Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 19th October 2021 at 7.00p.m. in Ellerdine Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr K Connor Cllr A Price

Cllr R Hartshorn Cllr A Glenholmes

Cllr M Ward

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

607/10/21.C Welcome & Introductions

The Chairman, Councillor Connor, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. There have been a number of apologies for various reasons and therefore the meeting is only just quorate.

Councillor Connor mentioned the recent events and the tragic murder of Sir D Amess MP whilst undertaking a MP surgery in his Constituency. Members asked that sincere sympathy and condolences be sent to the family and to our MP, Mark Pritchard.

This devastating event has brought about the need to be aware of the role of individuals in a political world and it is important that everyone keeps in mind their own safety and security. Members are advised to take into consideration information recently received from Shropshire Council via SALC and remind themselves of the advice in the Lone Working Policy.

Public Session

None

Healthwatch

Sebastian Riley was due to attend tonight's meeting to give a presentation on behalf of Healthwatch – due to the low number attending, this has been postponed to a future meeting.

608/10/21.C Apologies for Absence

Councillor Y Homer Work Commitments

Councillor S Walker Isolation

Councillor G Barrow Health Reasons

Councillor C Purves Climate Change Training

Councillor E Aston Health Reasons

Councillor L Hughes Family Commitments

Councillor S Bentley Attending a TWC meeting

Councillor R Wickson Isolation

It was proposed by Councillor Ward and seconded by Councillor Glenholmes, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.

609/10/21.C Declarations of Interest (for items on the Agenda) or Dispensations

None

610/10/21.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st September 2021

It was proposed by Councillor Glenholmes and seconded by Councillor Ward, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2021 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

611/10/21.C Chairman's Report

Remembrance 2021

Following a brief discussion with Rev Naylor and Cllr Wickson (RBL) it had been confirmed that services will take place at High Ercall and Rowton on 14th November 2021. Times are to be confirmed.

Councillor Connor confirmed that he would like to pay for the Parish wreaths from the Chairman's Allowance.

Councillor Hartshorn proposed that Councillor Connor, as Chairman, should lay the Parish Wreaths, if possible. It was also confirmed that the display, including the Tommy silhouette, will be on the corner of Poynton Road and that the street lamp poppies will be erected.

612/10/21.C Finance & Governance

a) Minutes

Councillor Connor presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October, for information. Copies had been circulated to all members.

b) Recommendations

i) Additional Barclays Account

It was proposed by Councillor Connor that an additional account be opened and that the £15000 free reserve be transferred into it.

ii) Revised Budget

A copy of a draft revised budget had been circulated and it was proposed by Councillor Connor that it be adopted in order to include the earmarked reserves for specific projects.

iii) Footpath Working Group

Councillor Connor proposed that the WG invite two additional members / residents to join.

iv) Training Policy and Register

A draft policy had been circulated and Councillor Connor proposed that it be adopted and the register updated.

These recommendations were seconded by Councillor Glenholmes, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the four recommendations, listed above, should be agreed.

c) Payments

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

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

613/10/21.C Planning

a) Report

None

b) Planning Application for consideration TWC/2021/0986 4 Cotwall Road, Shirlowe

Extensions to property

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would have no objections to the proposals and would support the applicant in their request in order that it is consistent with similar plans at the neighbouring property.

TWC/2021/0984 Lammas Barns, Poynton Green Farm

Extensions to property

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would have no objections to the proposals.

c) Planning Decisions

None since the last meeting.

d) Ercall Magna Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Chairman was pleased to confirm that the Regulation 15 document, and supporting papers, have been forwarded to Telford & Wrekin Council. The next stage is the appointment of an Independent Examiner.

Members were reminded that once adopted (made) the Plan will be an integral part of the TW Local Plan.

614/10/21.C Environmental Matters

a) Update

A reply from Idverde confirmed that it would be necessary to weedkill the road edges, rather than the weeds being picked up by the road-sweeper.

b) The Queen's Green Canopy

Roden residents had responded to a questionnaire and there have been requests for fruit trees, a monkey puzzle tree and an oak tree. The preferred location of the Oak Tree would be the corner of B5062 with Poynton Road.

This will appear on the next Agenda for further consideration, particularly reference sites in other villages.

c) New Issues

None

615/10/21.C Highways Matters

a) Updates

The damaged roadsign at the bottom of Silver Hill has been repositioned, but is still in need of adjustment.

A request to the new Highways Officer has been forwarded for a Liaison Meeting so that we can discuss the current position regarding a number of outstanding matters, including the SID project and the Roden Section 106 scheme.

b) Footpath Working Group

The Chairman updated Members on meetings and discussions since the last meeting, which included information relating to both the High Ercall to Walton path proposal and the B5062 to Marlbrook Way route, too. TWC has provided additional information and outline diagrams as to how a path may look. Further information will be required particularly reference underground utilities and drainage at both locations.

Further to the Council's decision to increase the membership by two, and to widen the remit of the Group to discuss both paths, it was agreed that Councillor Glenholmes would join the working group and a local resident of Roden, EM, will be invited to join.

It is hoped that a meeting with Harman Warehousing will take place in the near future.

c) New Issues

Councillor Hartshorn reported that a FOI request has revealed that over 70% of vehicles, using the B5062 when the speed / traffic counter strips were in place, were travelling in excess of the speed limit.

616/10/21.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils

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

617/10/21.C Street Lighting

1 Walton Avenue - this light has been repaired, however the Parish Council is querying the invoice before payment.

618/10/21.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) MyTelford APP

Members are encouraged to download the APP and use this to report local issues. Members of the public can also use this method to report 'requests for action'.

c) Dog Control Public Space Protection Order Consultation

Everyone, dog owners and those without dogs, are encouraged to take part in this consultation, which is seeking the community view on dealing with dog fouling and loose dogs. Details of how to access the consultation document will be on the website and on social media.

619/10/21.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council

Councillor Bentley had sent his apologies as he is attending a Scrutiny Meeting regarding APT. Members shared their concerns regarding the 'transparency' and 'fairness' for developers using APT for preapplication consultation when the same officers are then making a decision, through the statutory process, on a future planning application.

620/10/21.C Reports

Councillors

Councillor Purves is attending the third in a series of Carbon Literacy Training sessions, which he has said are well run and interesting. He will report back to the November meeting.

Clerk's Report

a) Village Namesigns

TWC has been asked to investigate suitable sites for the signs. A revised quotation has been received and site visits can be arranged as some signs will be fitted to existing poles thus reducing the costs.

A request will be made to TWC for the option to buy the old namesigns as a form of income into the project.

This will appear on an agenda for further consideration when all information is available.

b) High Ercall Play Area

The annual RoSPA visit will be arranged by TWC and invoiced to the Parish Council. Minor repairs, identified in the quarterly inspection, have been carried out. The waste bin is now back on the schedule for regular emptying and the new Parish Council sign has been ordered, although a better logo is required for reproduction.

c) Budget Training

The Clerk has attended a budget training session and information will be shared with the Finance & Governance Committee at the start of the next meeting.

621/10/21.C Village Halls

a) Ellerdine Village Hall

The AGM will take place on 12th November and will be followed by a Quiz, raising funds for RBL.

b) High Ercall Village Hall

A report will be available following the next Committee meeting. Details of the weekly play area inspections will be provided to the Parish Council for the records.

622/10/21.C West Mercia Police

PCSO Collumbell was unable to attend tonight, but has forwarded the latest newsletter, for information. Concerns regarding overnight parking and other relevant matters, regarding the Mill Bend lay-by will be passed on for investigation.

The Parish Council has been asked to encourage Councillors and Residents to sign up for Neighbourhood Matters.

623/10/21.C Parish Matters

a) Deer Warning Sign near Mill Bend

A replacement sign is needed, as a matter of urgency, especially following a recent accident involving a large deer on the B5062.

b) Daffodils

The Chairman donated £50, from the Chairman's Allowance, for the purchase of daffodils to the Roden Gardening Club for planting in the village.

624/10/21.C	Next Meeting

16 th November 2021	7pm	Venue to be agreed
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There being no further business, the chairman closed meeting at 6.20pm and thanked everyone for their important	
contributions.	

Signed	Date
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Please note that these minutes remain draft until agreed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 16th November 2021.