

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 16th November 2021 at 7.00p.m. in the Community Room, High Ercall Primary School.

PRESENT: Cllr K Connor
Cllr R Hartshorn
Cllr L Hughes
Cllr E Aston
Cllr A Price
Cllr R Wickson
Cllr Y Homer
Cllr S Bentley

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Cllr G Barrow (Via zoom)
Sebastian Rowley, Healthwatch Telford & Wrekin

625/11/21.C Welcome & Introductions

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

Public Session

None

Healthwatch

The Chairman welcomed Sebastian Riley from Healthwatch Telford & Wrekin who gave a presentation on the Organisation, which is one of around 150 across Healthwatch England, and its role as a Health and Social Care Champion to listen to the issues raised in local communities and they are entirely independent and impartial although aligned to the local authority boundaries.

Healthwatch Telford & Wrekin enables people to access the right services; make sure health and social care decision makers hear residents' views and take them into consideration and influence and help shape planning and delivery of health and social care in the Borough.

It's role is to signpost local residents to the services they need; visit Health and Social Care settings to review their work practices; seek and gather feedback; access official data and analyse public feedback to compile reports and inform recommendations and collect and collate the public's views to inform the Providers.

Their current projects include Mental Wellness, Hospital Waiting Times, NHS 111 and Review of Care Homes. Other recent work has included Coronavirus Pandemic, Out of Hours Palliative Care, Dental Services and Hospital discharges during the Pandemic.

Their long-term aims include increasing awareness of Healthwatch, widening engagement with local communities, creating relationships with community stakeholders and restarting their volunteering campaign to include young people.

Sebastian shared some key statistics about Ercall Magna

- It is the most rural and least densely populated part of TW
- It has an older population than TW average with around 25% being aged over 65
- Around 12% of households are occupied by people over 65 that live alone
- Whilst 45% of people say they have 'good health', one in five are living with a long-term disability
- 9% of all households do not have access to a vehicle
- One in ten people provide some form of unpaid care

'Like anywhere, residents of Ercall Magna experience problems related to health and social care. These can include

1. Loneliness, especially amongst older people
2. Concerns relating to mental welfare and social services
3. Physical access to health and social care services
4. Overstretched services such as GPs and in-home care provision

We need residents to tell us what issues you face'

Members had an opportunity to share information and concerns with Sebastian who agreed to write an article for use in local newsletters, on websites and social media. Members gave details and examples of

social isolation and areas of deprivation that are evident in the rural areas of TW and there was a discussion regarding the lack of transport which then results in local residents, of all ages and abilities, being disadvantaged and unable to access essential services and facilities which are fundamental to enable them to live their lives.

Members thanked Sebastian for a very information session and he left the meeting.

626/11/21.C Apologies for Absence

Councillor S Walker	Family Commitment
Councillor G Barrow	Health Reasons (Attending via zoom)
Councillor A Glenholmes	Alternative Commitment
Councillor M Ward	Family isolation

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

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.

627/11/21.C Declarations of Interest (for items on the Agenda) or Dispensations

Councillor Purves	TWC/2021/1055	Personal and Prejudicial
Councillor Bentley	Employment of the Clerk	Personal and Prejudicial

628/11/21.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th October 2021

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2021 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

628/11/21.C Chairman's Report

Chairman's Allowance

Councillor Connor announced that he would be using his allowance for projects within the Parish, at his discretion. He had so far contributed to the provision of wild flower seeds for an area in Roden and High Ercall and would be funding the provision of two poppy wreaths for Remembrance.

629/11/21.C Finance & Governance

a) Report

There is no update

b) Payments

Councillor Bentley declared an interest and took no part in the agenda item

A schedule of payments had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Wickson and seconded by Councillor Hughes that the payments be authorized and paid via the dual-system through Barclays Bank after 1st December 2021.

PAYE – November 2021	LGA 1972	£140.00
Clerk's Salary – November 2021	LGA 1972	£560.00

c) Financial Report, balances and earmarked reserves

A savings account has been opened with Barclays and £15,000 (free reserve) transferred from the Current Account. The Current Account balance is £56,872.17.

The Chairman will hold a Committee meeting, on his return from holiday, to discuss the earmarked reserves and to consider an initial budget for 2022/23.

630/11/21.C Planning

a) Report

The Chairman reported that the application at 4 Cotwall Road had been granted permission.

b) Planning Application for consideration

TWC/2021/1089 10 Crossfields, High Ercall

Erection of a single storey front and first floor side extension and rendering

The Chairman introduced this application, having visited the site. More detail in the application would have been useful.

RESOLVED to support the application but to ask that the Planning Authority takes into consideration any comments received from neighbours.

Councillor Purves declared an interest and took no part in the discussion

TWC/2021/1055 3 City Road, Ellerdine

Conversion of a garage at the rear of the property to living space following erection of an extension

This had been subject of a pre-application consultation and the comments that were received have been taken into consideration resulting in this application

RESOLVED to support the proposals, but to ask the Planning Authority to take into consideration any comments received from local residents.

DMMO/2019/0013 Bridgecroft, /Cold Hatton

Restricted By-way

Councillor Connor had discussed the proposals with the landowner and Members agreed that this would be a useful and well used right of way. However, it was agreed that this should be restricted to cyclists, pedestrians and horse-riders with no access to unauthorized motor vehicles.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would support the application with a condition that it remains unsuitable for motor vehicles and that street furniture be provided to prevent unauthorized access by motor vehicles.

c) Planning Decisions

None since the last meeting.

d) ENF/2021/0764 and 76

Following concerns from neighbours, the Parish Council enquired about permissions needed for mobile homes. There is no process at TWC to enquire in this way and therefore it was logged as an Enforcement Complaint.

Members will await the outcome of the Enforcement Officer visit.

Members took the opportunity to discuss permitted developments, which often leave the Parish Council in a difficult position as we are not notified of PD applications or decisions.

RESOLVED that this will be taken up with TWC at the earliest opportunity.

e) Planning Information Events

A series of evening seminars is to be arranged in the New Year.

631/11/21.C Environmental Matters

a) Update

The preparation of the ground, rotavating and seed sowing will be completed by next week.

- b) **The Queen's Green Canopy**
it was proposed by Councillor Hartshorne and seconded by Councillor Aston, all were in favour and thus it is

RESOLVED that Ercall Magna Parish Council will provide 7 Specimen Trees (one for each decade) to be planted in the 7 villages / hamlets in the Parish. Members would enlist the help of Mr John Hughes. Possible locations around the Parish are needed so that the sites can be checked for suitability and appropriate trees identified.

- c) **Roden Milestone**
Members were grateful to the Site Manager who appeared to understand the importance of this historical feature and had offered to repair and re-site the item at an appropriate time. The landowner, however, had removed it to the drive of the adjacent property. This matter has been referred to TWC so that ownership and specific location can be confirmed, with details of the work required to repair it.

632/11/21.C Highways Matters

- a) **Updates**
Marlbrook Way, Roden
Members were disappointed with the response from the Highways Engineer, however, have been awaiting completion of the resurfacing. This has not yet happened as the ironworks still cause a hazard.
The resurfacing is of a poor standard and some damage has occurred which needs repairing.
- b) **Highways and Footpaths**
Councillors are disappointed with the standards across the Parish. Some members recalled the meeting in the early days of the new contract which showed photos of the four grades. Members agreed most of the Parish is grade 3, nearing 4. It has become clear that Idverde are not meeting the SLA of the contract and Members considered submitting a complaint to TWC. However, after consideration, it was agreed to invite the Contracts Manager to take a look at the concerns and standards and to give them an opportunity to take action.
It would also be requested that notice be given before a road and path sweeper attends so that residents can move their cars to enable the job to be completed.
- c) **Footpath Working Group**
The Chairman updated Members and thanked S Walker for the provision of a path inside the hedge along the B5063 from Walton to Earls Keep. This has been used, and much appreciated to make the route safer.
A meeting had taken place with TWC Rights of Way and Highways Officers and further information obtained regarding the Walton and Roden paths. Indicative plans had been provided by TWC and there was obvious areas of concern especially relating to utilities, however this will result in the costs being much higher than first envisaged. Alternative options will be discussed.

A meeting of the footpath working group will take place in the near future.
- c) **New Issues**
Rodington Parish Council has invited the Chairman and Vice Chairman to a meeting regarding the number and size of HGVs using the B5063. The meeting will be attended by the Ward Members and an officer of TWC will be invited.

Parking on Shrewsbury Road, B5062, High Ercall
The Clerk will speak with the relevant drivers to enquire if alternative arrangements can be made to make the area safer.

633/11/21.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils

- a) Regular updates are provided to all members and contain useful information.
- b) The AGM takes place on 19th November at 6pm, everyone is welcome. It was agreed that the two voting members will be Councillors Barrow and Connor.

634/11/21.C Street Lighting

No issues have been reported..

635/11/21.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) **Homes for All**
The original email had not been received and the receipt of the reminder had come quite close to the closing date for comments of 19th November. However, having looked at the document and questionnaire, the Chairman explained that although this is a really important subject it is not applicable to our Parish due to our lack of infrastructure and access to services.

Members also discussed NuPlace and would let TWC know that they believe that this would be an ideal project for them to lead by example with regards to Homes for All and Sustainable Development.

- c) **Thank You**
A letter had been received from Rowton PCC, to thank the Parish Council for the grant to enable the maintenance of the churchyard.

636/11/21.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council

Councillor Bentley commented on his disappointment with the Bus Strategy which does not address the needs of the rural areas of the Borough.
He also reminded Members of the £5000 available for local community projects, anyone with ideas, please contact him to discuss.

637/11/21.C Council's Standing Orders

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

RESOLVED that the Council's Standing Orders be suspended in order that the remainder of the Agenda can be completed at this meeting.

638/11/21.C Reports

Councillors

Councillor Purves had attended a Carbon Literacy Training Event over three x 2.5 hour sessions which was well attended and very well presented. Copies of the presentations will be available for him to share with other Members and a more detailed report will appear on a Environment and Climate Change Working Group Agenda.

Clerk's Report

None

639/11/21.C Village Halls

- a) **Ellerdine Village Hall**
The AGM took place on 12th November and was followed by a Quiz, raising funds for the Poppy Appeal. Rev Naylor has joined the Committee

b) High Ercall Village Hall

The Parish Council had received an enquiry regarding dogs on the playing field and the Village Hall Management Committee have responded.

The Play Area sign is on order and does include 'No Dogs'.

A query was raised about outstanding repairs on the play area, from prior to its transfer to the Parish Council, this will be investigated.

There is a VHMC meeting on Thursday.

640/11/21.C West Mercia Police

PCSO Collumbell was unable to attend tonight, but has forwarded the latest newsletter, for information. All residents are encouraged to sign up for Neighbourhood Matters.

641/11/21.C Parish Matters

a) Neighbourhood Development Plan

The version that has been submitted to TWC has removed reference to GP facilities and bus service.

b) Daffodils

Cllr Hartshorne will order the bulbs off the internet.

642/11/21.C Next Meeting

21st December 2021

7pm

Ellerdine Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed meeting at 9.30pm 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 December 2021.