

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 20th July 2021 at 7.00p.m. in High Ercall Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr E Aston
Cllr S Bentley
Cllr S Walker
Cllr Y Homer
Cllr K Connor
Cllr R Wickson
Cllr G Barrow
Cllr L Hughes

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

569/07/21.C Welcome & Introductions

The Chairman, Councillor Connor, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Councillor Connor asked Members to look out for their neighbours, especially those who live alone, as an amber weather warning, for extreme heat, has been announced.

570/07/21.C Apologies for Absence

Councillor A Price	Health reasons
Councillor R Hartshorn	Work Commitments
Councillor A Glenholmes	Health reasons
Councillor C Purves	Leave of Absence
Councillor M Ward	Work Commitments (received after the meeting)

It was proposed by Councillor Hughes and seconded by Councillor Wickson, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.

David Haston, Cleveland Phoenix Charity had sent his apologies, along with PCSO Collumbell

571/07/21.C Declarations of Interest (for items on the Agenda)

Councillor S Walker Planning Applications TWC/2021/0614 and 0674 Personal

572/07/21.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th June 2021

It was proposed by Councillor Wickson and seconded by Councillor Barrow, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2021 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

573/07/21.C Cleveland Arms – An Asset Of Community Value

The Chairman of the Cleveland Phoenix Charity had sent a report which confirmed that a final valuation report had been received and the CPC is formulating an offer to the owner to purchase the Cleveland Arms and Bowling Green based on the valuation and report. Consequently, the contents of the valuation and report must remain confidential at this time. A further update will be provided for the next meeting.

574/07/21.C Chairman's Report

a) Meeting with the Operations Manager, Greenhouse Village, Osbaston

A meeting had taken place, with Councillor Wickson and the Clerk which continued the regular dialogue which is very important. Information was available regarding the action taken following any complaints regarding any of the drivers, whether directly employed or contracted. This includes taxi drivers. It was pleasing to know that the company values the opportunity to be based at Osbaston and the Operations Manager is keen to work with the Parish Council and community to address any concerns. A suggestion was considered in that at some point in the future, the Parish Council may wish to ask TWC to consider a one-way system with vehicles leaving the site coming down Silver Hill, whilst those travelling to

the site would travel along Crab Tree Lane. Greenhouse have offered to trial this, informally with messages to their drivers and this can be monitored before the Parish Council makes its decision.

It was agreed to suspend standing orders in order that the members of the public can raise local issues.

575/07/21.C Public Session

Members welcomed residents from Cotwall Bend. The speed of traffic, driver behavior and the condition of the highway at this location is a major concern, particularly for local residents and especially following a series of road traffic collisions which resulted in extensive damage to their house.

Questions were asked about the speed limit from Cotwall Mini Roundabout to Crudgington Crossroads. A conversation with police and highway officers at the time of the latest collision confirmed that the road at that location was due for repair back in December, but as yet that has not come forward as a priority.

The Chairman confirmed that this has been on the agendas for Parish Council meetings and meetings with Senior Highway Officers for a number of months and we continue to put pressure on TWC to give appropriate consideration to the issues.

Further correspondence will continue and will include:

- The condition of the road surface and a request for anti-skid surfacing
- Driver behaviour
- Road layout and management
- Speed of vehicles

The residents may wish to consider a Community Speedwatch Scheme. Details are available from Mark Booth.

Concerns were also expressed about the number of HGVs from Greenhouse and Symmonds in any 24 hour period – it was explained that whilst an indicative number may have been included in a planning application, there are no laws to enforce this as a limit.

The Chairman thanked the residents for attending and closed the public session.

b) Consolidated Charity for the poor of High Ercall

Correspondence and some minutes have been located with reference to this Consolidated Charity which formed from 4 original charities in 1862. According to documents available, there were revisions in 1913 and 1964. It was clear throughout the documentation that the lead organization was the Church and had never been the Parish Council. Minutes of meetings in 2012 and 13 are available and in 2014 the charity was formally closed and is now classified with the Charity Commission as a 'removed charity'. Within the documents there are no financial records although there is mention of a capital amount of £5000 and the Charity dispersed the interest annually to residents who fit the criteria.

The Chairman will return the documents to Rev Ian Naylor and explain the situation.

At this time, the Parish Council nominations to this Charity are suspended.

c) Defibrillator Awareness

Following the installation of the equipment in Rowton, residents would like to attend an awareness session in Ellerdine Village Hall. They are prepared to organize the event. It was proposed by Councillor Hughes and seconded by Councillor Homer, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the hire of the hall should be paid by the Parish Council.

576/07/21.C Finance & Governance

a) Payments

A schedule of payments had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Wickson and seconded by Councillor Walker that the payments be authorized and paid via the dual-system through Barclays Bank.

Parish Online Subscription	LGA 1972	£96.00
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Provision of website and email addresses	LGA 1972	£490.80
Hall Hire for meetings	LGA 1972	£50.00
Litter Pickers	LGA 1972 s101	£104.80
PAYE – June 2021	LGA 1972	£140.00
Clerk's Salary – June 2021	LGA 1972	£560.00
PAYE – July 2021	LGA 1972	£140.00
Clerk's Salary – July 2021	LGA 1972	£560.00
High Ercall Primary School	LGA 1972 s137	£360.00

The Chairman explained that the Parish Council would use the mapping system included within the Parish Online Subscription for a period of 12 months before Members are asked to make a decision if this subscription should be continued.

The Clerk's Salary and PAYE for July will not be paid until after 5th August 2021.

b) Financial Position

The balance at the end of June 2021 was £54,428.98. Following receipt of the External Audit report, a Finance & Governance Committee will meet to confirm the Council's earmarked reserves and balances.

577/07/21.C Planning

a) Report

Councillor Wickson updated members on two issues raised at the last meeting:

i) Roden – provision of the water supply

A map had been provided, and details of the Section 106 agreement and the Planning Officer had advised that the work undertaken is as per the planning permission that was granted.

ii) Mill Bend Barn

TWC have commissioned an independent survey – further information will be circulated when it is available.

Questions remain regarding the position of any replacement structure.

TWC has confirmed that their decision on the application will be announced this week.

Councillor Walker declared a personal interest and remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion or decision.

b) Planning Application for consideration

TWC/2021/0614 Land North of Roden Lane Farm

Variation of Condition 3 of TWC/2020/0851 in relation to decommissioning in the event of grid connection technical issues.

This application was discussed at length and it was unanimously agreed and

RESOLVED that the Parish Council was clear in its view that the Conditions on any application are included for good reasons, and as directed by the Planning Case Officer. They are there to balance the proposals and to ensure fairness between the landowner, developer, locality and community. Members were, therefore, wary of any need to vary the conditions.

The inclusion of Condition 3 at the time of the approval of the original application was welcomed, and the Planning Officer is fully aware of the strength of feeling of the Parish Council as we aim to represent the best interests of the community both at this time and in the future.

Ercall Magna PC does not believe that there are any 'planning' reasons for this application and therefore the Parish Council STRONGLY OBJECTS to the application and would urge the Planning Authority to insist that Condition 3 is retained for all the reasons it was originally included.

TWC/2021/0674 Land East of Coopers, Poynton Road, Roden

Erection of a steel framed building to house livestock and for storage of hay and straw

RESOLVED to support this proposal as a means of encouraging local businesses.

- c) **Planning Decisions**
Information from all decisions has been shared with Members.
- e) **Street Naming – Roden Development**
TWC had confirmed that the Licensing Committee had selected Nursery Gardens.

578/07/21.C Environmental Matters

- a) **Update**
A number of minor matters have been dealt with since the last meeting.
- b) **Roden Gardening Club**
Thanks were recorded to Councillor Price, and the team, for their work to repair and update the planters in Roden. Some of the planters have been refilled by the Nursery.
A letter of thanks will be sent to Roden Nursery for their support with the provision of plants.
- c) **Parish Planters**
Thanks were recorded to Andy Williams and the team who have repaired, replaced and replanted the floral planters in the village of High Ercall and at Walton. Roden Nurseries and Park Timber have assisted in making this possible. Thanks are also recorded to everyone who has offered to help with watering.

The planter at Ellerdine has also been repaired and replanted. Thanks, again, are recorded to everyone who has helped with that project, and to Nobridge Nursery.
- d) **The Woodland Trust & Queen's Green Canopy**
The Woodland Trust offer may not be suitable for Ercall Magna as it is unlikely we will find a suitable site for so many trees. Members will consider possible sites within each village for single specimen trees and this will appear on a future agenda for consideration.
- e) **New Issues**
 - i) A number of signs are hidden by overgrown trees and hedges. Locations will be reported so that we can discuss this with the relevant landowners.
 - ii) The Climate Change Working Group will consider the concept of Plastic Free July, for another month later in the year.

579/07/21.C Highways Matters

- a) **Updates**
The Chairman reported that despite a number of reminders, we have not been able to gain information or updates on the many outstanding highway issues in the Parish. The highways officer dealing with our Parish has been off work and hopes to return soon. We will ask for updates or another Highway Liaison Meeting as soon as possible.
- b) **Safe route for pedestrians – Walton to High Ercall**
The working group had met and a report had been circulated to all Members by way of an update. Thanks were extended to Andy Williams and Alicia, Walton residents, for their important contribution and to S Walker.
The following recommendations were agreed:
 - i) to invite the highway authority to assess the viability, and cost, of installing a footpath along the B5063 adjacent to Harman Warehousing Site 3.
 - ii) to give priority to making a grass footpath on the Eastern side of the B5063 between Earls Keep and Harman Warehousing Site 3 asap.
 - iii) to obtain cost estimates to construct a footpath along the same route, to the RoW Officer's specification, in order to determine the financial viability of this option.

- iv) To consult with TWC to determine whether a constructed footpath would require planning permission.
- c) **Highway Speed Roundels**
There is local evidence that these can be on the road, adjacent to repeater signs on poles. This request is with the highways officer.
- d) **New Issues**
 - i) **The Bus Survey**
The survey is available online or hard copies can be printed off. Everyone (bus users and non bus users) is asked to complete the survey – the closing date is 30th July.
Cllr Wickson, as Chairman of the Bus User Group, explained that it was disappointing that the survey was not related to the lack of transport in the rural areas. EMPC would express concern to the newly appoint Transport Commissioner.

580/07/21.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils

Regular updates are provided to all members and contain useful information.

The Minutes of the WAC had been circulated, for information.

A SALC meeting with the County's MPs took place on 16th July and covered the following topics:

- Remote Meetings
- Planning Paper
- Parliamentary Boundary Review
- SALC survey – effects of the pandemic

581/07/21.C Street Lighting

A number of lights are hidden by overgrown trees and shrubs. Details will be forwarded to the Clerk for action.

582/07/21.C Correspondence

- a) **All correspondence is shared with Members at the earliest opportunity, there had been no requests to add any to the agenda for further consideration at this meeting. Members are reminded that they can add any item to a future agenda.**
- b) **Armed Forces Covenant**
A signed copy has now been received. Two copies will be framed and a request for them to be placed in the two village halls will be forwarded.
Details will appear on the website.
- c) **Police & Crime Commissioner PTC Survey**
The Chairman thanked the Members who had already responded to the survey. Anyone else wanting to respond can do so until Friday 23rd July. The answers will be collated and a response formed to be submitted from the Parish Council.
- d) **Wrekin Area Committee**
It was confirmed that Councillor Wickson and Councillor Hughes would be the two voting Members on WAC, with Councillor Barrow as a reserve.
- e) **Parliamentary Boundary Review**
The Boundary Commission has requested the views of local residents and of Parish & Town Councils on the proposals to amend the boundary of the current Wrekin Constituency and then to consider changing the name to the Newport & Wellington Constituency.
After a discussion, Members agreed that they had no opinion over the change to the boundary, as they could understand the need for fairness in the size and number of constituents in each area, taking into consideration areas where there has been significant building.

However, the discussion regarding the change of name concluded in the Parish Council objecting to the new name. The Wrekin has strong historic meaning. It is unique and can be seen from around

the entire Constituency. There are a number of Wellingtons and Newports across the country and this could cause confusion. Newport & Wellington does not represent the rural area. The incoming villages, such as Hodnet or Cheswardine and Shifnal or Albrighton have no affinity with the two named Towns.

RESOLVED that Ercall Magna Parish Council would encourage local resident to respond to the consultation. They would also submit an objection online in favour of the retention of The Wrekin as the most appropriate name and therefore representative of the entire Constituency.

583/07/21.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council

Councillor Bentley reported that the first Full Council meeting to be held face to face will take place on Thursday 22nd July at The Place, Oakengates.

£5000 has been allocated for the Councillors Pride Fund and he is inviting applications from Parish Councils to be considered. He is awaiting details of the criteria.

**584/07/21.C Reports
Councillors
None**

Clerk's Report

- a) **Village Namesigns**
A draft design will be available soon and it is suggested that initially 16 signs are purchased. A quotation will be available, for consideration.
- b) **High Ercall Play Area**
The transfer has been completed. Thanks are extended to High Ercall Village Hall Management Committee for undertaking the weekly inspections and recording the details. The bi-monthly inspections will be carried out by the Parish Council and the annual inspection by RoSPA.

A draft sign will be available and circulated for Members to observe before it is ordered. The sign will include that 'No Dogs are Allowed'.

585/07/21.C Village Halls

- a) **Ellerdine Village Hall**
There continues to be limited use of the Hall, whilst the Committee digest the information received regarding re-opening. Sports and cycling activities have been taking place from the Hall in line with Government Guidance.
- b) **High Ercall Village Hall**
The Hall has had a busy time, with the showing of the Euro Football on the big screen. The bar will keep table service only for the time being as the Committee is keen for the customers to be confident. Some tables have been used outside to avoid indoor crowding.
A new boiler has been installed. Tenders for the kitchen and toilet are awaited.
Pride and Joy returns on 4th August. It is hoped that a New Year's Eve Party will be possible.

586/07/21.C West Mercia Police

PCSO Collumbell was unable to attend tonight due to a training event. However, he is in regular contact with the Clerk and circulates much useful information. Having this link has improved the relationship with the police and has brought confidence to residents. Recent events, when reported, can often contain important information that may link to other incidents – if you see something 'out of the ordinary' it is important to report it.

Information has just been received that they are to take part in Operation Galileo – an anti hare-coursing initiative.

Three additional Smartwater signs have been received. These will be used in Poynton, Walton and to have one spare. A letter of thanks will be sent to Frank Bridgewater, for his assistance in completing the roll out and provision of signs for the Parish Smartwater Scheme.

587/07/21.C Parish Matters

a) Speed of Traffic in Roden

This was raised with the highways officers and will be part of the Section 106 Scheme.

b) Footpath, Marlbrook Way to B5062

This was also raised with the highway officers and we are awaiting a cost and design proposal.

c) London Bridge Protocol

Meetings are taking place in Shropshire with the Lord Lieutenant, it is hoped that similar meetings will be arranged in Telford & Wrekin.

588/07/21.C Next Meeting

21st September 2021

7pm

High Ercall Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed meeting at 9.00pm and thanked everyone for their important contributions.

SignedDate

Please note that these minutes remain draft until agreed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 21st September 2021.