

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 at 7.00p.m. in Community Room, High Ercall School.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr E Aston  
 Cllr R Hartshorne  
 Cllr G Barrow  
 Cllr S Walker (arrived 247/1/20)  
 Cllr A Price  
 3 Members of the Public

Cllr K Connor  
 Cllr L Hughes  
 Cllr S Bentley  
 Cllr R Wickson  
 Cllr M Ward (arrived 247/1/20)

**243/1/20.C Apologies for Absence**  
 Apologies for absence had been received from Edward Davies (recovering from an operation)  
 Members continued to send their good wishes to Edward.

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

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**RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.**

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**244/1/20.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.

Clerk

**245/1/20.C Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Cllr M Ward	Coppice Drive resident	flooding
Cllr S Walker	Landowner	flooding
Cllr S Bentley		budget
Cllr R Wickson	Committee Member	HEVH

All Members, resident in the Parish, will receive a dispensation to take part in the budget discussions and setting the precept for 2020/21.

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**RESOLVED** to note the above Disclosable Pecuniary interests that 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.

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**246/1/20.C Minutes**  
 It was proposed by Councillor Glenholmes and seconded by Councillor Barrow that the Minutes, as circulated, for the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019, be accepted as a true record. All were in favour, with one abstention, it was

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

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Chairman

*Councillors M Ward and S Walker arrived.*

**247/1/20.C Public Participation**

*Councillor M Ward & Councillor S Walker declared an interest*

**Flooding Coppice Drive / Crossfields**

Residents from Coppice Drive attended the meeting to ask for the Parish Council support to sort out the severe flooding issue that is evident at the bottom of their gardens.

The Parish Council had previously reported this to TWC, although it had been established that this is a private issue. The landowner had taken a look and identified work that might help, however the ground is too wet to access at this time. This is an historic issue from the sale of the land and the drain should be maintained by those who purchased part of the lane. These are land drains and were not designed for excessive surface water.

The Parish Council will ask TWC for advice as to how best to deal with this issue. The Clerk will copy correspondence to the email address provided.

Clerk

248/1/20.C

**Urgent Items**

**Arriva 519 Saturday Service Bus**

The Parish Council, along with other local councils, and the Bus User Group have requested a meeting with the relevant Members and Officers at TWC, and are supported by Mark Pritchard MP.

It is important that TWC recognises the needs of the rural areas and that the needs of local residents are more important than in the urban areas, as we have no alternatives. It is also contrary to the Council's Climate Agenda, where public transport should be supported to reduce the number of cars on the roads.

Clerk

249/1/20.C

**Finance / Personnel Committee**

a) The Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January had been circulated and were received, for information.

**b) Budget**

*Cllr Bentley declared an Interest and took no part in the discussion / decision.*

It was proposed by the Finance Committee that the budget for 2020/21 be set at £54,475.00. This is a slight reduction on this current year. However, as the current balances available will provide for the Free Reserve, the precept was proposed at the budgeted figure. This will result in an average increase for local residents in Band D of 56p per week. It was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Connor, with one abstention, it was

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**RESOLVED that the Precept for 2020/21 be requested from TWC at £54,475, which will be collected from local residents with the Council Tax.**

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250/1/20.C

**Planning**

**250/1/20.1 Planning Committee**

Following receipt of a query relating to a possible breach in planning conditions in Roden, the officers had investigated and the response had been shared with Members.

Clerk

**250/1/20.2 New Applications for consideration**

None

A license enquiry had been received, for a mobile jiffy catering van – Members resolved to make no comments.

Clerk

**250/1/20.3 Decisions**

Details of all applications had been circulated to members, who commented that 5 Marlbrook Way, Roden had been granted permission. Other outstanding Marlbrook Way applications will go to appeal and it was agreed that the Chairman would attend to represent the Parish Council.

#### **250/1/20.4. Housing Needs Surveys**

A good percentage of completed surveys have been returned and Cllr Hughes continues to log the responses. A reminder will be sent on facebook and included on our website.

#### **251/1/20.C**

##### **Police Matters**

Insp G Wade had sent a report which was shared with the Councillors, a copy has been circulated. We remain a low-crime zone.

A further event will be arranged in February to supply more smartwater kits to local residents. In the meantime the Clerk will ask if any of the PCSO can assist with distribution.

#### **252/1/20.C**

##### **Highway and Environment Issues**

###### **a) Environmental**

###### **Meeting with Idverde and TWC**

The Clerk has met with representatives. Discussions took place regarding the outstanding work including road sweeping and footpath clearance. It is important to continue to report all issues by My Telford. There were significant delays in the contract due to the weather and initial workload.

It had been confirmed that road sweeping would take place in Ridgeway and other estates where kerbs were in place.

###### **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.

Clerk

###### **Potholes**

A list of potholes was compiled and would be reported to TWC immediately for urgent action. Some identified are in Shropshire area and had been reported to Shropshire Council.

Clerk

###### **Shrewsbury Road, High Ercall**

Resurfacing will take place before the end of the financial year. A request for extensive work in Roden will also be logged.

Clerk

###### **A442 Cold Hatton**

TWC has drawn up a scheme for a new TRO on the A442 at Cold Hatton. It will be necessary for the Parish Council to offer some contribution towards the costs.

###### **Rowton**

The condition of the road in Rowton had been reported to TWC, but will be reported

Clerk

again as no action had been taken

253/1/20.C

**Finance**

253/1/20.1 **Accounts for payment;**

**The following payments were authorized:**

100419	Landscape Management	LGA 1972 s 111	£240.00
100420	Salary	LGS 1972 s112	£670.28
100421	Grant - HEVH	LGA 1972 s137	£350.00
100422	PAYE	LGA 1972 s112	£402.17

**253/1/20.2 Reimbursement of Expenditure**

Members agreed to reimburse for the purchase and erection of the noticeboard at Roden, as soon as the new cheque book is received.

254/1/20.C

**SALC**

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

254/1/20.1 Wrekin Area Committee

The Minutes of the meeting had been circulated, for information, with attachments regarding pre-application consultations. A draft policy will be provided for consideration.

255/1/20.C

**Street Lighting**

Lights out in Coppice Drive and Talbot Fields have been reported. Everyone was reminded that they can report faults at any time. A schedule of the LED upgrade programme will be provided, for information.

256/1/20.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**

*Cllr Wickson declared an interest.*

Work is required on the flat roof at an estimated cost of £4000. A grant application for £350 for an asbestos survey had been received. It was proposed by Cllr Connor and seconded by Cllr Hartshorne that £350.00 be awarded. With one abstention, all were in favour and thus it was

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**RESOLVED that £350 be allocated to High Ercall Village Hall.**

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257/1/20.C

**Telford & Wrekin Council**

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

- Roden Lane to Poynton – identified speed issues and unsuitable for HGVs, also requires work to road drains and ditches.
- TWC will be undertaking a housing allocations reviews, it will be important that the Parish Council responds.
- It is hoped that the Arriva meeting will take place soon and that some funding

can be accessed from Section 106 funds.

Other information from TWC included:

- National Pothole Day
- Litter bin / dog waste bins survey
- Temporary Road Closure, Ellerdine

It was disappointing that STW had ignored the information from TWC and continued with the signed diversion.

- Pride Updates

258/1/20.C

**The Cleveland Arms**

The Chairman updated members and the public on a recent radio interview, at the time the bowling green went up for sale (with 6 parking spaces). This will be available for anyone to purchase, however, it is important to find the details of the sales particulars before submitting an offer.

The Phoenix Charity is awaiting access to the building to obtain a structural survey in order to obtain an accurate valuation.

It was agreed that the Parish Council, Charity and other interested parties should continue to share information.

259/1/20.C

**Correspondence**

The Parish Council has the opportunity to sign up for electronic mapping solutions from Ordnance Survey. The Clerk will register as there is no charge.

Clerk

260/1/20.C

**Clerk's Report**

None

**Councillor's Reports**

VE/ VJ Day Celebrations

Councillor Hughes updated Members on the plans so far, a copy of the information sheet will be circulated.

A grant application, to TWC, will be submitted and will include details of a history project and the fact that matched funding will be required. This was proposed by Cllr Bentley and seconded by Cllr Ward, all were in favour and thus it was

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**RESOLVED that an application for £1000 be submitted and that £1000 from the Parish Council budget be included.**

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Cllr LH

261.1.20.C

**Parish Matters**

The following were reported for Action

- Cars parked in the lay-by at Mill Bend Bridge.

Cllr SW

262/1/20.C

**Next Meetings**

Full Council – Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in the Community Room, High Ercall School at 7.00 pm.

Planning Meeting in High Ercall Village Hall on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7pm.

Clerk

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.

Chairman

Signed ..... Date .....