

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 17th March 2020
at 7.00p.m. in Community Room, High Ercall School.**

PRESENT: Cllr E Aston
Cllr L Hughes
Cllr G Barrow
Cllr R Wickson
Cllr M Ward (286/3/20.C)

Cllr K Connor
Cllr A Price
Cllr S Bentley
Cllr A Glenholmes

283/3/20.C

Apologies for Absence

Cllr R Hartshorne Taking Care
Cllr C Purves Taking Care
Cllr S Walker Taking Care

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

Members continued to send their good wishes to Edward.

RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted. In these difficult circumstances, anyone needing to self-isolate will be encouraged to stay home and take care.

284/3/20.C

Vacancy

No applications for the casual vacancy had been received. The advertising of the vacancy will be suspended until the Parish Council returns to its normal meeting schedule.

Clerk

285/3/20.C

Disclosable Interests

Cllr R Wickson	Committee Member	HEVH	Pecuniary
Cllr K Connor	Committee Member	EVH	Personal

RESOLVED to note the above Disclosable 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.

286/3/20.C

Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Bentley and seconded by Councillor Barrow that the Minutes, as circulated, for the meeting held on 18th February 2020, 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.

Chairman

Cllr M Ward arrived

287/3/20.C

Public Participation

The Chairman welcomed Mr Bartlett and Mr & Mrs Appleby. A Community Support Group will be set up for the Parish to encourage volunteers to help friends and neighbours, offering a shopping / prescription collection service and dog walking for those people in isolation, during this difficult time. Details will be promoted via facebook and the website, with posters and letters available. The details can then be shared on Nextdoor.

All

288/3/20.C	<p>Urgent Items raised by the Chairman Coronavirus Update and Advice A wide range of publications and advice are now available to the Council and for the community. For the most up to date information and advice contact WWW.NHS.UK. Regular updates for Parish & Town Councils are available from SALC and from TWC.</p>	Clerk
	<p>Scheme of Delegation Ercall Magna Parish Council's Scheme of Delegation has been updated and extended to include the recent NALC advice regarding the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting. This will be available on the website and a copy will be forwarded to all Members, for their information. This Scheme was proposed by Cllr Glenholmes and seconded by Cllr Hughes and will ensure that the Parish Council can continue its work to support and represent the communities in the Parish throughout this difficult time.</p>	Clerk
<hr/> <p>RESOLVED that the Scheme of Delegation be adopted.</p> <hr/>		
289/3/20.C	<p>Finance / Personnel Committee The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2020 had been circulated for information. Members wish to record thanks to the Acting Clerk for the work undertaken to date. Members confirmed the recommendations that the Landscaping Contract be awarded to Nobridge Nurseries to start on 1st April, all being well when acting in accordance with the Government's Advice on Public Open Spaces relating to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Members also confirmed the Grant To Ellerdine Village Hall of £500 towards the toilet refurbishment project.</p>	Clerk
290/3/20.C	<p>Planning 290/3/20.1 Planning Committee There had been no requirement for a Planning Committee Meeting</p> <p>290/3/20.2 New Applications for consideration TWC/2020/0222 65 Talbot Fields, High Ercall Erection of a Replacement Garage <i>Cllr Purves would have declared an interest in this application.</i> Members discussed the previous application and the amendments now proposed. It was proposed by Cllr Connor and seconded by Cllr Barrow, all were in favour and thus it was</p>	Clerk
<hr/> <p>RESOLVED to support the application, the access to the rear of the property would also be an advantage.</p> <hr/>		
	<p>290/3/20.3 Decisions Details of application decisions have been circulated to members</p>	
	<p>290/3/20.4 Mill Bend Appeal Members had received a copy of the outcome of the Appeal, in which the Inspector had upheld the decisions of the Planning Authority. The Parish Council welcomed this decision and would thank the Enforcement Officer for his dedication to ensuring that the outcome was appropriate taking all matters into consideration.</p>	Clerk

290/3/20.5 Housing Needs Surveys

Cllr Connor is continuing to analyse the written responses within the forms and a written report will be presented to a future meeting. The information and statistics from the surveys will be useful to weave into the Neighbourhood Plan and used as an appendix.

There were key points from the analysis so far:

The importance of infrastructure

Support for smaller scale, less expensive properties for people with local connections

Infill sites should be used so as not to expand the boundaries of the existing settlements.

Need to address the needs of the younger communities

290/3/20.6 SHELAA

No sites had been put forward at this time.

290/3/20.7 Ercall Magna Neighbourhood Plan

An email from Michael Barker was read to Members who expressed disappointment that the process had stalled and that further delays could be expected before the Draft Plan is ready for consultation.

It had been confirmed with TWC, however, that a further payment of £5000 is due towards the costs from the Vanguard Project.

291/3/20.C**Police Matters**

Insp G Wade had informed the Clerk that he is to retire in December of this year and until this date, he had moved to HQ and therefore would no longer be our Local Inspector.

PC Thomas (Newport) has a presentation on what to watch out for to protect landrovers and keyless cars from theft. This will be circulated to all Members.

Local residents are asked to watch out for suspicious vehicles, to take down registration numbers, and to share these with the police at the earliest opportunity.

292/3/20.C**Highway and Environment Issues****a) Environmental****Overgrown Hedges**

There continue to be a number of overgrown hedges from properties in the Parish which cause visibility issues that could result in an accident. A polite note will be included in the next magazine.

However, it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should forward a formal complaint to TWC for not acting on the details, and photo, of the overgrown hedge opposite Ellerdine Village Hall.

Clerk

Footpath Maintenance

The path from the tennis court to the memorial is in need of urgent maintenance, this will be reported to Idverde.

Clerk

Climate Change Partnership

There is no-one available to attend the meetings at this time. It is recognised that PTCs will be represented by SALC and TGSP.

b) Highways

Yew Tree, Park Lane

Some branches of the tree are blocking the light at the end of Park Lane – the Clerk will log this with TWC to ask for their assistance.

Outside Fairview

Road sweeping is still required, as 15m of the kerb is hidden. It will require operatives to sweep this area manually.

Greenhouse Transporters using inappropriate roads.

The signs have now been replaced and the Enforcement Officer has visited to discuss the route that the HGVs take to the site.

High Ercall Zebra Crossing

The lights have been repaired.

Shrewsbury Road

The road from The Cleveland Arms junction to Roden lay-by has been put forward to be considered in the capital programme, it is likely that this will take place in the new financial year.

293/3/20.C

Finance**293/3/20.1 Accounts for payment;**

The following payments were authorized:

100429	Defib Pads	LGA 1972	£139.80
100430	Chairman's Allowance 4/4	LGS 1972	£312.50
100431	Street light poppies	LGA 1972 s137	£42.00
100432	Training	LGA 1972	£27.00
100433	CPRE subscriptions	LGA 1972	£36.00

293/3/20.2 Balance

The current balance is £12,916.49 as per the bank statement dated 28th February 2020.

293/3/20.3 Crane Counselling

Members resolved that there are insufficient funds available to consider this application at this time.

293/3/20.4 CPRE Subscription

It was proposed by Cllr Connor and seconded by Cllr Hughes that the Parish Council should remain a member of CPRE for 2020/21.

294/3/20.C

SALC

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

Members wished to thank the officers for all their support at this difficult time.

Cllr Wickson, as Chairman of SALC, had recently attended the MPs Lobby Day, where issues such as Flooding, The Toilet Tax, Referendums and Rural Transport had been discussed.

295/3/20.C

Street Lighting

There are no current faults.

296/3/20.C

Village Halls Ellerdine

Cllr Connor declared an interest

Thanks had been received for the £500 grant which had been agreed. Most of the renovation work has been completed and the re-launch took place on 14th March 2020.

High Ercall

Cllr Wickson declared an interest.

High Ercall Village Hall is closed due to the coronavirus. The Committee will use this time as an opportunity for renovation and decorating.

297/3/20.C

Telford & Wrekin Council

Under the Scheme of Delegation, all TWC meetings have been postponed.

Cllr Bentley thanked all local communities for the work they are doing to support each other and particularly the more vulnerable people who are in isolation.

298/3/20.C

The Cleveland Arms

There has been no recent update from interested parties.

The Chairman will continue to ascertain a valuation for the bowling green from SPFA.

Chairman

299/3/20.C

Correspondence

All correspondence has been shared with Members, who have an opportunity for any item to be added to the agenda for discussion / consideration.

- Virgin Media work on B5062 – the deer warning sign is still missing
Residents in Roden wished to record their thanks for an efficiently managed highway project
- Broadband – details of the current position have been obtained from TWC and passed to Mill House
- The Minutes of the recent Parish Charter Monitoring Group have been circulated, for information
- Members are asked to sign up to TWC News for You, in the meantime, the Clerk has signed up for EMPC and will forward details as they arrive.
- Local Electricity Bill – After consideration, Members agreed not to support this initiative.
- The information relating to the Dormant Assets Consultation, was noted with no action needed.

Clerk

Members

Clerk's Report

The Acting Clerk continues to keep members informed of matters throughout the month.

Work to ensure that Parish Rights of Way are maintained and way-marked is continuing in Rowton.

Cllr LH

Councillors' Reports

VE/ VJ Day Celebrations

300/3/20.C

Councillor Hughes updated Members on the arrangements to date. However, this may have to be postponed due to the recent pandemic.

Parish Matters

The Chairman asked everyone to look after themselves and their neighbours and to stay safe.

301/3/20.C

Next Meetings

As no meetings can take place at this time, it was agreed to circulate a proposed schedule of meetings for June onwards.

Details relating to the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting will be circulated when available, following an expected announcement from Government.

Signed Date

