

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

PRESENT: Cllr E Aston Cllr K Connor
Cllr G Barrow Cllr S Bentley
Cllr R Wickson Cllr A Glenholmes
Cllr M Ward Cllr R Hartshorne
Cllr C Purves Cllr S Walker
Cllr Y Homer (from 347/9/20.C)

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Acting Clerk)
Paul Brine, Resident
Yvonne Homer (until 347/9/20.C)

346/9/20.C Apologies for Absence
Cllr L Hughes Holiday
Cllr A Price Holiday

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

347/9/20.C Vacancy
One application had been received and had been forwarded to Members before the meeting for consideration.
YH had an opportunity to ask Members any questions before leaving the meeting. Members thought it was a good application, with relevant experience. It was proposed by Councillor Connor and seconded by Councillor Aston, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Mrs Yvonne Homer be co-opted to the Parish Council.

Cllr Homer returned to the meeting and was welcomed by the Chairman, before reading and signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
The Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests had been completed and will be forwarded to TWC and will appear on the website.
Details of training courses for new Councillors will be available.

348/9/20.C Declarations of Interest
Councillor S Walker Solar Farm proposed application

349/9/20.C Minutes
It was proposed by Councillor Barrow and seconded by Councillor Purves, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2020, be accepted as a true record. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that these be signed by the Chairman as a true record and included in the Minute Book.

Public Participation

350/9/20.C

Paul Brine informed Members that he has continued to gather information that may be useful when considering a full planning application for a large solar farm. Possible issues include noise, light, decommissioning, re-powering, landscaping. This could have a significant effect on Roden residents. There are also possible safety issues with the batteries. Finally, this needs to be referred to as a Solar Power Plant (the use of Solar Farm is misleading when you look at the size and scale of the proposal. This is a 250acre green field site, if not managed appropriately at the end of its life, it will be a 250 acre brown field site, which could be referred to as derelict and therefore suitable for a large scale housing development. Members might think it important that assurances are in place to assist those living in the area in 40 years time to best manage the situation.

351/9/20.C

Urgent items raised by the Chairman**12, Cliff Crescent. Ellerdine**

The Parish Council is continuing to work with local residents, the Ward Member and Telford & Wrekin Council towards an acceptable solution and outcome for everyone concerned. It is not always possible to share information regarding the circumstances, but we should be assured that the Authorities are following up all matters. We are awaiting the report of the last visit (11th September).

Meeting with representatives of Greenhous, Osbaston

The Chairman and Vice Chairman attended a socially distanced meeting and had an opportunity to discuss local matters and concerns directly with the Sales Manager and Site Manager. This meeting was very useful and they received an assurance that Greenhous wish to be a 'good neighbour' and they wish all incidents to be reported to them as soon as possible with dates, times and details. They have offered their phone numbers so that Members can contact them direct. They have issued a booklet, showing the routes which are acceptable and those which are not. They will speak to any contractors that do not follow the guidelines and they will stop anyone from going to the site who does not take notice of their instruction.

352/9/20.C

Finance & Personnel Committee**a) Meeting held on 11th August 2020**

The Chairman presented the Minutes which had been circulated and Members considered the two recommendations:

Ref 20/20F It was proposed by Councillor Hartshorne and seconded by Councillor Glenholmes that the Risk Management Policy be adopted. All were in favour.

Ref 21/20F It was proposed by Councillor Hartshorne and seconded by Councillor Barrow that the grant of £400 be paid to Rowton PCC for the maintenance of the churchyard. All were in favour

RESOLVED that recommendations 20/20F and 21/20F be agreed.

b) Accounts for Payment

A scheduled of payments had been circulated and it was proposed by Councillor Connor and seconded by Councillor Hartshorne that arrangements be made for these to be paid as soon as possible. All were in favour.

Cheque No	Item	Statute	Amount
-----------	------	---------	--------

100458	Landscape Maintenance	LGA 1972 s111	£775.56
100459	IT Anti virus protection	LGA 1972	£69.99
100460	Landscape Maintenance	LGA 1972 s111	£240.00
100461	Chairman's Allowance	LGA 1972	£312.50
100462	PPE	LGA 1972	£143.25

c) Financial Report

The balance in the bank at the end of August was £38,917.00.

Access to the financial package has not yet been established, however it is hoped that this will soon be resolved.

d) Members of HR Committee

Councillor Ward offered to assist on the HR Committee.

353/9/20.C

Planning**a) Report**

Councillor Connor presented the Minutes of two Planning Committee meetings on 29th July and 20th August 2020, for information.

b) Mill Bend Enforcement

Members had been disappointed to receive the information from TWC regarding the latest update on this enforcement issue. The Parish Council has made initial enquiries regarding the barn owl and bats, which have been reported by the site owner, and supported by a survey. However, information has been obtained that mitigation is possible and that bats can be moved when asleep.

The Chairman is to ascertain information regarding having a survey undertaken before the end of September and will bring the information back to Members as soon as possible.

A detailed response has been sent to the Enforcement Officer but no reply had been received to date.

c) Solar Power Plant Pre-application Consultation

Members of the Planning Committee had met (virtually) with representatives of the developer and Pegasus and it was clear that they are serious about the proposed site. A number of questions have been raised with TWC, especially regarding their policy on such provisions, the number and size/scale of such plants in Shropshire.

This application will not be delegated to an officer and will be presented to the Planning Committee for a decision. The Parish Council is likely to want to speak at that meeting. It had been established that there is an intention to graze sheep under the panels.

The Parish Council believes that a public consultation event should take place in High Ercall Village Hall or other public space where social distancing is available.

It is important to remember, and to remind TWC and SC, that the output from the plant will not benefit the local authorities or the Parish Council.

There remain concerns regarding the work needed at the end of the life (40 years)

and relevant lease agreements need to be in place, with funding, to return the site back to arable land.

d) Planning Applications

TWC/2020/0710 Woodside, Green Lane, Ellerdine Heath

Erection of extensions, and a garage following demolition of an existing garage

RESOLVED to support the application subject to a bat survey and any recommendations being included.

TWC/2020/0753 The Grove, Cold Hatton

Erection of a single storey summer room extension including chimney

RESOLVED to support the application

e) Decisions

Details of application decisions have been circulated to members. All were relatively low key and in accordance with the Parish Council recommendations.

d) Ercall Magna Neighbourhood Development Plan

Members were concerned that this continues to hit delays. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged for the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillor Purves to meet (Virtually) with Michael Barker, Consultant, to ensure that the document is ready to present to TWC. The outstanding invoice will be discussed at the meeting.

e) Ercall Magna Parish ‘ Wish List’

Indicative Prices are being collected and a document will be presented to a future Finance & Governance Meeting for consideration.

f) Permitted Development Applications

Information would be useful regarding Permitted Development applications and links to Building Regulation Compliance.

354/9/20.C

Police Matters

Members wish to invite the Inspector to the next meeting so that questions can be asked regarding local incidents and information.

355/9/20.C

Highway and Environment Issues

a) Environmental

A blocked drain at the junction of Rodington Road in Roden was reported to TWC but no action has taken place. The Clerk will use the My Telford reference number to chase action.

b) Highways

The proposed scheme for the A442 will be discussed by Councillors Wickson, Connor, Purves and Bentley (as Ward Member).

The Parish Council had previously agreed that £2500 could be available to enable this scheme to come forward as a Capital Project. This was proposed by Councillor Connor and seconded by Councillor Hartshorne, all were in favour and thus it was

CONFIRMED that the Parish Council had resolved to provide £2500 to the scheme, if

needed.

- 356/9/20.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils**
a) All correspondence from the County Secretary had been passed to Members for their information.
Members are encouraged to read the bulletins and news items as they often contain useful information.
A meeting of WAC, SALC and TWC will take place on 16th September to discuss Borough-wide issues – the agenda includes rural transport.
- b) Changes to Planning**
A copy of the letter from SALC will be copied to our MPs to request their support in recognizing the concerns of PTCs.
- 357/9/20.C Street Lighting**
There appears to be a recurring problem with the light at the entrance to Coppice Drive – this will be queried with Eon.
- 358/9/20.C Village Halls**
Ellerdine
The Village Hall has commenced a programme to re-open as a Covid Secure building.
- High Ercall**
The building is Covid Secure and has commenced a programme of re-opening which includes the Friday night bars, with limited numbers. Track and Trace is in place. The AGM is on 17th September, Cllrs Wickson and Ward will represent the Parish Council.
- 359/9/20.C Telford & Wrekin Council**
Councillor Bentley continues to respond to local reports and actions requests for assistance on a variety of issues throughout the weeks.
- Work continues on supporting Poynton Road residents and regular correspondence continues regarding areas of concern, planning, enforcement and highway issues.
- A request has been submitted for the 30mph speed restriction in Poynton Road to be permanent.
- 360/9/20.C The Cleveland Arms**
According to the website, the Cleveland Arms has been taken off the market. This will not bring the enforcement to an end.
- 361/9/20.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.
- 362/9/20.C Clerk's Report**

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

363/9/20.C

Councillors' Reports

Climate Change - Parish & Town Council Working Group

Councillor Purves will represent EMPC on the group and will report back to a future meeting.

364/9/20.C

Parish Matters

Councillor Hartshorne informed members that the recent scarecrow competition in Roden had raised £400 for Hope House and had been much enjoyed by the community.

There will be no house to house poppy sellers this year. Pins will be available at £2 each from static sales points. Additional street post poppies are available.

Thanks were received from the school for the work to cut back the hedges.

365/9/20.C

Next Meetings

18th September 2020	2pm	HR Sub Committee
22 nd September 2020	7pm	Finance & Governance
20 th October 2020	7pm	Full Council

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting which closed at 8.40pm.

Signed Date

Please note that these minutes remain draft until agreed and signed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.