style' eating area, not a village pub. If approved we would lose a village pub in a prime rural location from a commercial sense. We see no planned development programme for this in the submitted plans. Public toilets are located upstairs right opposite planned accommodation. The bowling green would become isolated and the boundary plans of the development do not match up. This application should go before the Plans Board.

Parish Clerk

Application number	Site Address	Description of proposal	Parish Council Comments
TWC/2017/0962	Land between The Old Post Office and Holly Cottage, Ellerdine Heath, Telford, Shropshire	Erection of 1no. dwelling with double detached garage and associated access	The Parish Council supported this application but felt this should be referred to the plans board as more supporting evidence was required.
TWC/2017/0964	Oakgate Nursery Cafe, Ellerdine Heath, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6RL	Erection of replacement café	The Parish Council supported this application.

Parish Clerk

Parish Clerk

208/12/17.2.C Schedule of additional planning applications

There were none

208/12/17.3.C Schedule of planning decisions

The following was noted;

Application number	Site Address	Description of proposal	Telford & Wrekin Council Decision
TWC/2017/0820	Barnes Farm, Rowton, Telford, Shropshire TF6 6QX	Erection of an agricultural building	Full Planning Permission Granted 29/11/2017.

Action**208/12/17.4.C Planning Enforcement**

Cllrs expressed concern over the roof timbers now being installed on the permitted development for stables to be erected opposite the Mill House, Mill Bend, despite a report from the Enforcement Officer that unless there have been works or a use undertaken outside of that approved then he shall be unable to take formal enforcement action. He will be paying close attention during his next visit whether the information provided in the Planning Contravention Notice is correct and whether any domestic type windows, doors and or amenities have been fitted. Cllrs agreed that a further visit and report was required from the Enforcement Officer.

Parish
Clerk**209/12/17.C Police Matters**

The Chairman reported that the police motor bike speed camera has been used in High Ercall between the Cleveland Arms and the Tennis Club.

210/12/17.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 Parish Clerk was asked to clarify the position over third parties assisting with salting minor roads and pavements in the parish following the offer of assistance from the Greenhous Group.

Parish
Clerk

An enquiry would also be made through Telford & Wrekin Council over appointing a parish snow warden.

Parish
Clerk

Cllr Mel Ward expressed concern over the recent water leak opposite the junction to Cleveland Avenue and a temporary bollard placed over the hole before the Utilities Company arrived to carry out the repair.

The Chairman expressed concern over the amount of dog fouling around the bus shelter in Shrewsbury Road, High Ercall when he swept the leaves away from this area.

211/12/17.C Finance**211/12/17.1 Accounts for payment;**

100273	Salaries & Expenses	£384.02
100274	Post Office PAYE	£341.42
100275	Eon, Street Lighting Repairs	£488.50
100276	Npower, Street Lighting Energy	£21.67
100277	Ellerdine Village Hall, Room Hire	£32.00

Action

Proposed: Cllr Stephen Bentley
Seconded: Cllr Richard Hartshorn

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

Parish
Clerk

212/12/17.C Code of Conduct

Cllrs were asked to consider adopting a protocol to set out how the relationship between Cllrs and officers would work. Agreed to defer this until further information was available.

Parish
Clerk

213/12/17.C SALC

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

The Chairman reported on the NALC conference which he attended. Main debate was on the Code of Conduct.

214/12/17.C Street Lighting

There were no reported faults other than those that were reported at the last meeting. Cllr Beatrice Cains requested that the new LED light in Coppice Drive (column 1) opposite her house is dimmed and slightly adjusted down and at a different angle as the light is hitting drivers when entering Coppice Drive.

Parish
Clerk

215/12/17.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 the old Co-operative office opposite Park Timber.

Parish
Clerk &
Chairman

216/12/17.C Village Halls

Cllr Andy Williams said there were no issues to report on from High Ercall Village Hall except that they were now looking for a secretary and treasurer. Still no decision from Telford & Wrekin Council on repairing the car park.

Cllr Kevin Connor said they had now had notification from the NHS over the closure of the Hodnet surgery in Ellerdine Village Hall. There was still an account to settle with them on this.

217/12/17.C Neighbourhood Planning

Following the recent report and request for information from Michael Barker, Cllrs Louise Hughes and Mel Ward had come forward with views on a vision, aims and objectives for the Plan, limited number of key policy areas and whether the Plan should make any specific allocations for development.

Action

All Cllrs

A discussion then took place on the urgent need for Cllrs to put together a list of key policy areas so that Cllr Chris Purves could meet up with Michael Barker as soon as possible. Michael had stated that he was confident that we can prepare our NDP to be in conformity with the Telford & Wrekin Local Plan as required by the Basic Conditions for Neighbourhood Plans.

Agreed to hold a meeting on the 9th January 2018 to finalise these views.

218/12/17.C Telford & Wrekin Council

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

Cllr Stephen Bentley said the Local Plan should be adopted by the end of January.

219/12/17.C Community Assets

The Chairman reported on two public meetings held in High Ercall Village Hall to give guidance to residents on the current status of the community asset and the way forward for the community to take ownership of the issue should any group wish to.

Proposed: Cllr Stephen Bentley

Seconded: Cllr Chris Purves

Resolved: **that the Parish Council submits an Expression of Interest/Intention to bid upon an asset of community value under the Localism Act 2011.**

Parish Clerk

220/12/17.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.

221/12/17.C Parish Matters

Cllr Elaine Aston asked whether the Safety Camera Partnership could carry out speed checks on the approach road into Roden from Shrewsbury. The Chairman said traffic calming was planned in this area as a condition on the new poultry development.

Cllr Stephen Bentley expressed concern over the level and accuracy of advice given by the Community Council of Shropshire over a recent bullying incident.

Cllr Richard Hartshorn requested a bus shelter at the end of Marlbrook Way which is an area well used by children waiting for the school bus.

Parish Clerk

Action

Cllr Mel Ward thanked the Chairman for sweeping the leaves from around the bus shelters.

Chairman

Cllr Mel Ward also suggested sending a card of thanks to Sid and his family for his service over the years at the High Ercall village shop. This was agreed.

Parish Clerk

Cllr Kevin Connor asked if we could follow up on a response from the Environment Agency over incidents of chicken carcasses being burnt on site of the new chicken farm in Ellerdine.

222/12/17.C Next Meeting(s)

Parish Clerk

The next meetings of the Parish Council would be a Neighbourhood Planning meeting on the 9th January 2018 followed by a Full Council Meeting on Monday 15th January 2018 both in the Community Room, High Ercall School, Church Road, High Ercall.

There being no further business the Chairman wished everyone a happy Christmas and New Year and declared the meeting closed at 20.50 p.m.

Signed

Date

Chairman