

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 8.00p.m. via Zoom.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr E Aston Cllr K Connor  
 Cllr G Barrow Cllr S Bentley  
 Cllr R Wickson Cllr M Ward  
 Cllr C Purves Cllr S Walker  
 Cllr Y Homer Cllr L Hughes  
 Cllr A Glenholmes Cllr R Hartshorne

**In Attendance:** Katrina Baker (Clerk)  
 1 Members of the public

**499/04/21.C Welcome & Introductions**

The Chairman, Councillor Wickson, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. This will be a shorter Full Council meeting as it was following the Annual Parish Meeting.

**500/04/21.C Apologies for Absence**

Councillor A Price Holiday

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

**RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted.**

**501/04/21.C Declarations of Interest**

None

**502/04/21.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

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

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

**503/04/21.C Public Participation**

There was no public session as all matters should have been raised at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**504/04/21.C The Cleveland Arms**

A report had been provided for the Annual Parish Meeting.

**505/04/21.C Chairman's Report**

The Annual Report had been presented to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Some Smartwater Signs have been positioned by West Mercia Police and we await delivery of the larger signs. On completion, it may be necessary for the Parish Council to purchase additional signs, if this is the case, it will appear on a future agenda for consideration.

**506/04/21.C Finance & Governance**

**a) Payments**

Details of the payments had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Connor and seconded by Councillor Purves that the payments be authorized and the Clerk and authorized Councillor arrange the BACCs payments.

| Description              | Statute / Law     | Amount |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Cleveland Arms Valuation | Localism Act 2011 | £1200  |

|                               |                   |          |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Roadman Duties                | Highways Act 1980 | £320     |
| HE Churchyard<br>Grasscutting | LGA 1972 s215     | £775.56  |
| Street Light Energy           | Highways Act 1980 | £1101.41 |

**b) Financial Update**

The financial report had been presented to the APM.

**c) Parish Council Structure**

The Coronavirus Act 2020 comes to an end on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 after which all Parish Council meetings should take place face to face. This is being challenged by NALC and any update will be made available as soon as possible.

Forums and Working Groups are encouraged to take place virtually, whilst Full Council and Committees, where any decisions are to be made, will take place in the Village Hall, taking into consideration the social distancing rules.

Councillor Connor had circulated a draft document for consideration which suggested a Structure which could enable more effective use of Councillor time and resources. Members agreed that this should be implemented from the AGM for an initial trial period.

**d) Litter Picks and Tabards**

The Clerk presented the costs of EMPC tabards and good quality litter picks. It was proposed by Councillor Walker and seconded by Councillor Glenholmes that an initial 20 tabards and litter picks be purchased for use by the community. All were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that 20 tabards and 20 litter picks be purchased at a cost of £200. This fee includes the set-up for the Parish logo to be included on the tabards.**

**507/04/21.C Planning**

**a) Report**

Councillor Connor presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, for information.

Councillor Connor, as Chairman of the Planning Committee gave an update on the Solar Farm agreement that £50,000 be provided as contributions towards the upgrade of the play area and to assist in providing a footpath and lighting from the B5062 to Marlbrook Way.

Councillor Hartshorne updated Members of the responses received to a consultation regarding the current planning application under consideration for Roden Nursery. Comments received included:

|                            |                                   |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Carbon Neutral             | Not higher than the greenhouses   |
| Solar Panels               | Water recycled                    |
| Red brick for buildings    | built in bird boxes and bat boxes |
| Use of wool for insulation |                                   |

It was confirmed that a meeting has been requested with the agent / owner in order to have a dialogue with them and to engage for the best possible outcome for the community in Roden.

**b) Current Planning Applications**

There will be a Planning Committee meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> May to consider current planning applications.

**c) Planning Decisions**

Councillor Connor updated Members of the one planning decision which was not in conflict with the Parish Council opinion.

**d) EMPC Neighbourhood Development Plan Update**

Regulation 15 draft document is nearing completion. When available, this will be circulated for Members to peruse.

**508/04/21.C Police Matters**

A statistics report had been presented to the APM.

**509/04/21.C Environmental Matters**

**a) Report**

Thanks were extended for the completion of the cutting back of the hedge adjacent to the bowling green at The Cleveland Arms.

A significant amount of work has been carried out in the Parish including the maintenance of the verges.

It was proposed by Councillor Hartshorne and seconded by Councillor Hughes that the Parish Council suspends Standing Orders and enables the meeting to continue, past 2 hours in duration, in order that the Agenda can be completed. All were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that Standing Orders be suspended in order that the meeting agenda can be completed.**

**b) Footpath from Park Lane to Shop Lane**

The moss and weeds need removing to make the surface safer.

**c) Mill Bend Lay-by**

There is a serious litter / small fly tip issue in the lay-by which will be reported for action. It may be that the bin needs emptying more often.

**510/04/21.C Highway Matters**

**a) Potholes**

All reported for action have been completed.

**b) Litter Bin**

There is an unofficial pull-in / lay by by Coopers in Roden and drivers often leave litter. This will be added to the next agenda for consideration.

**c) White Lining**

Extensive road lining has taken place in High Ercall and towards Roden.

**d) B5062, Crudgington to Cotwall**

This had been raised at the APM and will be added to an agenda for a Highways Liaison Meeting with TWC.

**511/04/21.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) Wrekin Area Committee**

The meeting had been postponed due to elections in some Wards and Parishes in the Borough.

**512/04/21.C Street Lighting**

No new issues

**513/04/21.C Information from Telford & Wrekin Council**

Councillor Bentley had presented a report to the APM.

**514/04/21.C Correspondence**

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

**a) London Bridge Protocol**

It was proposed by Councillor Hartshorne and seconded by Councillor Homer, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that three 10 x 8 official photographs of the Queen be purchased at a cost of £92.40 each.**

**515/04/21.C Councillors Reports**

None

**516/04/21.C Clerk's Report**

The defibrillator for Rowton is now on order and awaiting delivery and installation.

**517/04/21.C Parish Matters**

a) Speed Indicator Devices

The Clerk will ask TWC for an update on the road traffic regulations for Roden which will include for SIDS.

b) High Erccall Bus Shelter

This is the property of TWC, but the PC will enquire when it is likely to be repaired.

c) A442 Cold Hatton Traffic Calming Scheme

The Clerk will ask TWC when they anticipate the scheme will be completed, with the SIDs working properly and damaged bollards replaced.

d) Details of who is on which current committee will be circulated.

e) Details of the budget available for the Roden Gardening Group will be confirmed.

f) A timescale will be considered for the provision of the footpath from B5062 to Marlbrook Way.

**518/04/21.C Date of the next meeting**

18<sup>th</sup> May

7pm

Annual General Meeting

followed by

Full Council

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their important contributions to the meeting, which he closed at 9.10pm.

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

Please note that these minutes remain draft until agreed and signed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021.