

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 15th February 2022 at 7.00p.m. in High Ercall Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr K Connor Cllr A Price
Cllr R Wickson Cllr M Ward
Cllr G Barrow Cllr S Walker
Cllr L Hughes Cllr E Aston
Cllr A Glenholmes

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
2 members of the public
PCSO I Collumbell

679/02/22.C Welcome & Introductions

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

Public Session

None

West Mercia Police

PCSO Collumbell promoted Neighbourhood Matters and encouraged everyone to sign up to receive regular information and updates.

It was confirmed that the three priorities identified for Ercall Magna are very similar to those of other rural parish councils.

It was suggested that we ask PC Rod Lake, Traffic Officer, for details of vehicles counts and speed in Roden, in preparation for working with TWC on a suitable traffic scheme, using the Section 106 funding.

680/02/22.C Apologies for Absence

Councillor Bentley	Attending a TWC meeting
Councillor Hartshorn	Work Commitments
Councillor Purves	Family Commitments

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.

Yvonne Homer had tendered her resignation on 14th February and the position has been advertised.

Members wished it to be recorded that they are very grateful to Yvonne for her work whilst serving as a Parish Councillor in recent months.

681/02/22.C Declarations of Interest (for items on the Agenda) or Dispensations

None

682/02/22.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th January 2022

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

683/02/22.C Chairman's Report

a) Year Of Wellbeing

The Chairman confirmed that Ercall Magna Parish Council has signed up to the Year of Wellbeing and we will now receive regular information for sharing in support of health and wellbeing. This is particularly important at this time.

b) **Boundary Commission – Ward Review**

The Chairman confirmed that the consultation has been extended to 9th May 2022. However, Members believed that it is important that the views of the Parish are submitted as soon as possible. Based on the agreements at the last meeting, a draft response will be considered at the March meeting, if anyone has other points they wish to be included, please forward them to the Clerk as soon as possible. It is important that everyone has an opportunity to respond and it was agreed that a useful note will be provided to assist people in making a submission based on the facts available.

684/02/22.C Cleveland Arms – ACV

A representative of the CPC had confirmed that the Charity is liaising with an interested third party to purchase the Community Asset with a view to restoring and operating it as a public house. They have tried to make contact with the Agent, but calls are not returned. It is likely that they will now make a formal request in writing.

The Parish Council will add the ACV status to the next Agenda for consideration as it is due to expire in June 2022 and members may wish to prepare another application in order to continue to support the Charity in its aims.

685/02/22.C Finance & Governance

a) **Financial Report**

A copy of the balance sheet had been circulated which confirmed a current balance of £50,323.92 plus the £15,000.27 free reserve.

b) **Payments**

A full list of payments had been circulated to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Finance and is available to all members.

Expenditure over £100 appears on the website in accordance with the Transparency Code.

Copies of the Receipts and Payments account and summary had been circulated to all Members, for their information. This will assist in finalizing the Earmarked Reserves for the end of the financial year.

c) **Risk Assessment & Asset Register**

Members confirmed the updated Risk Assessment which is also due to be reviewed in May 2022, in accordance with Assertion 5 of the AGAR.

A copy of the Asset Register had also been circulated, and confirmed as accurate.

686/02/22.C Planning

a) **Report**

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

b) **Planning Application for consideration**

TWC/2022/0072 The Elms, High Ercall
Significant works relating to a number of trees

This is the second application for work to trees in the grounds of The Elms. Members agreed that this was sensible husbandry for the trees and the site.

RESOLVED to support the application in principle and Members wished to enquire of the Tree Officer if it would be appropriate that some of the trees be replaced in order to maintain character in the Conservation Area.

- c) **Planning Information Events**
Two sessions have taken place and Members that had attended agreed that they were useful, brief and to the point, the time was well-managed. However, a comment would be submitted to say that there is no requirement to read from the slides as part of the presentation. There are spaces available on the other sessions still to come. A copy of all presentations will be available at the end of the series.
- d) **Enforcement Officer**
Richard Walmsley has been appointed as the new Enforcement Officer (to replace D Jones). Richard is familiarizing himself with current matters and has offered to attend a future PC meeting with updates, when available.
With regards to Mill Bend, the Inspector has asked for more information regarding the bats and owls before offering further comment.

687/02/22.C Environmental Matters

- a) **Road and Pavement Sweeping**
It was good to see the operatives blowing footpaths before the visit by the road sweeper – the area looks much better and cared for.
- b) **Wild Flower Beds**
The areas in Roden and Silver Hill have been prepared and the seeds sown.
- c) **Green Canopy**
Members agreed to take part in the TWC publicity regarding the trees which have been planted around the Parish. The Chairman will ensure that one tree is recorded on the National Green Canopy register. Plaques will be available before the Jubilee.

688/02/22.C Highways & Transport Matters

- a) **Updates**
Footpath Working Group
The Chairman will liaise with the landowner and bring forward a report to a future meeting.

Road Drains
It was good to see the tanker clearing road drains around the Parish, this will assist to alleviate flooding.
- b) **Speed Indicator Device**
Whilst the Parish Council appreciates the difficulties that TWC may have experienced with staff shortages and redeployment, Members were disappointed that this scheme (which was first agreed in 2017) has still not been brought forward. The Chairman and Clerk will be taking this up with officers.
- c) **Public Rights of Way**
A meeting will be arranged for interested residents and Councillors and Andrew Careless has agreed to attend. In the meantime, Andrew will be asked to provide the kissing gate for Walton and for the outstanding work on the Shrewsbury Road. There are also missing stiles and way-markers.
- d) **Crudgington Crossroads**
Members were made aware of the inclusion of a roundabout at Crudgington Crossroads, as part of a Shropshire Homes planning application. Members agreed that this is 'good news' for residents and road users as this essential junction between Shrewsbury and Newport. This has been needed for many years and the Parish Council looks forward to supporting the proposal when it is available for consultation.

e) A442 Cold Hatton

The Chairman and Clerk had attended a site meeting, with Waters Upton Parish Council, with the new Highways Engineer and company which provided the VAS. Both Parish Councils had contributed to the scheme and were disappointed that the signs were not as ordered. Also, the fact that the system defaults back to 'emerging traffic' remains a concern. This needs to be 'Slow Down' and apparently is the result of a software issue.

The central refuges are not noticed, especially as they are very dirty. The reflectors are not visible. This has been reported to the maintenance engineer.

f) Roden / B5063

It is hard to believe that a scheme or work is still not available – the Chairman and Clerk will be taking this up with the relevant highways officers.

g) New Issues

- i) Road surface outside of the crossing near to the Cleveland Arms
- ii) Potholes on Shrewsbury Road
- iii) Potholes between Cotwall and High Ercall
- iv) Increased traffic to Greenhous Village
- v) Road closed from Hilbrae to Royal Oak, for the provision of a water supply

689/02/22.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 – meeting with MPs to discuss Shropshire issues eg flooding and Defra advice regarding burial grounds
 - ii) Chairman's meeting – Shropshire based
 - iii) Interviews for an additional member of staff

690/02/22.C Street Lighting

No issues reported

691/01/22.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**
This will appear on the next agenda for further consideration – Members are asked to consider how they wish to be involved.

692/02/22.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.

**693/02/22.C Reports
Councillors**

None

Clerk's Report

Defibrillators – the replacement battery and pads have now arrived. It will be necessary to keep these costs in mind when considering future budgets.

694/02/22.C Village Halls

- a) **Ellerdine Village Hall**
There is a meeting this week, bookings are increasing.

b) High Ercall Village Hall

There is a vacancy for a Parish Council representative on the VH Committee. Arrangements for the Jubilee are on the agenda for the next meeting.

695/02/22.C West Mercia Police

The latest newsletter is available.

696/02/22.C Parish Matters

a) Pedestrian Crossing, B5062 near to the Ridgeway Junction

Water lies to the side of the crossing. This location would benefit from a raised platform, for speed reduction, too.

697/02/22.C Next Meeting

15th March 2022

7pm

High Ercall Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm 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 15th March 2022.