

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 at 7.00p.m. in Ellerdine Village Hall.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr K Connor  
Cllr R Wickson  
Cllr Y Homer (645/12/21.C)  
Cllr G Barrow  
Cllr S Walker (646/12/21.C)

Cllr A Price  
Cllr C Purves  
Cllr M Ward  
Cllr S Bentley

**In Attendance:** Katrina Baker (Clerk)

**643/12/21.C Welcome & Introductions**

The Chairman, Councillor Connor, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending, especially because of the dismal weather conditions.  
Following the NALC advice, meetings should continue, face to face, where essential business is to be discussed. Ellerdine Village Hall is a suitable location, as social distancing is possible, however the meeting will be kept as short as possible. The Parish Council does have its scheme of delegation in place to enable the Council to function and Members do have the opportunity to meet remotely to discuss issues, where decisions can be recommended to Full Council.  
NALC continue to lobby Government to enable Parish & Town Councils to meet virtually and make decisions without a requirement for a face to face meeting.

**Public Session**

None

**644/12/21.C Apologies for Absence**

Councillor A Glenholmes	Alternative Commitment
Councillor R Hartshorn	Covid Restrictions
Councillor E Aston	Alternative Commitment
Councillor L Hughes	Family Commitment

*Councillor Y Homer arrived.*

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**

**645/12/21.C Declarations of Interest (for items on the Agenda) or Dispensations**

Councillor Bentley	Employment of the Clerk (Budget)	Personal and Prejudicial
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All Members, resident in the Parish received a Dispensation to enable them to take part in the budget discussions and to set a precept for 2022/23.

*Councillor S Walker arrived.*

**646/12/21.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

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

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

**647/12/21.C Chairman's Report**

None

**648/12/21.C Finance & Governance**

**a) Report**

Councillor Walker presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 for information.

At the meeting, Members received a presentation from the Clerk on 'budget setting' and it was agreed that this will also be presented to Full Council next year as it was very useful and informative.

**b) Budget 2022/23**

*Councillor Bentley declared an interest (Clerk's Salary) and took no part in the discussions.*

*All Members, resident in the Parish, have a dispensation to take part in the discussion and to set the precept.*

A draft budget had been circulated to all Members and discussed at the Finance & Governance Meeting. The Parish Council has a healthy balance, which will enable some of the outstanding projects to be included in the earmarked reserves.

It was proposed by Councillor Wickson and seconded by Councillor Barrow that the precept for 2022/23 be set at £49,900, the same level as the current year. This will result in a slight decrease for the Council Tax Payers, due to some additional housing. Members agreed that this would assist in supporting residents following the difficult year due to covid, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the precept for 2022/23 would remain at £49,900.00.**

**c) Payments**

It was proposed by Councillor Bentley and seconded by Councillor Purves that the invoice, recently received from M Barker for work on the Neighbourhood Plan should be passed for payment.

It was further proposed that £1800 from balances would need to be vired to the Neighbourhood Plan Budget. With one abstention, all were in favour and the following payments were agreed.

Clerk's Salary	December 2021	LGA 1972	£560.00
PAYE	December 2021	LGA 1972	£140.00
Neighbourhood Plan Contract		Localism Act 2011	£4800.00

**649/12/21.C Planning**

**a) Report**

The Chairman had circulated a report with details of planning applications determined since the last meeting.

**b) Planning Application for consideration**

TWC/2021/1166 The Elms, Shrewsbury Road  
Extensive Tree Works

**RESOLVED to support the application but to ask the Conservation Officer and Tree Officer at TWC be consulted before any works take place,**

TWC/2021/1194 Oakapple Cottage, 11 Rowton  
Single Storey Extension

**RESOLVED to support the proposed extension,**

DMMO/2019/0007 Twiney Lane, Rowton to Ellerdine  
Restricted By-way

The condition of this route is very poor and practically impassable in most parts. However it is important that access, by vehicle, remains in place for Number 7 and to ensure access to the fields.

**RESOLVED that the Parish Council would support the application with a condition that access to Number 7 and the fields remains available,**

**c) Planning Decisions**

As per the Chairman's report,

**d) ENF/2021/0764 and 76**

TWC Enforcement Officers have confirmed that the mobile homes are temporary structures and allowed under 'permitted development';

- e) **Planning Information Events**  
A series of evening seminars is to be arranged in the New Year. These will take place via Teams and the dates will be available soon.

#### **650/12/21.C Environmental Matters**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had attended a site visit with representatives of Idverde. Discussions took place regarding service standards and regular maintenance tasks. The Parish Council will thank Tim Davies and the team and to remind them to send the schedules. Members agreed it would be useful if dates were known in advance so that cars can be moved before road-sweeping and also if the pavements can be swept onto the road, the road sweeper could complete the job.

- b) **The Queen's Green Canopy**  
Following the Parish Council decision to have a tree planted in each of the villages and hamlets in the parish, TWC has identified suitable locations and species and will place the order. The Parish Council will receive an invoice for the planting of the additional trees.
- c) **Roden Milestone**  
Thanks were extended to Cllr Purves and the developer for identifying a solution and working towards the installation of this Milestone in an appropriate location near to the development.

#### **651/12/21.C Highways Matters**

- a) **Updates**  
**Footpath Working Group**  
A working group meeting will take place on Zoom before the next Full Council meeting for Members to discuss the paths at Walton and Roden.
- b) **New Issues**  
**Parking on Shrewsbury Road, B5062, High Ercall**  
The Clerk had spoken to two of the drivers, one has found an alternative parking place and understood the issues near to the junction, but the second will continue to park at the location.  
  
**Blocked Road Drains**  
These can be reported, along with potholes, via My Telford.

#### **652/12/21.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils**

- a) Regular updates are provided to all members and contain useful information.
- b) The AGM took place on 19<sup>th</sup> November, via Zoom. Thanks were extended to those Members who were able to attend.

#### **653/12/21.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) **Other matters**  
**Boundary Commission Review**  
The original maps are poor quality and we have requested more details to be able to see the changes that are proposed. It is important that Members consider the effects this will have on communities and the relationship between them. It appears that the proposals are not coherent with the Commission's own objectives. This will be on the January Agenda.
- c) **TWC Local Validation List 2021**  
Councillor Wickson will draft a response, and Councillors Purves and Barrow will join with him to prepare a final recommendation.

**d) Request for a Free Gym**

A written request had been received from a local resident. Members support the need to encourage exercise and to promote the health and well-being agenda, however, the cost of providing a purpose built gym, to be available free of charge to residents would be prohibitive. Members will keep this in mind for this 'wish list' when Section 106 funding is available.

**654/12/21.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council**

Councillor Bentley commented on a recent announcement that the Controlling Group on TWC was considering a 9% increase in the council tax. He was strongly against this proposal and congratulated the Parish Council on its decision not to raise the precept for 2022/23 in order to support local residents. His view was that TWC should be doing the same. However, it is accepted that the budgets for Adult and Children's Social Care are stretched to the limits.

**655/12/21.C Reports  
Councillors**

None

**Clerk's Report**

Defibrillators – it is important that these are registered with The Circuit and that the renewal dates for batteries and pads are available.

**656/12/21.C Village Halls**

**a) Ellerdine Village Hall**

It is good to know that some limited use has re-started.

**b) High Ercall Village Hall**

Councillor Homer and Councillor Hartshorne attend the Committee meetings as Members of the Parish Council but not to represent the Parish Council. Maintenance of the Hall continues, new tables and chairs have been ordered and a New Year event is planned to take place.

**657/12/21.C West Mercia Police**

PCSO Collumbell was unable to attend tonight, but has forwarded the latest newsletter, for information. Members confirmed their three priorities as:

- Speed of all Traffic through the villages
- Unacceptable use of lanes by HGVs
- Rural Crime

**658/12/21.C Parish Matters**

**a) Mill Bend**

An update on the enforcement issues, with timescales, will be requested for the next meeting

**b) Cleveland Arms**

This will be added to the next Agenda.

**659/12/21.C Next Meeting**

18<sup>th</sup> January 2022

7pm

To be confirmed

There being no further business, the Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and closed meeting at 8.40pm and thanked everyone for their important contributions.

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

Please note that these minutes remain draft until agreed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022