

Minutes of a Meeting of the Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 15th December 2020 at 7.00p.m. via Zoom.

PRESENT:

Cllr E Aston	Cllr K Connor
Cllr G Barrow	Cllr S Bentley
Cllr R Wickson	Cllr R Hartshorne
Cllr C Purves	Cllr S Walker
Cllr Y Homer	Cllr L Hughes
Cllr A Price	

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Acting Clerk)

405/12/20.C Apologies for Absence

Cllr Glenholmes	Family Commitments
Cllr Ward	Alternative meeting

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed be approved.

406/12/20.C Declarations of Interest

Cllr S Walker	Personal & Prejudicial	Roden Solar Plant Application
Cllr S Bentley	Personal & Prejudicial	Clerk's Contract
Cllr R Hartshorne	Personal	Roden Solar Plant

407/12/20.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th November 2020

It was proposed by Councillor Bentley and seconded by Councillor Purves, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th November 2020 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

408/12/20.C Public Participation

None

409/12/20.C Urgent Items raised by the Chairman

Tractor incident, Cotwall Road

The Parish Councillors asked that their good wishes be sent to the family.
The Clerk had contacted TWC at the time of the accident to ask for short term measures to be considered to make this cluster site safer for residents and road users.
The Chairman shared his views with the Members regarding the camber of the road and how previous discussions had taken place, following other accidents, and that it had been agreed that the road could be engineered in a way that would make it safer.

A discussion followed, which shared concerns about the speed and number of HGVs that use this road regularly, in particular the transporters. Further discussions with Greenhous are required.

410/12/20.C Finance & Governance

a) Payments

Details of the payments due had been circulated and it was proposed by Councillor Connor and seconded by Councillor Barrow that they be approved for payment.

b) Financial Update

There had been no payments since the last meeting. The financial report will be circulated following the payments previously agreed, for Members' information.

c) Budget Meeting

A meeting of the Finance & Governance Committee will take place via zoom on Tuesday, 22nd December 2020 at 4.30pm to consider the budget for 2021/22.

Councillor Bentley declared an interest

d) Clerk's Contract

The Chairman of the HR Committee confirmed that the contract had been agreed and signed by both parties.

411/12/20.C Planning

a) Report

Councillor Connor presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 10th December, 2020 for information.

Councillor Walker left the meeting.

Councillor Hartshorne declared an interest and would not take part in the discussion or decision.

b) Current Planning Applications

TWC/2020/0851

Members had taken the opportunity to read the Minutes which had detailed the concerns that remain regarding this application.

Objection

A draft letter of objection has been compiled taking into consideration all the points raised throughout a series of meetings and it details reasons why the Parish Council will be asking the TW Planning Committee to refuse this application when it meets in the New Year. It was proposed by Councillor Connor and seconded by Councillor Barrow, with one abstention, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the draft letter of objection, will be circulated to Members for comments and will then be submitted to TWC for consideration prior to the submission of the recommendation of the Case Officer to the Members.

Community Gain

A discussion took place in order to consider options for the applicant to provide community gain to Roden and surrounding areas should permission be granted. Members were clear in their view that this is a large scale development that will have a serious effect on the locality and the residents and it was proposed by Councillor Connor and seconded by Councillor Bentley, with one abstention, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Parish Council should discuss with JBM in more detail possible community gain initiatives which will enable the upgrade of the play area, fence and equipment and the provision of a footpath with lighting from the B5062 to Marlbrook Way as this will be of benefit to a significant number of the residents.

Employment of a Planning Consultant

Members were aware of the importance of a professional response to the application which had been provided on behalf of the Parish Council and PB. This had enabled the Parish Council to concentrate its comments and objections on other aspects of the application. It was therefore proposed by Councillor Connor and seconded by Councillor Wickson, with one abstention, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will use £375.00 from its reserves to contribute to the cost of the employment of a consultant in order to support the best interests of Roden residents.

Councillor Walker returned to the meeting

c) Planning Decisions

All decisions had been shared with the Members, for information. They were in accordance with the views of the Parish Council.

d) TW Local Plan – Issues & Options Consultation

The deadline for comments has been extended to 8th January 2021. A copy of the officers presentation has been circulated as it had not been possible for him to attend a PC meeting. Accessing the documents via the consultation portal is proving difficult, a PDF copy of the consultation document will be emailed to Members, for consideration. Areas to consider include an absence of rural policies, rights of way, paths and cycleways – no mention of a sustainable transport policy and highway safety.

e) Roden Hall – removal of trees with TPOs

The Clerk will ask the Tree Officer for a report following his visit.

412/12/20.C Police Matters

a) Smartwater Kits – We Don't Buy Crime Initiative

Thanks were extended to officers at WMP for their assistance in registering the kits ready for the Councillors to distribute. The order for the signs, A2, A3 and A4, has been placed and we are awaiting delivery. A plan of where the signs will be installed will be available.

413/12/20.C Environmental Matters

a) Report

Some work had been undertaken by Idverde over recent weeks, but it is still necessary to remind them of the need for the roads to be swept in Roden, High Ercall, Ellerdine and Rowton at the end of November / beginning of December.

Additional work in Roden will be necessary around New Farm.

b) Cliff Crescent, Ellerdine

Residents continue to share their concerns with the Parish Council and they are in constant contact with TWC regarding the garden and the need to dispose of the unsafe items on the site. A section 205 notice has been served and TWC will visit the site as required as part of the order.

414/12/20.C Highway Matters

a) Report

Councillor Barrow had reported bolts that required attention at the play area in Roden, the reference number is available and the Clerk will chase this to ensure the equipment is safe.

The Clerk was asked to chase TWC for the details of their proposed scheme for Roden which will work to slow down the traffic and keep the village safer.

b) New Issues

- Speeding in High Ercall and Roden
- Potholes on the B5062 in Roden

415/12/20.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils

a) All correspondence from the County Secretary had been passed to Members, for information, there had been no further requests for items to be added to the agenda.

b) Annual General Meeting

Over 60 guests attended the virtual AGM and Jonathon Owen, Chief Executive of NALC was the keynote speaker. The President and Vice Presidents were re-elected.

Training sessions will start again in the New Year.

416/12/20.C Street Lighting

No new issues

417/11/20.C Village Halls

a) **Ellerdine Village Hall**

The Village Hall is open in accordance with the Government Guidelines. Afternoon teas have been delivered to senior citizens around the village and in Rowton with selection boxes available for children.

High Ercall Village Hall

The Village Hall hosted a Meet Santa event, organized by the church with appointments in order to ensure social distancing was possible.

418/12/20.C Information from Telford & Wrekin Council

Councillor Bentley reported that he had been in contact with Cllr D Wright and officers of the Borough regarding the B5062 especially following the accident involving a tractor.

Discussions continue regarding the speed of traffic along Poynton Road, too.

Work is nearing completion on the A442 at Crudginton and progressing well at Cold Hatton.

419/12/20.C The Cleveland Arms

Thanks were extended to the owner for his work on the hedge (boundary of the bowls field) as he progresses to cut it back to the boundary fence.

420/12/20.C Correspondence

All correspondence is shared with Members, there have been no requests for items to be included on the agenda for consideration.

a) Register of Buildings of Local Interest

Members are asked to peruse this document, it will appear on a Planning Committee Agenda prior to the January Full Council meeting as responses need to be submitted by February 2021.

Members are asked to consider The Cleveland Arms and Roden Hall.

b) Active Travel Fund – needs to give consideration to linking villages. Members will be interested to hear of plans for the 518 connectivity project.

421/12/20 Councillors Reports

Roden Gardening Club

Councillor Price update Members on the work to date, model volunteer contracts and supporting policies have been provided.

Some of the raised beds will need repairs before planting.

Health and Wellbeing

Councillor Homer updated Members on work to support a vulnerable adult in the village and links to the breakfast packs, via TWC. Members were reminded of the What's App Support Group.

The Good Neighbour scheme in Roden and Roden Facebook work well to support residents in the village.

Climate Change

Councillor Purves updated members on a meeting of the TW CC Partnership which he attended. The meeting received a presentation (as previously circulated) with regards to the Local Plan Consultation. It was clear that this topic should be mentioned in the response, along with the lack of focus on rural issues.

422/12/20.C Clerk's Report

None, all matters have been included on the Agenda.

423/11/20.C Parish Matters

Trees around The Rectory are causing some visibility issues for HGVs and Tractors.

424/11/20.C Date of the next meeting

19th January 2021

7pm

Via Zoom

Members also discussed the programme of meetings and confirmed that the regular Full Council meetings will take place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 7pm.
Members will consider the plans for the Annual Parish Meeting in the New Year, as this will depend on the covid restrictions in place at that time.

There being no further business, the Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Health New Year and then closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

SignedDate

Please note that these minutes remain draft until agreed and signed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 19th January 2021.