

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 17th May 2022 at 7.00p.m. in High Ercall Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Cllr K Connor	Cllr A Price
Cllr R Wickson	Cllr S Bentley
Cllr G Barrow	Cllr S Walker
Cllr L Hughes	Cllr R Hartshorn
Cllr S Noyes Thomas	Cllr S Taylor

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Cllr M Ward (via zoom)
Cllr E Aston (via zoom)

730/05/22.C Welcome & Introductions

The Chairman, Councillor Connor, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. He welcomed Councillors Thomas and Taylor to their first Full Council meeting.

Public Session

None

731/05/22.C Apologies for Absence

Councillor Purves	Holiday
Councillor Ward	Isolation
Councillor Aston	Family Commitments

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

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.

732/05/22.C Declarations of Interest (for items on the Agenda) or Dispensations

None

733/05/22.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th March 2022

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

Members confirmed the accuracy of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held on 19th April. These will be signed at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2023.

734/05/22.C Chairman's Report

None

735/05/22.C Finance & Governance

a) Financial Report

The Clerk confirmed the current account balance as £69525.13. The Parish Council is in a sound position to move forward with the projects identified and included in the budget for 2022/23.

b) Payments

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

It was proposed by Councillor Wickson and seconded by Councillor Hartshorn, all were in favour and thus it was agreed that the following payments be confirmed:

BHIB	Insurance 2022/23	LGA 1972	£633.01
K Baker	Contribution to Zoom Fee	LGA 1972	£12.00
Rowton PCC	Donation for Grass Cutting (50%)	LGA 1972 s214 (6)	£350.00
TWC	Queen's Green Canopy – 3 additional trees	Highways Act 1980 s96	£750.00
SALC	Affiliation Fee 2022/23	LGA 1972	£735.85

c) End of Year Accounts

Copies of the AGAR- Form 3 for 2021/22 had been circulated for information. A copy of the receipts and payments account, the asset register and the explanation of variances had also been circulated.

i) Annual Governance Statement

It was proposed by Councillor S Walker that the Members acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control and they agreed with all eight Accounting Statements.

ii) Accounting Statements

It was also proposed by Councillor S Walker that the figures included in Section 2 accurately reflect the financial position of the Parish Council.

These were second by Councillor Hartshorn, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Sections One and Two of the AGAR be signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council in preparation for the External Audit.

iii) Confirmation of the Dates of the period for the exercise of public rights

RESOLVED that the Exercise of Public Rights should commence on 13th June and end on 22nd July 2022.

736/05/22.C Planning

a) Report

i) The Chairman presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2022, for information.

ii) Members considered the Recommendation to Call-In the application for determination by the Planning Committee. This was proposed by Councillor Barrow and seconded by Councillor Hughes, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED to call In TWC/2022/0340 for determination by the Planning Committee. A representative of Ercall Magna Parish Council will attend and speak in opposition to the application.

- iii) The Chairman explained that following a discussion with TWC and taking into consideration the current NPPF policies regarding the retention of public houses in rural areas, the Parish Planning Committee considered applying for an extension on the ACV in order to complete the proposals in the Business Plan. This was proposed by Councillor Bentley and seconded by Councillor Wickson. There was one abstention and one vote against thus it was

RESOLVED that Ercall Magna Parish Council should apply to extend the ACV and inform TWC of this decision, prior to determination of the current planning application.

- b) **Planning Application for consideration**
TWC/2022/0422 Walton Manor
Rear and side extensions

RESOLVED to support this application.

- TWC/2022/0425 High Ercall Primary School Grounds
Necessary work on trees within and overhanging the school yard

RESOLVED to have no objections to the proposals, recalling that this is in the Conservation Area and that the work would require permission of the Tree Officer.

- 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.
- d) **Ercall Magna Neighbourhood Development Plan**
As previously agreed, work had continued by Councillors Connor, Purves and Wickson to respond to the comments received from TWC regarding Regulation 15. Thanks were extended to the Chairman for his work to amend and update the NP in accordance with the agreements. It had also been agreed to put forward sites as 'Local Green Spaces'. The final version will be shared with Members prior to a final round of scrutiny before Regulation 16. As this takes place, TWC will employ the services of an Independent Examiner. It is still hoped that the referendum can take place before the end of this calendar year.

737/05/22.C Environmental Matters

- a) **Updates**
None
- b) **New Issues**
Cleveland Arms Hedge
A request for urgent work to the hedge, as it causes an obstruction, will be submitted.
- High Ercall Primary School Wall**
A request will be sent to TWC that work to clear the overgrowth which obstructs the disabled bay opposite the church.

738/05/22.C Highways & Transport Matters

- a) **Report**
Members were reminded to use the My Telford APP to report requests for action, this gives a unique reference number which can be used to chase up the work when not completed.
- b) **Report from the Highways Officer**

Members recalled the visit of the Senior Highways Officer to the Annual Parish Meeting and his commitment to work with the Parish Council and to investigate the numerous outstanding highway matters.

Members were disappointed with the response regarding Shrewsbury Road, Cotwall Bends and Shirlowe Lane. A previous visit by an alternative Highways Officer had recognised the need for repairs on the B5062 and now it appeared that this is not a priority.

Councillor David Wright, as Cabinet Member, had previously agreed to investigate the Cotwall Bends following the serious accident which took place, and now there is no mention of the fault with the camber of the road, although some resurfacing may take place.

Members discussed possible next steps and it was agreed that the Parish Council should raise awareness of their concerns and disappointment with the Chief Executive in order to raise the profile of the works required to make these rural highways safer.

RESOLVED that the Chairman and Clerk would compose a letter to include the history of reports, the requests for action, the failed promises and the changes of priority and agreements due to staff changes and the lack of a business continuity plan for when officers move on.

CLlr Noyes Thomas had raised awareness of the speed concerns on the Shrewsbury Road in High Ercall with the PCSO who had confirmed that the Parish Council request for speed cushions at the junctions with Church Road and Park Lane would be beneficial.

c) New Issues

CLlr Taylor raised concerns regarding the traffic travelling through the lanes to the Greenhouse Village. The Chairman agreed that this will be raised, again, when he and the Vice Chairman meet with the Site Manager. Previous meetings have been useful and Greenhouse have taken the concerns seriously and promoted the use of Crab Tree Lane.

A hole has developed between Park Lane and Shop Lane, where a bollard has been removed.

The Clerk will ask when the bus shelter on Shrewsbury Road will be replaced.

d) 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. A further request for an update will be forwarded to TWC.

739/05/22.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 matters raised at the recent Executive Meeting which included:
 - Diversity
 - Ambulances
 - Hospitals
 - Rising fuel costsHe will be attending the MPs Lobby Day where these will appear on the Agenda

740/05/22.C Street Lighting
No issues reported

741/05/22.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) **Rookery, High Ercall School Field**
A recent enquiry from a local resident has been referred to the School.

- c) **Pride Month**
The information from TWC has been shared with Members, unfortunately, however, the Parish Council does not have a Flag Pole to consider flying a Pride Flag.
- d) **Jubilee Trees**
Unfortunately, the regulations regarding the Queen's Green Canopy Scheme does not allow for Parishes to add their own plaques. It was therefore agreed that the information would be added to the website and this may be considered again in the future.
- e) **Healthy Telford Newsletter**
- f) **Grant Request**
A letter had been received from Rowton Parochial Church Council, confirming the quotation for the grass cutting for 2022. The Parish Council had included funds in the budget and it was therefore proposed by Councillor Wickson and seconded by Councillor Taylor that an initial grant of 50% be provided. All were in favour and therefore it was

RESOLVED that £350 be provided for the maintenance of the churchyard.

742/05/22.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council

Councillor Bentley updated the Meeting on the current position regarding the unauthorized Barn at Mill Bend and the decision by TWC to erect bat boxes, to relocate the bats and then progress, via court if necessary, to knock down the unauthorized building and recharge the costs to the owner.

He confirmed his support for Crudgington Roundabout and informed Members of his commitment to trying to provide some rural transport. This may mean the use of some of the £10,000 Pride Funding that is available to all members and may mean a request from the Parish Council to consider funding. At this point, a request may also be sent to local businesses, such as Greenhous and Simmonds Transport.

The Annual Council Meeting is on Thursday 19th May from 6pm at Oakengates Theatre.

743/05/22.C Reports Councillors

Councillor Hartshorn reported on the recent Roden Open Day which was very successful and £500 for Hope House Children's Hospice. They were particularly pleased that our PCSO, Ivan Collumbell could attend - thanks were extended to him, and a letter sent to his Inspector.

Clerk's Report

All included on the Agenda

744/05/22.C Village Halls

a) Ellerdine Village Hall

There will be a low key Jubilee Celebration on Sunday 5th June.

b) High Ercall Village Hall

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday, 19th June - all welcome.
The Jubilee Fun Day will be on 28th May 2022.

Concerns were raised by local residents regarding the speed of traffic attending the Pride & Joy events and the noise from the event - Councillor Wickson agreed to raise these at the meeting and report back.

745/05/22.C West Mercia Police

PCSO Collumbell continues to provide an excellent, much needed, service to the rural areas and this is much appreciated across the Parishes.

The following information has been received and shared with all members:

Rural Crime Prevention

May Newsletter

An invitation to the Fly Tipping information event on Tuesday, 24th May from 6pm at Waters Upton Village Hall – all welcome, especially landowners.

746/05/22.C Parish Matters

- a) Local reports of a stranger around the area had been shared so that local residents could be more aware – he has been arrested.
- b) The Roden Scarecrow Event will take place on 12th August 2022.
- c) Roden will be decorating the village with bunting (costs will be reimbursed from the Parish Council Jubilee Fund)
- d) The use of drones over residential areas is strictly controlled – anyone concerned for safety or security should contact the police.
- e) Thanks were extended to Mr A Williams, from Walton, and his team for the maintenance of the parish planters, the Parish Council had provided funds for the plants from Roden Nursery. The Parish Council will also provide the plants for planters in Roden and Ellerdine.

747/05/22.C Next Meeting

20th June 2022 7pm Full Council High Ercall Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm 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 20th June 2022.