

Minutes of a Meeting of the Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 10th December 2019 at 7.00p.m. in Community Room, High Ercall School.

PRESENT: Cllr E Aston Cllr K Connor
 Cllr R Hartshorne Cllr L Hughes
 Cllr G Barrow Cllr S Bentley
 Cllr S Walker Cllr R Wickson
 Cllr A Price Cllr M Ward (arrived 228/12/19.C)

223/12/19.C Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Edward Davies (recovering from an operation)

Cllr A Glenholmes Previous Engagement
 Cllr C Purves Unwell

It was proposed by Councillor Connor and seconded by Councillor Hartshorne that the apologies be accepted. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.

224/12/19.C Vacancy

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.

225/12/19.C Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Cllr M Ward	Coppice Drive residents	flooding
Cllr S Walker	Landowner	flooding and application 0964
Cllr R Wickson	local resident	wildflower seed site

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.

226/12/19.C Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Price and seconded by Councillor Barrow that the Minutes, as circulated, for the meeting held on 19th November 2019, be accepted as a true record. All were in favour, with one abstention, it was

RESOLVED that these be signed by the Chairman as a True Record.

227/12/19.C Public Participation

None

228/12/19.C Urgent Items

SW reported that a visit had taken place and when the weather improves and the ground is dryer further inspections will take place and some remedial work undertaken to improve the situation. Thanks were extended to the landowner for his commitment to assist in improving the situation for the residents.

Action

Clerk

Chairman

229/12/19.C Finance / Personnel Committee

A meeting will be arranged as soon as the information is available from the Clerk, this will take place in the new year.

Clerk

230/12/19.C Planning**230/12/19.1 Planning Committee**

Members agreed to consider the additional applications in order that all the responses can be forwarded to TWC before the Christmas period.

230/12/19.2 New Applications for consideration

Application number	Site Address	Description of proposal
TWC/2019/0964 Full Planning	Land North of Roden Lane	Heating Source
Cllr Walker declared an interest and left the meeting	Parish Council Comment	Members resolved to have no comments
TWC/2019/0988	Sugden Farm	Third phase of a four phase scheme
	Parish Council Comments	The Parish Council resolved to support Rodington Parish Council and raise no objections to the application
TWC/2019/0992	5 Marlbrook Way, Roden	Extension
	Parish Council Comment	The Parish Council resolved to support the application but would ask that appropriate matching materials be used.

Clerk

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Clerk

230/12/19.3. Planning Decisions

All decisions are shared with the Members

230/12/19.4. Housing Needs Surveys

Thanks were extended to Councillor Hughes for arranging for the surveys to be printed, Members will each take on an area of the Parish for hand-delivering. There are various ways that the completed forms can be returned, and this includes boxes available at Roden Nursery, High Ercall Shop and Nobridge Nursery. Councillor Hughes has agreed to collate the responses.

231/12/19.C Police Matters

None

Smartwater Kits

It remains essential to get a 70% take up of kits in order that the signs will be provided. This means that 525 kits need to have been allocated. It may be necessary to ask the Police Cadets for house to house visits to assist in boosting the numbers.

232/12/19.C Highway and Environment Issues**a) Environmental**

Councillor R Wickson declared an interest

Wild Flower Seeds

Finally, the quotation had been received for the supply and planting of the wild flower areas at Silver Hill and Shrewsbury Road., The total cost is £293.66. It was proposed by Councillor Connor and seconded by Councillor Aston, with one against and one abstention, it was

RESOLVED to place the order for the two wild flower areas at a cost of £293.66.

b) Highways

Poynton to Roden Road

Although some work had been undertaken, the road and verges still remain in an unacceptable condition which is worsened each time it rains. A reminder will be sent to TWC for action.

This route is not acceptable as a diversion route, and TWC will be asked to change the proposal before the next Bridge Works and to add 'not suitable for HGV signs' as most of the road is impassable.

Meeting with Highways Officer

The Chairman's site visit had highlighted areas of concern and it had been promised that the filled-in ditch would be cleared before Christmas and the resurfacing of Shrewsbury Road added to the schedule for early in the New Year. This will need to be monitored.

B5062 Roden

The road surface is now in such a poor condition that it is not possible to avoid the potholes. A serious one is also evidence outside Poynton House in New Farm Drive. These can be reported via My Telford.

Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE)

TWC become responsible for parking (from the police) at the end of January, meaning that it will be illegal to park on double yellow lines and TWC is employing enforcement officers. It is important that areas of the Parish which have no parking lines in place are cleared so that the lines are visible and the enforcement can take place. Areas such as Church Road and Park Lane will need more regular road sweeping.

Road Closures

It is important that an alternative route for the Ellerdine diversion is negotiated before the road closure as the use of Seagull Lane (to Gables Farm) is not acceptable due to its single track status with no passing places. No HGV signs will also need to be in place.

Section 106 Funding - Roden

A reminder is necessary to ascertain the details of the scheme for Roden regarding highways and footpaths in order that further discussions can take place.

233/12/19.C

Finance

233/12/19.1 Accounts for payment;

The following payments were authorized:

100407	Landscape Management	LGA 1972 s 111	£2322.50
100408	Bus Shelter slabs	LGS 1972	£360.00

Clerk

Chairman

100409	Arriva Bus Subsidy	LGA 1972 s111	£5264.00
100410	Street Light Repairs	LGA 1972 Sch 14 p 34	£258.84
100411	Street Light upgrade (replacement cheque for 100393)	LGA 1972 Sch 14 p 34	£11672.22
100412	Street Light Energy	LGA 1972 Sch 14 p 34	£3286.83
100413	Acting Clerk – October	LGA 1972 s112	£448.00
100414	Bus Shelters	LGA 1972 s135	£1332.00
100415	Grant – High Ercall School	LGA 1972 s 137	£500.00
100416	Chairman’s Allowance $\frac{3}{4}$	LGA 1972 s 177	£312.50
100417	Poppy Wreaths	LGA 1972 s 137	£40

233/11/19.2 Bank Balance

The Bank Statement showed a balance of £50,179.99 at the end of October, but Members must be aware of significant amounts paid out since this date in order to bring the accounts up to date. A more realistic balance would be in the region of £15,000 at this time. This must be kept in mind as budget discussions continue.

233/11/19.3 2020/21 Budget

An initial draft budget was shared but it was clear that further work is required. It was agreed that a finance meeting would take place early in January in order that a proposal comes forward to the next Full Council meeting.

234/12/19.C SALC

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

Councillor Wickson has been appointed as the Chairman of SALC and the next Executive meeting will take place in February 2020.

235/12/19.C Street Lighting

There are currently no outstanding issues.

236/12/19.C Village Halls Ellerdine

The village hall will close for January and February in order to complete the renovation work. The flat roof repair is being monitored.

High Ercall

Work is required on the flat roof at an estimated cost of £4000.

237/12/19.C Telford & Wrekin Council

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

- Currently in purdah until 12th December so the budget process will be delayed, the settlement figure is not expected until the New Year.
- The future of the Arriva 519 Saturday service is of great concern and urgent meetings with relevant TWC officers and Arriva have been requested.
- Councillor’s Pride Funding has been requested for the bench repairs in Roden.

238/12/19.C The Cleveland Arms
 There has been no update from the Phoenix Charity. Any current work on site is being monitored.

239/12/19.C Arriva 519
 The Parish Council, along with other PCs and the Bus User Group, have requested an urgent meeting with TWC to discuss the impact of the withdrawal of this essential service for rural areas.
 Mark Pritchard MP has also agreed to raise this in line with the Conservative Manifesto and the need to retain rural transport. Members believe that TWC has bus subsidies in the wrong place, as these are needed more in the rural areas than in the urban areas. This is also contrary to the TWC Green Agenda.

240/12/19.C Clerk's Report
 Shawbury Medical Practice has confirmed that they do not believe that any High Ercall residents have been adversely affected by the move and there is no requirement for a transport scheme.

Grant applications will be required for significant work at Roden Play Area.

Councillor's Reports

Councillor Hughes outlined the proposal for VE Day, 2020. A working group meeting will be arranged to discuss this further and a grant application will be submitted. The Group will work with the schools, village halls, businesses and will involve the Royal British Legion.

Cllr LH

Councillor Hartshorne presented possible noticeboard options for Roden. It was proposed by Councillor Wickson and seconded by Councillor Walker, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that up to £400 plus VAT be made available for the purchase and erection of a noticeboard, with doors and magnetic fastenings, to be sited near to the bus shelter on Shrewsbury Road.

Cllr RH / EA

241/12/19.C Parish Matters
 Confirmation of the SID locations are awaited.

242/12/19.C Next Meetings
 Full Council – Tuesday, 21st January 2020 in the Community Room, High Ercall School at 7.00 pm.
 Finance & Planning Meetings will be arranged w/c 6th January 2020.

Clerk

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for a good meeting, with important decisions, and declared the meeting closed at 20.34p.m.

Chairman

Signed Date