

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.00p.m. in High Ercall Village Hall.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr K Connor  
Cllr R Wickson  
Cllr G Barrow  
Cllr L Hughes  
Cllr C Purves  
Cllr A Price  
Cllr M Ward  
Cllr S Walker  
Cllr R Hartshorn

**In Attendance:** Katrina Baker (Clerk)  
2 members of the public

**698/03/22.C Welcome & Introductions**

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

**Public Session**

Community Speedwatch is included on the Agenda.

**699/03/22.C Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Bentley Unwell  
Councillor Aston Unwell

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

**RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.**

Members sent their good wishes for speedy recovery.

A Glenholmes had sent in her resignation, due to re-location. Members wished to record their thanks to Ms Glenholmes for her positive contributions to the work of the Council.

**700/03/22.C Declarations of Interest (for items on the Agenda) or Dispensations**

None

**701/03/22.C Vacancies**

The Clerk confirmed that the two vacancies have been advertised and no one has contacted the Returning Officer to request an election.

Ercall Magna Parish Council can fill the vacancies by co-option. Anyone interested in being considered for a position on the Council should forward a personal statement to the Clerk by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May to be included on the next Full Council Agenda for consideration.

**702/03/22.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

**703/03/22.C Chairman's Report**

a) Spam Emails

The Chairman reminded members that fake / spam emails can sometimes be received, as being from a fellow Councillor. Members are advised to check the email address (not just the name) of the sender to avoid opening up a spam email. If in any doubt, do not reply to the email but send a new email to the person appearing to send the email to you, for clarification – or, of course, give them a ring.

b) **Boundary Commission – Ward Review**

A draft response, taking into consideration all the points raised by Members, and the community, with regards to the Boundary Commission proposals to relocate Roden and Poynton out of Ercall Magna Ward and into Wrockwardine and Little Wenlock Ward, had been circulated for Members to peruse. Thanks were extended to those Councillors who had responded. It was proposed by Councillor Wickson and seconded by Councillor Hughes, with one abstention, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the Parish Council response to the Boundary Commission consultation, be submitted.**

**704/03/22.C Cleveland Arms – ACV**

The Phoenix Charity had confirmed that there had been an indication from the Owners' Agent that all serious fully funded offers would be contemplated. The asking price is considerably more than the valuation commissioned by the Parish Council and Charity, which in itself was also considered to be on the high side, given the restrictions that could be imposed on the sale.

An invitation has been forwarded to the Trustees of the Charity to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in order to update the community.

**705/03/22.C Finance & Governance**

a) **Financial Report**

The Chairman of the Finance & Governance Committee presented the Minutes of the last meeting, for information. The current balance is £65,324.19.

b) **Parish Agreement**

The Committee had considered signing up to the new TW Parish Agreement, which is to replace the parish Charter. It was proposed by Councillor Walker that the Parish Council should agree to sign up, for an initial 6 months after the launch, in order for Members to be able to monitor for improvements in the communication and partnership working with the Borough Council. Councillor Wickson seconded the proposal, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that Ercall Magna Parish Council should sign up to the new Parish Agreement, with TWC, initially for a 6 month period following the launch.**

c) **Village Namesigns**

Members confirmed their wish to include funding as an earmarked reserve. However, Members would await the outcome of the Boundary Review before considering this further.

d) **Payments**

All Payments have been made in accordance with the financial regulations and payments made through the dual authorization at Barclays Bank.

**706/03/22.C Planning**

a) **Report**

The Chairman gave a report with details of planning applications determined since the last meeting. There had been two permissions granted, TWC/2022/0009 and 0072.

b) **Planning Application for consideration**

TWC/2021/1226                      Rose Cottage, Ellerdine  
Amended Plans

**RESOLVED to continue to support this application.**

c) **Planning Information Events**

A copy of all presentations will be available at the end of the series which PTCs can use as a reference document. The next session is Ecology on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – spaces are still available on the upcoming sessions.

- d) **Crudgington Fields**  
 Members have been made aware of the planning application for a third phase at the old Dairy Crest site, which would include the creation of a roundabout at Crudgington Crossroads. Ercall Magna Parish Council had attended meetings with Waters Upton Parish Council, highways, planning, education and other TWC officers some years ago when it was established that there was a need for a roundabout at this location, but that the cost was prohibitive.  
 Members are aware that this has been a regular accident blackspot for many years and the installation of traffic lights would have a detrimental effect on the traffic flows, especially as a pelican crossing is also to be installed on the A442 North of the junction, before Crudgington School. With the additional housing in and around the area including Tibberton and Allscott and the main routes of the A442 and B5063 seeing an increase in traffic, the scheme to make this junction safer is welcomed. However, Members did remark that it is disappointing that the householders within the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of the development, were in a way funding the infrastructure. It was noted that a pedestrian route is included, for residents to access Crudgington School. Questions were asked regarding the size of the roundabout, considering that traffic volumes will be similar to those at Shawbirch, TWC need to ensure that it is sufficient to cope.

**RESOLVED to support the application, in principle, as a Contrary to Policy Application bringing forward the long-awaited safety scheme for the junction. Highways will be asked to confirm that the design and size will cope with the volume of traffic, without the need for enlargement in the future.**

Discussions will continue with Shropshire Homes, TWC Rights of Way and Railtrack in the hope of creating a walking route around the site.

**707/03/22.C Environmental Matters**

- a) **Updates**  
 None
- b) **Closed Churchyard**  
 Mr J Hughes had undertaken a visual inspection of the closed churchyard in High Ercall, taking into consideration the condition of mature trees. No communication had been received from the PCC, however, it should be noted that the Horse Chestnut (towards the school) and Lime Trees will need to be checked again when in leaf. Finally, the larger Ash Tree will need to be checked again for Ash Dieback, with a view to possibly having to replace the tree in the near future.
- c) **Churchyard Wall**  
 Members were aware of the damage to the wall, however it had not yet been established who owns the wall. It was agreed to report this as a concern to the Conservation Officer at TWC, for further investigation and communication with the relevant owner.

**708/03/22.C Highways & Transport Matters**

- a) **Speed Indicator Device**  
 Members remained frustrated as to why this project, which is being funded by the Parish Council, is taking so long to bring forward. The Clerk has had to remind the officers of the agreed locations.
- b) **Public Rights of Way**  
 Rights of Way officers at TWC have agreed to assist with the Working Group and to liaise with landowners to ensure that all routes are identified and passable. Work was continuing to ensure that all DMMOs could be completed in preparation for a 2026 deadline, however this has now been removed and there is, once again, no end date. However, the work remains a priority.
- c) **Roden Traffic Scheme**  
 Following a discussion at the Finance & Governance Meeting, the Clerk had asked TWC officers for a plan on how they proposed to spend the Section 106 funding which has been paid to TWC some years ago. Residents are aggrieved that this important project appears to have been 'forgotten'.

An invitation has been extended to the officers to attend the APM to explain to the residents why there has been such a delay. It is also hoped that the plans will be available, too.

d) **Transport Working Group**

Residents from Longden on Tern and Rodington Parish had invited representatives of Ercall Magna and Waters Upton parishes to a meeting regarding the use of the B5062 and 5063 by large numbers and sizes of vehicles. It had been agreed that a speed enforcement survey would be requested and that a representative of Highways will be invited to a future meeting. An invitation to the Parish Council will be included when arranging the next meeting with Greenhous.

**709/03/22.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils**

- a) Regular updates are provided to all members and contain useful information.
- b) Councillor Wickson, Chairman of SALC, also shared information regarding
  - i) Lobby Day – items will include flooding, NHS Chaos and DigitalisationCouncillor Connor confirmed that flood defences need to be at appropriate places identified through land management whilst working with DEFRA and the Environment Agency.

**710/03/22.C Street Lighting**

No issues reported

**711/03/22.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) **Platinum Jubilee**  
A quotation had been received from Insignia to provide 350 commemorative coins for children in the Parish under the age of 11. It was proposed by Councillor Hartshorn and seconded by Councillor Purves, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that Ercall Magna Parish Council purchases 350 coins, with the Parish Council logo included on the back of the coin and presented in an acrylic box at a total cost not to exceed £800.**

Parish Council plaques will be designed for each of the Queen's Canopy Trees around the Parish.

**RESOLVED that up to £200 will be made available for jubilee bunting and decorations. Councillor Hughes agreed to decorate the Gospel Oak in High Ercall.**

c) **Community Speedwatch**

West Mercia police continues to promote Community Speedwatch, which is supported by the Police & Crime Commissioner. Members considered appropriate locations, where speeding has been identified as a local issue. Unfortunately, many of the identified sites do not meet the speedwatch criteria. However, information would be gathered from our PCSO and an article included in the newsletter and on the website. Members will consider this again in the future.

d) **Healthy Telford Newsletter**

Members were asked to share this with the community.

e) **TWC Scrutiny Work Programme**

TWC has asked all PTCs for topics that can be considered by Scrutiny within the Council. Ercall Magna would put forward two suggestions:

- i) Parish Council Funded Projects – there is an unacceptable delay in TWC bringing forward projects requested by PTCs even when being funded by the local councils / third party funding.

- ii) Business continuity, resilience, succession planning – there is concern that business practices within the council often cause concern.

**712/03/22.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council**

Offering support to communities regarding the proposed boundary changes and encouraging residents to 'have their say' direct to the Boundary Commission.

Provided funding for local projects.

Supporting the provision of a roundabout at Crudgington, for safety of pedestrians and road-users.

**713/03/22.C Reports  
Councillors**

None

**Clerk's Report**

All included on the Agenda

**714/03/22.C Village Halls**

**a) Ellerdine Village Hall**

There is a quiz arranged for 25<sup>th</sup> March – all welcome

**b) High Ercall Village Hall**

Councillor Hartshorn cannot continue as the representative as his work commitments prevent him from attending meetings. Two representatives will be elected at the AGM.

Jubilee Events are in the planning stages, a grant has been received from TWC.

**715/03/22.C West Mercia Police**

Routine updates are circulated. Thanks are extended to our PCSO, Ivan Collumbell, for his support on a regular basis.

There has been a burglary recently in the Parish, residents are asked to be aware and careful.

**716/03/22.C Parish Matters**

None

**717/03/22.C Next Meeting**

19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

7pm

Annual Parish Meeting

On Zoom

Members considered the format of this meeting to encourage more local residents to attend. The Parish Council will receive the annual reports in writing in the usual way, these will be available on the website.

The Chairman will include important points from them within his report, which will also incorporate the Financial Report, provided by the Clerk.

It is hoped that the requests for an update on Road Safety, Usage and Traffic Management will be included and an update on the Cleveland Arms, ACV.

The meeting will be advertised in the next newsletter.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the 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 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022.