

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 19th July 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 L Hughes
Cllr S Noyes Thomas	Cllr S Taylor
Cllr E Aston	Cllr S Walker (arrived 770/07/22.C)

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Mr S Armstrong (SA)
PCSO Collumbell

765/07/22.C Welcome & Introductions

The Chairman, Councillor Connor, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending on the very hot night. Councillor Connor explained that it would appear his email name is being used in spam / phishing emails and Members are asked to be aware and to check the full email address before responding.

Public Session

Mr Armstrong shared his concerns and information regarding highway matters referring in particular to the B5063 between Walton and High Ercall. He had contacted TWC on at least four occasions and not received a response, he hoped that the Parish Council would be the appropriate body to take his concerns seriously.

- The road surface around the Coppice Drive / Earl's Keep junctions is in a poor condition, there are potholes and poor reinstatement following works in the highway which are not of a suitable standard. In his opinion, this needs the Highway Authority to resolve the issue, dealing with the various responsible organizations.
- Traffic speed
- HGVs and in particular the empty transporters

Additional Planning Application

An application had been received since the publication of the Agenda for an extension at Walton Manor – Members agreed that they would consider this within the Planning Agenda item as everyone had had an opportunity to look at the details.

766/07/22.C Apologies for Absence

Councillor Hartshorn	Work Commitments
Councillor Ward	Previous Engagement
Councillor Walker	(arrived 770/07/22.C)

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

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.

Absent

Councillor C Purves

767/07/22.C Declarations of Interest (for items on the Agenda) or Dispensations

None

Members were reminded that following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct, Members should now declare their membership or relationship with any local organization or charity that works within the Parish. A new form will be circulated for completion. This declaration will be valid until May 2023, when new forms will be completed by newly elected Councillors at the elections. These new declarations will be in place for the four years of the Council.

768/07/22.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st June 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 21st June 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

769/07/22.C Chairman's Report

a) Letter to TW Chief Executive Officer

A response to the Parish Council letter to the Chief Executive had been received from Dean Sargeant on his behalf. It was disappointing that this was not acknowledged by the Chief Executive as the request included was for him, in that senior position, to recognise the frustrations of long delays in bringing forward essential works and projects in our Parish. The letter received contained updates on outstanding matters, which we had already received from various officers.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had met to discuss the reply and have now responded further, but as yet no response or acknowledgement has been received.

b) Jubilee Coins

The Chairman reminded Members that there are some coins still available for young people of the Parish. Members are asked to identify local families who have not yet received coins.

c) Special Award

A communication has been received regarding a special award to be presented to a local business man. Further details will be obtained and this will be included on the September Agenda for a decision to be made regarding how the Parish Council can recognise this achievement locally.

d) Community Certificates of Achievement and Thanks

Members agreed that the Parish Council will introduce personal Certificates of Achievement or Thanks to be made available to local residents when they have 'gone that extra mile'. Nominations can be received at the next meeting.

770/07/22.C Finance & Governance

a) Financial Report

The Clerk confirmed the current account balance as £82333.68 and a bank reconciliation had been circulated. 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.

Councillor Walker arrived

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:

Npower	Street Light Energy	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3	£828.44
K Baker	June Salary	LGA 1972	£563.20
HMRC	June PAYE	LGA 1972	£140.80

771/07/22.C Planning

a) Report

There was no report for this meeting.

b) Planning Applications for consideration

- i) TWC/2022/0551 Norbridge on the Hill
Erection of an outbuilding

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would have no objections to this application.

- ii) TWC/2022/0601 Walton Grange
Single Storey Extension to the existing agricultural grain store

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would have no objections to this application.

c) Ercall Magna Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Chairman confirmed that the final version of the Plan had been submitted and was now with TWC in preparation for Regulation 16. TWC will be working through the process to engage the services of an Independent Examiner.

d) Cleveland Arms – an Asset of Community Value

- i) TWC has engaged the services of an 'Expert' in order to assess the details relating to this site, its history, its current state and the planning application.
- ii) There is no legal process to extend a term of an ACV within Telford & Wrekin and therefore a new application has been submitted for consideration. A decision should be available by the end of August. For clarification, this is a legal process and not part of the planning process.

e) Other Planning Matters

- i) Land off Park Lane, High Ercall – erection of ten homes
The application process has been extended and the Agents have responded to the numerous objections included on the planning portal. However, many of the responses have been ineffective due to the inaccuracies included.
It was agreed that the Parish Council should confirm to the Planning Officer the Parish Council's views and to include that this site is included in the Emerging Ercall Magna Neighbourhood Plan as a designated Local Green Space.
- ii) North Shropshire Autograss Site, Moortown
There had been comments within the community regarding the recent National Event held at this location. Whilst Members accepted that that was a special event, and unlikely to be repeated for some years, the Parish Council would value the opportunity to liaise with the organizers to discuss the arrangements for their events.
It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with the Committee.

772/07/22.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
DMMO – Twiney Lane**

Confirmation has been received from TWC that the route has been regularized as a Right of Way.

Wildflower Beds

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

Climate Care Course

Councillor Wickson has attended the first part of the course and will share the information with all Members when completed. He offered to produce some key points and basic actions for the Parish Council to consider.

773/07/22.C Highways & Transport Matters

Reports

a) Poynton Green

The NAL socket for the SID has been installed. There remains questions regarding the 30mph limit. This will need the agreement of Shropshire Council. The Parish Council will contact Councillor Paul Gill, Shropshire Councillor, for assistance.

b) Cotwall Bend

Following a second accident, a site meeting took place with TWC, the Ward Member, Parish Council and residents. TWC responded with a list of actions which are due to be completed by the Summer.

During the meeting, TWC accepted that there was an adverse camber causing issues for drivers of HGVs and consideration was being given to widening the carriageway, improved signage and speed restrictions.

The Parish Council wished to record its thanks to Mr R Bruikshaw for his quick response to their requests regarding hedge cutting.

c) Speed Indicator Device Project

It is necessary to request an update on the installation of the remaining NAL sockets and to insist that the post and SID is installed in the Parish as a matter of urgency.

d) Roden

The funding from Section 106 agreements has been available at TWC for over three years. It is unacceptable that the schemes have not yet come forward.

The Clerk will ask when the plan will be available to commence consultation with the Parish Council and residents.

e) Missing 'Beware of the Deer' sign

TWC has confirmed that this is on order, along with the missing village speed sign missing from near to the junction with Shirlowe Lane.

f) Mini Island at Cotwall

Members believe it is unacceptable that the mini island has not received maintenance which results in many near misses as drivers do not see the right of way advice. Members also believe that it would be better if this junction reverted back to a Give Way junction.

Greenhous Village

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had met with the Manager of the Osbaston site and had invited the Clerk and a Councillor from Rodington Parish Council to join them. It is important to have these liaison meetings where information can be shared and concerns raised. The booklet, available to their drivers, is to be updated and the Parish Councils have been invited to include a statement. The company does want to be a 'good neighbour' and the management are keen to address issues at the earliest opportunity. The Parish Council has the contact details and will report any matters on behalf of the local community.

774/07/22.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils

a) Regular updates are provided to all members and contain useful information.

b) The AGM will take place via zoom on 11th November 2022 at 6pm.

c) Training – What to expect at meetings – 3 Councillors had attended this recent session which had been very useful.

In order to update the Training Register, Members were asked to inform the Clerk of all training sessions attended, with a date.

Any Councillor wishing to attend further training sessions can book them through the Clerk.

775/07/22.C Street Lighting

No issues regarding to the Parish Council street lights have been reported.

It had been confirmed that the street lights at Earls Keep will remain the responsibility of Galliers Homes, until adopted by TWC.

776/07/22.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) **First Aid Training**
Rodington Parish Council is arranging a training day for Parish Councils who arrange community events. The cost is £65 per person. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact the Clerk for more information.
- c) **Wrekin Area Committee**
The next meeting is to take place on 21st July at 7pm via zoom. Councillors Wickson, Barrow and Hughes will attend. Rural transport is on the Agenda.

777/07/22.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council

Councillor Bentley updated Members on current issues and included **Rural Transport** – awaiting details from TWC regarding a proposal.

CSE Report – this is very distressing for survivors, victims and their families and includes 47 recommendations to be implemented by the Council and the Police. There is a lot of work needed by both organizations and the community as a whole as a part to play in safe-guarding. Congratulations and thanks should be extended to those who came forward to speak up about the issues – it is very important that they continue to be supported.

Councillor Connor added that the police have publicly acknowledged the situation and admitted that they got it wrong and have learned important lessons which are backed up by actions. However, TWC has not taken this same approach, nor acknowledged their failings. It appears that TWC has failed to accept its corporate responsibilities over many years. Everyone has a role to play, however it is essential that the Council and the Police work together.

778/07/22.C Reports

Councillors

Councillor K Connor and R Wickson attended a session regarding Historic Pubs, which featured the role of the pub in the community. It had been hoped that this would have been helpful regarding the ACV.

Clerk's Report

Parish Agreement

The Agreement has now been circulated and 25 Parish & Town Councils have agreed to sign up to it. It will be presented to Cabinet at TWC in September prior to adoption.

779/07/22.C Village Halls

- a) **Ellerdine Village Hall**
The Hall is 'ticking over' nicely. Unfortunately, due to a lack of volunteers, the annual flower show has been cancelled this year.
- b) **High Ercall Village Hall**
Councillor S Noyes Thomas reported that the play area is checked weekly and the ragwort has been removed.

Details regarding a hearing loop will be available soon and a grant application may be submitted. The Village Hall Secretary is continuing to work with Land Registry on the registration of the playing field. The Management Committee will be working with TWC on the project for the path around the playing field, which will be funded by the Section 106 funds from Earls Keep.

780/07/22.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. Ivan had attended the Pride & Joy event, which was well organized. The police had been in the local villages with the speed gun and some motorists will receive letters due to offenders being caught by the Road Safety Partnership. Roden residents wished to record their thanks to Ivan for attending their 'Meet The Neighbours' event recently.

781/07/22.C Parish Matters

The following matters were reported and will be auctioned or reported to the relevant authorities:

- a) Condition of the Jubilee Tree at Crab Tree Lane
- b) Potholes in Crab Tree Lane
- c) Give Way sign twisted and hidden by the hedge
- d) Weight limit sign overgrown
- e) Silver Hill, 30mph speed limit sign overgrown
- f) Park Lane sign overgrown

782/07/22.C Next Meeting

20 th September 2022	7pm	Full Council	High Ercall Village Hall
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A Finance & Governance Meeting will take place in August.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm 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 September 2022.