

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 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
Cllr M Ward (from 787/09/22.C)	Cllr R Hartshorn
Cllr C Purves	

**In Attendance:** Katrina Baker (Clerk)  
L Shepherd, Secretary, High Ercall Village Hall

**783/09/22.C Welcome & Introductions**

The Chairman, Councillor Connor, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending this historic meeting. Councillor Connor had attended the Proclamation at Telford Town Park for the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II and the Accession of King Charles III. After the service, as Chairman of the Parish Council he received a scroll from the High Sheriff and was asked to make this Proclamation in the Parish.

**784/09/22.C Standing Orders**

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

**RESOLVED that the Standing Orders be suspended in order that the public can take part in the Proclamation, should they wish to.**

Members and guests stood up as the Official Proclamation was read by the Chairman. A copy of this official document is available on request, copies will be presented in frames to the Village Halls and it will appear on the website.

**Public Session**

Ms Shepherd, representing High Ercall Village Hall Management Committee, shared her concerns regarding dog fouling on the playing field adjacent to High Ercall Village Hall. She is the Management Committee Secretary and is working to complete the registration of the Village Hall and Playing Field with the help of the Charity Commission and Land Registry.

The Parish Council erected a sign at the entrance to the play area behind the Village Hall and adjacent to the Playing Field, it advises that 'No Dogs are Allowed'.

Lizzie shared information with the Parish Council and suggested possible signage that could be erected on the entrance to the playing field - she suggested that the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee should send out a joint message regarding the risks of Toxocariasis.

The Chairman thanked Ms Shepherd for the information and explained that this would appear on a future agenda for Members to consider having had an opportunity to investigate relevant laws and the powers of the Parish Council.

**The meeting continued in accordance with Standing Orders.**

**785/09/22.C Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Price	Unwell	
Councillor Ward	Arrived at 787/09/22.C	With apologies for being late.

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

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

Members welcomed Councillor Purves and Councillor Wickson to the meeting following their recent periods of ill health.

#### **786/09/22.C Declarations of Interest (for items on the Agenda) or Dispensations**

The Parish Council is waiting to hear from TWC as to if updated Declaration of Pecuniary Interest Forms are to be produced. In the meantime, Members are asked to declare any Matters of Other Interests.

The following Other Interests were recorded:

Councillor Wickson	High Ercall Village Hall and Royal British Legion
Councillor Connor	Ellerdine Village Hall and Royal British Legion
Councillor Noyes-Thomas	High Ercall Village Hall

Councillor Connor had submitted a Dispensation request as a Trustee of Ellerdine Village Hall and as a Member of High Ercall branch of the RBL. This dispensation had been granted and would be in place until May 2023.

*Councillor Ward arrived.*

#### **787/09/22.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 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 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

#### **788/09/22.C Chairman's Report**

It had been an honour to represent Ercall Magna Parish Council at the Proclamation in Telford Town Park. The Books of Condolence are now closed. A letter has been sent to HM King Charles II congratulating him and the Queen Consort and offering condolences to the family on the sad loss of Queen Elizabeth II.

#### **789/09/22.C Finance & Governance**

##### **a) Finance & Governance Meeting**

Councillor Walker presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> August, for information - copies had been circulated to all members.

##### **b) Recommendations**

The Committee had recommended that Ercall Magna Parish Council signs up to the Civility & Respect Pledge, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that Ercall Magna Parish Council signs up to the Civility & Respect Pledge**

The Parish Council already has a Dignity at Work Policy.

##### **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:

<b>K Baker</b>	<b>July Salary</b>	<b>LGA 1972</b>	<b>£563.20</b>
<b>HMRC</b>	<b>July PAYE</b>	<b>LGA 1972</b>	<b>£140.80</b>
<b>K Baker</b>	<b>August Salary</b>	<b>LGA 1972</b>	<b>£563.20</b>
<b>HMRC</b>	<b>August PAYE</b>	<b>LGA 1972</b>	<b>£140.80</b>

<b>PKF Littlejohn</b>	<b>Audit Fee</b>	<b>LGA 1972</b>	<b>£360.00</b>
<b>AC Maintenance</b>	<b>Roadman Duties</b>	<b>LGA 1972 s101</b>	<b>£140.00</b>
<b>Npower</b>	<b>Street Lighting Energy</b>	<b>Parish Councils Act 1957 s3</b>	<b>£645.00</b>
<b>Nobridge Ltd</b>	<b>HE Closed Churchyard</b>	<b>LGA 1972 s215</b>	<b>£830.28</b>
<b>Vision ICT</b>	<b>Website London Bridge</b>	<b>LGA 1972 s142</b>	<b>£84.00</b>

**c) End of Year Audit / AGAR**

The AGAR had been returned from the Auditors with no comments and no actions required. Copies of the Completion of Audit are on display in the Parish and will appear on the website.

**d) Grant Applications**

Two enquiries have been received and application forms have been forwarded. When completed, these will appear on an agenda for consideration.

**790/09/22.C Planning**

**a) Report**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee gave a report including details of planning determinations since the last meeting, for information.

It was noted that the Appeal for the 'barn' at Mill Bend had upheld the TWC decision. It is now the responsibility of the Enforcement Team at TWC to take relevant action.

Thanks were extended to Councillor Connor and Councillor Bentley (as Ward Member) for attending the Planning Committee meeting and supporting the Officer's Recommendation for the refusal of the application for The Cleveland Arms. The Planning Officer's report was comprehensive and had included all matters raised in the Independent Report. Councillor Bentley requested that thanks be extended to the Planning Officer, for the extensive work on this application, in order to support the community's wishes.

**b) Planning Applications for consideration**

None

**c) Ercall Magna Neighbourhood Development Plan**

TWC has confirmed that the Regulation 16 version is ready for the next stage of consultation and TWC is now looking to appoint the Independent Examiner.

**d) Other Planning Matters**

**i) Land off Park Lane, High Ercall – erection of ten homes**

Further correspondence is available on the planning portal, for information. The Parish Council has offered to provide further information if required.

**ii) Planning Sessions**

A PDF has been circulated to Members with copies of the slide presentations for all of the events in the series which are a useful reference for PTCs.

**791/09/22.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**

**Footpath outside of 38 Marlbrook Way, Roden**

A trip hazard at this location will be reported to TWC for action.

## **792/09/22.C Highways & Transport Matters**

### **Report**

#### **a) Cotwall Bend**

A number of meetings and discussions have taken place with the Ward Member and Parish Council. A meeting also took place in High Ercall Village Hall, with residents of Cotwall Lane in order that Councillors Bentley & Connor could listen to their views and concerns and continue to represent them wherever possible.

Issues raised included speed, size and volume of vehicles and affected all residents from Crudgington to Cotwall Bank.

Correspondence continues with the Highways Officers and Police and local companies.

#### **c) Speed Indicator Device Project**

NAL sockets are in place, but there is still work to be done before the scheme can commence. It is important that the SID is used to collect relevant data, as this can be the evidence needed by TWC and the Police to take further action.

#### **d) Roden**

Councillor Hartshorn expressed his disappointment that the Parish Council has still not received details of the long awaited scheme to slow down the traffic through Roden. He asked that TWC be asked to confirm 'who is preventing this project from coming forward' and to express to the senior officers how extremely inefficient the Highways Department is.

#### **e) Rural Transport Working Group**

Councillor Hughes had represented the Parish Council at a meeting hosted by Rodington Parish Council. It was clear at the meeting, that neighbouring parishes suffer from the same issues as Ercall Magna regarding highways and the number, size and speed of vehicles.

At the meeting, it was suggested that Rodington Parish Council has a case to challenge TWC for a 'loss of civic amenity'. When more information is available, Ercall Magna may wish to consider this action, or to work jointly with Rodington Parish Council.

#### **f) Speed Issues**

Following two separate requests from residents, Ercall Magna Parish Council will continue to raise concerns regarding the B5063 High Ercall to Walton Road and the B5062 Crudgington to Cotwall Road.

#### **g) Shrewsbury Road Bus Shelter**

Due to the delay in getting a new shelter installed at Madeley, there has been a delay in replacing the shelter on Shrewsbury Road.

## **793/09/22.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 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 6pm.
- c) The Executive Meeting is to be re-arranged for October.
- d) Wrekin Area Committee will meet on 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7pm on zoom.

## **794/07/22.C Street Lighting**

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

## **795/09/22.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**

Thanks were extended to Members who had expressed an interest – they are awaiting more details from Rodington Parish Council.

**c) TW Bus User Group**

The Minutes have been circulated and include important information regarding a new service which is proposed for the rural areas.

**796/09/22.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council**

**Rural Transport Initiative**

Details are now available and will be circulated to all Members. Following a tender process, details of the timetables will be available, this is anticipated to be in October and the service will start before the end of the year.

**Councillor Pride Funding**

Funds have been allocated for additional dog waste bag dispensers and to support the new rural bus initiative with work undertaken on bus shelters and to provide appropriate publicity.

**797/09/22.C Reports  
Councillors**

None

**Clerk's Report  
Parish Agreement**

The document was recently approved by Cabinet at TWC. We can now use the document for monitoring purposes.

**Rights of Way**

The work required near Mill House is now on order with the contractor.

**798/09/22.C Village Halls**

**a) Ellerdine Village Hall**

Thanks would be extended to Ellerdine Village Hall for hosting the Book of Condolence which has now been collected and will be kept, with the ones from Roden and High Ercall. It is hoped to combine the three into one by a professional company.

**b) High Ercall Village Hall**

Councillor S Noyes Thomas reported that there have been 3 meetings and a quotation has been accepted from Nobridge Nursery to provide the track around the playing field, using the Section 106 funding from Earl's Keep. The Committee is working with the Charity Commission and Land Registry to regularize the site and ownership responsibilities. This has included updating the Trustees and boundary – it was also confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan has proposed that it be identified as a protected green space.

Councillor Purves offered assistance with a topographical survey, which would be useful.

A number of events have taken place which have been well attended. They have a structured events committee with a 5 year plan. They have confirmed that they would like to host a Coronation Event.

The Parish Council is to obtain an indicate quotation for a fence around the play area, with a self-closing gate – this may be added to next year's budget.

Further information and advice will be requested from TWC regarding the 'No Dogs' and a possible bye-law for the recreational field.

**799/09/22.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 latest newsletter has been distributed.

The three priorities for the Charter have included speed, anti social behavior of drivers and inappropriate use of lanes by HGVs.

Information has been obtained regarding Community Speedwatch. However, this is not possible on a B road where there is no speed restriction and only national speed limit applies.

**800/09/22.C Parish Matters**

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

- a) Hedges around the bowling green at The Cleveland need cutting back
- b) Add Quiet Lanes to the next Agenda – a public consultation will be required.
- c) It was disappointing to read that only two Roden residents had responded to the consultation regarding the Boundary Review, which has now determined that Roden and Poynton will leave the Edmond & Ercall Magna Ward and move to Little Wenlock and Wrockwardine from May 2023.

**801/09/22.C Next Meeting**

18<sup>th</sup> October 2022

7pm

Full Council

High Ercall Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm and thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting.

Signed .....Date .....

Please note that these minutes remain draft until agreed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022.