

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 21st September 2021 at 7.00p.m. in High Ercall Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr E Aston
Cllr S Bentley
Cllr A Price
Cllr Y Homer
Cllr M Ward
Cllr K Connor
Cllr R Wickson
Cllr C Purves
Cllr L Hughes
Cllr A Glenholmes

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

589/09/21.C Welcome & Introductions

The Chairman, Councillor Connor, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Public Session

None

590/09/21.C Apologies for Absence

Councillor R Hartshorn Work Commitments
Councillor S Walker Work Commitments
Councillor G Barrow Health Reasons

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

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.

591/09/21.C Declarations of Interest (for items on the Agenda)

None

592/09/21.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th July 2021

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2021 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

593/09/21.C Chairman's Report

None

594/09/21.C Finance & Governance

a) Payments

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

PAYE – September 2021	LGA 1972	£140.00
Clerk's Salary – September 2021	LGA 1972	£560.00
High Ercall Primary School	LGA 1972 s137	£90.00
Rowton Church	LGA 1972 s101	£360.00

b) Financial Position

The Clerk continues to answer the questions raised by the External Auditor which relate to the low balance at the end of the previous year, followed by a higher balance in 20/21. It is hoped that a Conclusion of the Audit will be received soon so that the Finance & Governance Committee can meet to discuss the budget and earmarked reserves.

The balance in the Current Account at the end of August 2021 is £50,337.49.

c) **Revised Code of Conduct**

TWC has adopted the New Code of Conduct and has requested that all Parish & Town Councils consider this as the best way forward. Copies have been circulated to all members. This is a lengthy document and therefore a two page summary has been produced for easier reference. It was proposed by Councillor Wickson and seconded by Councillor Hughes, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Ercall Magna Parish Council formally adopts the revised Code of Conduct.

Members agreed that it remains frustrating that no sanctions are included. However, it is good to see that training is not only recommended but is seen as essential for all Members.

595/09/21.C Planning

a) **Report**

Councillor Wickson presented the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 8th September, for information.

b) **Planning Application for consideration**

TWC/2021/0891 Windy Oak Farm

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.

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 the Conditions are retained for all the reasons they were originally included.

c) **Planning Decisions**

Information from all decisions has been shared with Members and is included in the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting.

596/09/21.C Environmental Matters

a) **Update**

The Clerk has been asked to contact TWC / Idverde again as the road-sweeping in High Ercall or Roden has not been completed.

b) **The Queen's Green Canopy**

Telford & Wrekin Council has offered one free tree per Parish, which Ercall Magna has accepted. Members agreed it would be nice to find suitable locations across the entire Parish. Members were asked to consider possible sites and this will be added to the Agenda for future consideration.

c) **New Issues**

None

597/09/21.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 damaged road signs on the B5062 at the bottom of Silver Hill have been reported and a request for a timescale for their repair will be requested.

- b) **Shrewsbury Road Bus Shelter**
TWC has confirmed that a replacement bus shelter will be installed – the Parish Council will request a timescale due to the approach of winter.
- c) **New Issues**
 - i) The installation of a speed cushion by the Oak Tree on the B5062 for the school crossing will be added to the next agenda.
 - ii) The lack of road markings and clear identification of priority at the top of Cotwall Bank continues to be a concern – this will be added to the list of outstanding issues to be raised with TWC Highways Officers.
 - iii) Unfortunately, R Taylor-Barnes is to leave TWC and we will need to bring all the outstanding matters to the attention of other officers at the earliest opportunity.

598/00/21.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils
Regular updates are provided to all members and contain useful information.
The Minutes of the WAC will be circulated, for information.
Cllr Wickson gave a report of the last Executive meeting, which the Leader of TW and of SC both attended.
The lack of rural transport was raised with them. The AGM will take place via zoom on 19th November 2021 – further details will be available soon.

599/0/21.C Street Lighting
1 Walton Avenue - this light has been reported to the Engineer for repair.

- 600/09/21.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) **Wrekin Area Committee**
The Elections Manager of TWC had attended the meeting and shared information regarding Governance Reviews. This will appear on a future agenda for further consideration.
 - c) **Snow Liaison Officers**
The policy and guidance has been circulated to the nominated representatives.
 - d) **London Bridge Protocol**
The Clerk will contact Rev Naylor regarding the use of High Ercall Church for the Book of Condolence. Other details will be included on the Finance & Governance Committee Agenda for discussion.
 - e) **Queen’s Jubilee Celebrations**
Consideration will be given to events that may take place during the special Bank Holiday in June 2022. Ideas are welcomed, especially relating to a Beacon, A Fete, Street Parties and Mementos. The Parish Council is keen to hear from communities in all parts of the Parish.

601/09/21.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council
Councillor Bentley reported that he and Councillor Burrell had undertaken a Ward Visit with officers of TWC. It was disappointing that so many of the important issues raised, and shown to them, were recorded as ‘Ongoing’ and there appeared little commitment to getting them resolved with some urgency. Consequently, the Ward Members had responded and requested that it be reviewed urgently.

Details of the Road Traffic Control that will be necessary on the A442 whilst the Swan Bridge is re-built and the barriers replaced are now available. Work starts on 11th October for 54 days.

TWC have been made aware that the scheme at Cold Hatton is not working and that further delays to replace and repair are not acceptable.

602/09/21.C Reports

Councillors

Councillor Aston updated Members with reference to the Milestone at Roden. A reply from the Heritage Officer is awaited.

Clerk's Report

- a) Village Namesigns
Members considered the provision of village namesigns and it was agreed that this should be considered as part of the budget discussions for 2022/23.
- b) High Ercall Play Area
Thanks were extended to members of the Village Hall Management Committee who undertake the weekly inspections. The reports should be forwarded to the Clerk monthly or when an issue is identified.
The Clerk is undertaking the bi-monthly inspection and at the last visit identified one loose mushroom and the bark needed raking, with edges strimmed. This work has been ordered. TWC will arrange the Annual RoSPA inspection, which will cost in the region of £110.00.
- c) Defibrillators
All equipment in the Parish should be registered on The Circuit with all the relevant details available to the Clerk.

603/09/21.C Village Halls

- a) **Ellerdine Village Hall**
The Hall is slowly re-opening to user groups. It has been well used in recent weeks by sport clubs and cycling in particular. A quiz is arranged for November and there will be a Christmas Fayre. There are vacancies for Trustees, if anyone local is interested.
- b) **High Ercall Village Hall**
The Hall has welcomed back a number of groups and activities and is well supported with a calendar of events planned in the coming months.
The building work remains under consideration.

604/09/21.C West Mercia Police

PCSO Collumbell was unable to attend tonight, but has forwarded the latest newsletter, for information. The role of the Rural Support Officer has been much appreciated and is to be supported by the Police and Crime Commissioner. However, there is a need for a vehicle. It has been suggested that all the rural Parish & Town Councils could consider a donation, along with significant local businesses to ensure that a vehicle is available. Members agreed to consider this as part of the budget discussions following receipt of further information from West Mercia Police.

605/09/21.C Parish Matters

- a) **Roden Scarecrows**
This event was very successful, raising £300 for Hope House. Thanks were extended to Cllr Wickson for judging.

606/09/21.C Next Meeting

19 th October 2021	7pm	High Ercall Village Hall
-------------------------------	-----	--------------------------

A finance and governance meeting will be arranged prior to this meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed meeting at 8.50pm 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 19th October 2021.