

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 21st June 2022 at 7.00p.m. in High Ercall Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr K Connor Cllr M Ward (from 753/06/22.C)
Cllr R Wickson Cllr S Bentley
Cllr G Barrow Cllr L Hughes
Cllr S Noyes Thomas Cllr S Taylor
Cllr E Aston

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

747/06/22.C Welcome & Introductions

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

Public Session

None

748/06/22.C Apologies for Absence

Councillor Purves	Health reasons, for his father and self
Councillor Price	Recovering from an operation
Councillor Walker	Delayed flight from holiday
Councillor Hartshorn	Work Commitments

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

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.

749/06/22.C Declarations of Interest (for items on the Agenda) or Dispensations

None

750/06/22.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th May 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 17th May 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

751/06/22.C Chairman's Report

a) Jubilee Coins

The majority of the Parish Council coins had been distributed through school, but messages have been posted to enquire about additional young people who may attend other educational establishments. Following the provision to all primary age children, pre-school and senior school pupils can now apply on a first come / first served basis.

b) Jubilee Events

Thanks were extended to everyone who helped to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in various ways across the Parish. Events had taken place in Ellerdine and High Ercall and bunting was provided in Roden.

c) Letter to TW Chief Executive Officer

As previously agreed, the Parish Council had written to the CEO of TWC regarding the absence of answers, particularly regarding highway concerns, and the lack of action on specific projects, especially those where funding is available either through a Section 106 agreement or from the Parish Council. It is disappointing that no reply, or acknowledgement, has been received, which is outside of the Customer Charter. The Chairman informed the meeting that he would be writing (personally) to the Leader of the Council if the response is not satisfactory or if no response is received from him soon.

d) Future Parish Council Projects

A meeting of the Finance & Governance Committee will take place before the September Full Council meeting to commence budget discussions. Members are asked to Identify their priority projects for consideration.

752/06/22.C Finance & Governance

a) Financial Report

The Clerk confirmed the current account balance as £68012.46. The Parish Council is in a sound position to move forward with the projects identified and included in the budget for 2022/23. The Free Reserve of £15000 remains in a savings account.

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 Hughes, all were in favour and thus it was agreed that the following payments be confirmed:

E Aston	Re-imburse Jubilee Expenditure - Roden	LGA 1972 Section 137	£140.61
Vision ICT	Website hosting and email support	LGA 1972	£528.16
K Baker	June Salary	LGA 1972	£563.20
HMRC	June PAYE	LGA 1972	£140.80

753/06/22.C Planning

a) Report

- i) The Chairman reported on the decisions received since the last meeting. The following applications had all been approved:
- 2021/1215 Park Timber
 - 2022/0422 Walton Manor
 - 2022/0425 Trees at High Er call Primary School
 - 2022/0354 Windy Oak
- ii) The application TWC/2022/0340, Cleveland Arms, has been passed to a new Planning Officer and TWC as the Planning Authority, is to undertake its own review of the viability of the public house and has agreed an extension to the end of August. The Parish Council has called in the application for determination by the Planning Committee.

TWC has advised the Parish Council that it will have to re-apply for the ACV to be extended.

Councillor Ward arrived

b) Planning Application for consideration

None

d) Ercall Magna Neighbourhood Development Plan

The final version of the revised Regulation 15 has been shared with all Members and is now ready to be re-submitted to TWC for it to progress to Regulation 16. The Chairman thanked Members for the comments and confirmed that the final amendments have been included. The TWC document has also been updated to respond to each of the comments made. The suggestions regarding the technical papers have all been accepted.

A discussion took place to ensure that the most relevant information, from the Census, is included, it may be necessary to refresh the profile information before the final version goes to referendum, to ensure accuracy and completeness.

754/06/22.C Environmental Matters

a) Updates

It remains disappointing, and frustrating, that many of the reports submitted to TWC have not received action. Reminders continue to be sent.

b) New Issues

Cleveland Arms Hedge

Work has commenced on the hedge, although more is needed.

Wildflower Beds

Idverde have confirmed that both areas will be re-seeded later in the year.

Roden Play Area

A meeting is to be arranged with TWC and the landowner to move this project forward. TWC has announced funding for play areas and it is hoped that this will enable the area to be brought up to standard prior to handover.

Mill Bend

The bin needs to be emptied regularly.

Climate Care Course

Councillor Wickson will attend to represent EMPC.

755/06/22.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) Shrewsbury Road Bus Shelter

Telford & Wrekin Council has confirmed that there has been a delay in providing the new shelter in Madeley, when this is installed, the old shelter will relocate to High Ercall. It is hoped this will be before the end of July 2022.

c) Speed and volume of traffic

There have been numerous reports of concerns for safety due to the speed and volume of traffic in the Parish. High Ercall and Roden are particularly affected.

A letter will, once again, be sent to Haughmond Quarry and a meeting is to be arranged with Greenhous.

d) New Issues

These issues, some of which have already been reported, will be followed up:

- More visits from the Road Safety Camera Partnership in Roden
- Remind people to use Operation SNAPP
- Write to John Campion, Police & Crime Commissioner to raise awareness of the strength of the concerns
- Installation of road cushions in High Ercall

- The Speed Indicator Device scheme
- Raised platform on the B5062 at the Pelican Crossing

756/06/22.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils

- Regular updates are provided to all members and contain useful information.
- The AGM will take place via zoom on 11th November 2022 at 6pm.
- Training – What to expect at meetings – the following Councillors will attend
 Cllr S Noyes Thomas
 Cllr K Connor
 Cllr R Wickson

757/06/22.C Street Lighting

No issues regarding street lights faults have been reported.

The Chairman informed Members that since the upgrade to LED of the Parish Council lights, there has been a query regarding the inventory. The lights are owned by the Parish Council and maintained by EON, as part of a contract. However, the infrastructure is owned by Western Power Distribution. A temporary agreement has been reached in that we will be billed for all our lights as 30w LED from dusk to dawn. If this changes, adjustments can be made.

Questions would be asked regarding the street lighting at Earls Keep. It is understood that this has not yet been transferred from the developer and remains their responsibility.

758/06/22.C Correspondence

- 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.
- TW Bus User Group**
 Donnington & Muxton Parish Council has written to all Parish & Town Councils to ask about their thoughts on the public transport provision at this time, and in particular the role of the Bus User Group.
 Points raised included:
 Frustrated at lack of rural transport
 Could result in isolation
 Many residents in the rural areas don't have an alternative
 Bus User Group is consulted on a wide range of issues, not just Arriva buses
 Important to be part of a constituted Group – gives more opportunities for discussion and to make changes.
 The Chairman will respond on behalf of the Parish Council, copies will be available to all Members, for information.

759/06/22.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council

Councillor Bentley updated Members on current issues and included

Ward Walk – no significant changes have occurred in 12 months, not likely to undertake another one if results are not evident.

Rural Transport – has met with senior TWC officers and are discussing bespoke options to provide a core service to the rural areas. If this is possible, it must be led by the Parishes (not TWC) especially when PTCs will be asked to contribute.

Governance Review – there has been no update as yet, still believes that Roden and Poynton should remain with Ercall Magna.

Asset of Community Value – disappointed to hear that there is no process at TWC for an existing ACV to be extended.

Rural Poverty – will enquire what TWC is doing to bring partner organizations together to better support local communities, particularly in the rural areas.

760/06/22.C Reports
Councillors
None

Clerk's Report
Village Planters

Thanks were extended to the volunteers for the planting and maintenance of the planters in Roden, High Ercall and Ellerdine – this is much appreciated.

Parish Agreement

Since the move to cease the Parish Charter and move to a new Parish Agreement, there has been little progress. We currently have no guidelines for monitoring the performance of TWC when it comes to correspondence and support for PTCs. The Clerk will request an update.

761/06/22.C Village Halls

a) **Ellerdine Village Hall**
None

b) **High Ercall Village Hall**

Councillors S Noyes Thomas and R Wickson attended the AGM. The Minutes of the meeting will be sent to the Parish Council, for information.

i) **Play Area**

Regarding the play area, for information the weekly inspections are undertaken by the Village Hall and a report forwarded to the PC monthly. However, if a defect is noticed, this will be reported to the Parish Council at the time.

The Parish Council undertakes the bi-monthly RoSPA inspection.

TWC arranges the annual RoSPA inspection and invoices the Parish Council when the report is available.

ii) **Section 106 funding**

The funding from Earl's Keep is safe with TWC although it must be used to enhance the play provision in the village. A proposal to enhance the playing field at the village hall is under consideration. TWC has offered to support HEMC with design, specifications, tender process.

The Parish Council currently provides grass cutting for the Village Hall field. The maintenance of any enhanced provision funded from TWC cannot be included in the grass cutting contract and must be provided as part of the scheme managed by the Village Hall Management Committee.

762/06/22.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 fly tipping event was useful although poorly attended by landowners (although publicity was questioned). It highlighted the importance of an active Enforcement Team. It was also clear that there is a need to change the working arrangements of the recycling centres – this message is to be taken back to TWC by the officers in attendance. Officers agreed that this new taskforce, incorporating the Council, Police, NFU and Environment Agency need to be proactive, rather than reactive.
- The Town & Parish Council survey has been drafted and will be sent to the Police & Crime Commissioner. It focuses on the importance of the role of the rural support officer and the need for a vehicle to be available.
- The Parish Council continues to encourage residents to register with Neighbourhood Matters.
- The June newsletter is available and has been circulated.

763/06/22.C Parish Matters

- a) The SNT will be asked to visit the next Pride & Joy event at High Ercall Village Hall. The VHMC will be asked to remind attendees of the need to respect residents when arriving and leaving the event.
- b) A reminder about the missing 'Beware of the Deer' sign on the B5062 towards Roden will be sent to TWC.
- c) The current Smartwater Scheme has been very effective. Members need to consider any new housing or residents as an extension to the Ercall Magna scheme. Information will be available for the July meeting and this will appear on the Agenda.

764/06/22.C Next Meeting

19 th July 2022	7pm	Full Council	High Ercall Village Hall
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There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm 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 19th July 2022.