

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.00p.m. in Community Room, High Ercall School.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Elaine Aston, Graham Barrow, Stephen Bentley, Kevin Connor, Amy Glenholmes, Richard Hartshorn, Louise Hughes, Angela Price, Chris Purves (arrived 205/11/19.C), Mel Ward (arrived 205/11/19.C), Sandy Walker and Ray Wickson  
Also in attendance: the Acting Clerk and three members of the public  
In the Chair: Cllr Ray Wickson.

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| 201/11/19.C | <p><b>Apologies for Absence</b><br/>Apologies for absence had been received from Edward Davies (recovering from an operation) and Councillors M Ward and C Purves will arrive a little late. It was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Aston, all were in favour and thus it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that these apologies be accepted.</p>  | <u>Action</u> |
| 202/11/19.C | <p><b>Vacancy</b><br/>No applications for the casual vacancy had been received. The vacancy will continue to be advertised and will appear on all future Full Council agendas until filled. A new notice will be provided to display.</p>   | Clerk         |
| 203/11/19.C | <p><b>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</b><br/>Cllr M Ward                      Coppice Drive residents                      flooding<br/>Cllr S Walker                      Landowner                      flooding<br/>Cllr M Ward                      Grant Application                      school governor</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> 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 <b>AGREED</b> to accept any Disclosable Pecuniary interests as they may arise during the meeting.</p>                       |               |
| 204/11/19.C | <p><b>Minutes</b><br/>It was proposed by Councillor Aston and seconded by Councillor Connor that the Minutes, as circulated, for the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019, be accepted as a true record. All were in favour, with two abstentions, it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that these be signed by the Chairman as a True Record.</p>  | Chairman      |
| 205/11/19.C | <p><b>Public Participation</b><br/>A resident expressed concern regarding the extensive flooding which was experienced recently both in Crossfields and in Coppice Drive. There was a lengthy discussion about the possible reasons for this and it was confirmed that it had been reported to TWC and the landowner was also aware of the issues. STW had cleared the Shop Lane drain.</p> <p><i>Councillors M Ward and C Purves arrived</i><br/>It was accepted that we had experienced extra heavy rainfall recently and these freak conditions had meant that the drains could not cope with the amount of water. However, even when the rain had stopped, the water is not draining away from the gardens.</p> |               |

The landowner agreed to visit and to assess the situation and the Parish Council would inform the residents of this intention.

Two gentlemen attended to update the Parish Council on their interest in the purchase of The Cleveland Arms as a Community Asset. They had visited the site and were surprised at the poor state of the internal parts of the building that they had been allowed to view. They were accompanied by a professional who questioned if the building is safe – there is now a need for further extensive work more than the advert and photographs show. Work is continuing within the building and no access was allowed to the first floor.

A representative of the Phoenix Charity confirmed that they had submitted their application to the Plunkett Foundation and were awaiting a decision on their funding application.

Whilst the sellers agent has confirmed that the owner will not negotiate on the asking price, further advice will be taken as the building is clearly not in a good state of repair. It is necessary for any interested persons to obtain a realistic valuation before continuing.

**206/11/19.C Urgent Items**  
None

**207/11/19.C Finance / Personnel Committee**  
A meeting will be arranged as soon as the information is available from the Clerk, if this is not available soon, alternative arrangements will be necessary.

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**208/11/19.C Planning**  
**208/11/19.1.C Planning Committee**  
Cllr Connor presented the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October for information.

**208/11/19.2C New Applications for consideration**

<b>Application number</b>	<b>Site Address</b>	<b>Description of proposal</b>
<b>TWC/2019/0887</b> Full Planning	9 Marlbrook Way, Roden	Extensions
	Parish Council Comment	<b>Members confirmed that they would support this application as they did not believe that it was unreasonable.</b>
<b>ENF/2018/0071</b>	Land adjacent to Ercall Mill Bridge	<b>Enforcement against the erection of a building without permission</b>
	Parish Council Comments	<b>The Parish Council continues to support the Enforcement Officer as the erection of this building, which is clearly not an agricultural building, contradicts a number of Local Plan and</b>

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		<b>NPPF policies. It is not designed for agricultural purposes.</b>
<b>TWC/2019/0900</b>	The Grove, Cold Hatton	<b>Single Storey extension</b>
	Parish Council Comment	<b>This property was subject to two previous applications, and this one echoes the one for an extension to the property. Ercall Magna Parish Council will continue to support this application</b>
<b>TWC/2019/0906</b>	Woodside, Green Lane, Ellerdine	<b>Extensions</b>
	Parish Council Comment	<b>Ercall Magna Parish Council has no objections to the proposals, however, any local objections must be taken into consideration. The development must be of an appropriate design and using material sympathetic to the area.</b>

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**208/11/19.3.C Planning Decisions**

All decisions are shared with the Members

**208/11/19.4.C Planning Seminar Report**

Councillors Barrow, Connor, Purves, Ward and Wickson had attended a full day event regarding the planning process and had an opportunity to work through a scenario as developers or planning officers. The information in the morning session was very useful. A significant message to come out of the day was that parish councils need to use the Localism Act and Local Plan as best tools and to have a wish list, their vision for the parish, so that they can welcome early dialogue with potential developers so that if permission does get granted, then the parish can benefit. This does not stop the parish council from objecting to the application.

This process also means that meaningful engagement is in place from an early stage, so negotiating is easier and bi-lateral legally binding agreements may be possible rather than Section 106 agreements, which are ‘managed’ by the Borough.

Copies of the presentation and useful model documents are available on USB sticks which were purchased on the day.

This reminded Members of the Section 106 funding from the 45 house site in High Ercall and the fact that no Section 106 was negotiated in relation to the Digester Plant at Roden.

**209/11/19.C Police Matters**

None

The use of NextDoor social media is good to get messages out to the community about suspicious activities or vehicles.

**Smartwater Kits**

Thanks were extended to Graham, Ray and Kevin for their help with the distribution of the kits at 6 events to date. However, only 200 kits have been allocated. Members were reminded of the need to have 70% registered before the signs can be provided. The signs are the deterrant, so to reach this figure is essential.

Further arrangements were agreed. If door-knocking becomes necessary, we will seek the help of the Police Cadets.

**210/11/19.C Highway and Environment Issues**

**a) Environmental**

**Wild Flower Seeds**

The quotation has not yet been received from Idverde.

**b) Highways**

**Roden Bus Shelters**

The two shelters have been installed and a lot of positive feedback has been received.

It had become obvious that a paved area is required in front of the new shelter and the installation company had quoted £600 plus VAT. Other quotes had been obtained and the best price received was from the Parish Warden at £360 complete. It was proposed by Councillor Connor and seconded by Councillor Hughes, all were in favour and thus it was **RESOLVED** that the slabbed base be provided as soon as possible as per the quotation by AC Home & Garden Maintenance.

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The need for a replacement noticeboard will be added to the next Agenda for consideration. In the meantime, Members are asked to give consideration to the type of noticeboard preferred.

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**Highways Liaison Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> October are available on request. It was disappointing that some of the agreements in previous meetings have still not been completed.

**Speed Indicator Device (SID) Rural Partnership**

Rebecca Taylor-Barnes, TWC, will visit the proposed areas to identify the most appropriate sites.

**My Telford Reports**

It is important to report requests for action via the My Telford system so that reports can be obtained and actions identified. The recent reports do appear on the system and these will continue to be monitored.

**Highways Site Visit**

The Chairman had met with Simon Wiley, TWC, and visited areas of concern in the Parish. The road surfaces are scheduled for Spring 2020 and the low gullies

and blocked drains should be dealt with before the end of this year.

### **Road Closures**

Concerns were registered that no advance notice of major closures, with associated information, had been received by the Parish Council. This has been reported and confirmation received that we will be on their distribution list in the future.

Mill Bend will close again in the New Year for 6 – 8 weeks for repair. A request will be submitted for ‘Not suitable for HGV’ signs to be on Poynton Road, as the damage is unacceptable and the road dangerous.

Whilst the current work is nearing completion at Rowton and the road re-opened, there will be further closures in the coming weeks.

### **Flooding and associated matters, Poynton Road to Roden**

Complaints are in the system at TWC and are being dealt with by senior highways officers. There is little the Parish Council can do now that it has been escalated in this way.

The Clerk confirmed that a request had been agreed that when work is completed at Mill Bend, reinstatement work and road sweeping will take place around Roden to rectify some of the damage.

It was also suggested that Councillors sign up to receive the TW Legal Notices, these often include information regarding road closures.

### **Poor Conditions on local roads**

Councillor Purves updated members on his negotiations with landowners and contractors around Ellerdine and Rowton regarding the poor conditions that they leave the road in. They have duty to clear the road and this is disrespectful to local residents.

## **211/11/19.C Finance**

### **211/11/19.1.C Accounts for payment;**

**The following payments had been authorized and paid since the last meeting.**

100399	Website Fee	£66.00
100400	Bus Shelters	£6664.00
100401	Parish Roadman	£175.00
100402	Chairman’s Allowance	£312.50
100403	Clerks Salary	£938.39
100404	Acting Clerk - Sept	£314.30
100405	Planning Advice USBs	£30.00
100406	5 delegates to Planning Event	£150.00

The current bank statement has not been received from the Clerk.

### **211/11/19.2.C Grant Application**

*Councillor M Ward declared an interest*

Details of the application had been circulated to all Members. It was proposed by

Councillor Hughes and seconded by Councillor Hartshorn that £530.00 be allocated to High Ercall Primary School for an educational visit and that a request will accompany the payment that a report is received as to how the funding was spent.

**212/11/19.C SALC**

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

The SALC AGM raised in excess of £1400 for Severn Hospice and was a very successful event.

**213/11/19.C Street Lighting**

There are currently no outstanding issues.

The second phase of the LED upgrade will start in the near future.

**214/11/19.C Village Halls  
Ellerdine**

Work has commenced on the replacement roof and toilet upgrade.

**High Ercall**

The flat room at High Ercall is leaking.

**215/11/19.C Telford & Wrekin Council**

Councillor Bentley updated Members on some current matters relating to TWC which included:

- Currently in purdah until 12<sup>th</sup> December so the budget process will be delayed, the settlement figure is not expected until the New Year.
- Following a meeting regarding the A442 at Cold Hatton, it appears that the funding could be available in the next financial year. It is necessary for the Parish Council, with Waters Upton PC to consider small contributions to be able to work in partnership with TWC to make this happen.

**216/11/19.C The Cleveland Arms**

Having heard earlier from other interested parties, it is good that there is significant interest in the Community Asset at The Cleveland Arms. It is important that the bidder is not the Parish Council. The interested persons could work together to bring about a scheme.

The Plunkett Foundation will make a decision on the charity bid very soon, this may dictate the next steps.

Members agreed that the Enforcement Officer should be informed of the findings within the building at the site visit and the fact that the owner is continuing to demolish the inside of the building and often stays overnight.

Clerk

**217/11/19.C Suspension of Standing Orders**

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Councillor Bentley that the Parish Council Standing Orders be suspended in order that the Agenda items can be completed. All were in favour and the meeting could continue past 9pm.

**218/11/19.C General Correspondence**

Cllrs noted the items of correspondence/publications that had been received by the Parish Clerk since the last meeting. No requests for items to be added to the agenda had been received from Members. Information included  
TWC Recycling Newsletter  
On the Beat – PCC publication  
TW Bus User Group Minutes – it was a concern to read that the Arriva 519 may not continue next year and it was agreed that this should be added to a future agenda for discussion.

**219/11/19.C Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk had copied relevant actions to the Members for their information.

**TW Voluntary Car Scheme**

The scheme had ceased due to the lack of use. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Shawbury Doctors to see if there is a need before further work is undertaken.

Clerk

**220/11/19.C Councillor’s Report .**

Councillor Connor had represented the Parish Council at the Festival of Remembrance at Oakengates Theatre.  
This was a moving experience and the music by the Abraham Darby Band was phenomenal.

**221/11/19.C Parish Matters**

Training is to be encouraged, to ensure that Members are up to date with information and guidance.

A working party will meet to discuss plans for VE Day.

Street Lights in Ridgeway are considered to be insufficient now replaced with LED, the Clerk will contact Eon for advice.

The final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan will be completed before the end of the year and will move to the LA as Regulation 14, Stage 5 and will become a TWC document.

The bench in Roden needs repairing at a cost of £42.72. Councillor Bentley agreed to fund this.

The removal of a significant oak tree on the outskirts of High Ercall was disappointing, it proves the need for TPOs to be in place.

An invoice for the poppies, wreaths and lamppost poppies will be required for payment in December.

**222/11/19.C Next Meetings**

Full Council – Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in the Community Room, High Ercall School at 7.00 pm.

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There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for a good meeting, with important decisions, and declared the meeting closed at 21.10p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....

Chairman

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