

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 15th November 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 C Purves

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

820/11/22.C Welcome & Introductions

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

821/11/22.C Apologies for Absence

Councillor Hartshorn	Holiday
Councillor Walker	Work Commitments
Councillor Ward	Work Commitments

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

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted

822/11/22.C Declarations of Interest (for items on the Agenda) or Dispensations

The following Other Interests were recorded:

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

823/11/22.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th October 2022

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

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

824/11/22.C Chairman's Report

a) Remembrance Sunday

Councillor Connor had represented the Parish Council at the Acts of Remembrance in High Ercall and Rowton on Sunday, 13th November. The services were well organized and well attended. Thanks were extended to Ray Wickson, as Chairman of the local RBL and Councillor Noyes-Thomas for laying a wreath. Thanks were also recorded to everyone who helped to put up the lamp post poppies and to Mr & Mrs Stephenson and Councillor Aston for the Roden display.

A letter of thanks will also be sent to Ruby Sheffield from Osbaston who had raised funds for the Poppy Appeal.

b) Meeting with Simmonds Transport

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had met with the MD of Simmonds Transport who was very welcoming. It was good to learn more about the business and in particular the operations that are based at High Ercall. This is a family orientated business which supports and trains its staff and where they respect and invest in the community.

There are no restrictions on the operating hours, however the Management try to ensure that the working hours are reasonable throughout the week with limited weekend work. Training sessions sometimes take place in an evening or at weekends, and are available to third parties.

A loaded HGV arrives between 11pm and 2am in readiness for the following day, but the drivers are as considerate as possible.

The access to the sheds have been moved to the rear as this will generate less noise. However, the poor road surfaces in the rural areas so mean that vehicles appear noisier.
The company does have to use agency drivers, but they do tend to get the same ones, who are part of the team and have the same standards.

825/11/22.C Finance & Governance

a) Financial Reports

A copy of the current balance sheet had been circulated to all Members and showed a balance of around £100,000.

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 Purves, with one abstention, all were in favour and thus it was agreed that the following payments be confirmed:

Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreaths	LGA 1972 s 137	£150.00
Nobridge Nurseries	Grass Cutting	LGA 1972 s101	£1617.87
K Baker	November Salary	LGA 1972	£563.20
HMRC	November PAYE	LGA 1972	£140.80
Rowton PCC	Churchyard donation for maintenance	LGA 1972 s101	350.00

There is an outstanding invoice for High Ercall Closed churchyard still to be received.

c) Finance & Governance Meeting

This will take place on Monday, 28th November 2022 at 7.30pm at High Ercall Village Hall.

826/11/22.C Planning

a) Report

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

b) Planning Applications for consideration

None

c) Ercall Magna Neighbourhood Development Plan

The document is now out for the final public consultation and copies are available at Addenbrooke House, Telford; Planning First Point in Wellington and at High Ercall Shop. A link is also on the website. Telford & Wrekin Council will employ the Independent Examiner and it is hoped that the document will move forward at pace to the referendum early in the New Year.

827/11/22.C Environmental Matters

a) Updates

The area at Roden, has been extended but it is not known by who – however, the parish wishes it to return to two beds so that the replacement wild flower seeds can be sown as originally planned. The area at Silver Hill has been re-claimed by the landowner.

b) Dog Poo Bag Dispensers

Three dog poo bag dispensers have been purchased, two for High Ercall and one for Rowton.

- c) **Leaves on pavements**
Further work to collect leaves from pavements is necessary to prevent them becoming dangerous when slippery. A full sweep will be requested for December.
- d) **Litter on the A442**
The area has been litter-picked by Idverde.
- e) **New Issues**
The Parish Council will bring to the attention of the owner, the current condition of the Hall wall, which is listed and suggest that TWC Heritage Team may be able to assist with advice. The boundary wall to the church walk is also in need of repair.

828/11/22.C Highways & Transport Matters

Report

- a) **Highways Liaison Meeting**
A meeting has been requested so that Members can discuss direct with officers the delays experienced with getting some projects brought forward, especially those where the Parish Council is holding the funds.
- b) **Speed Indicator Device Project**
It was agreed that the Parish Council would engage the services of Idverde to move the SID around for the remainder of the year before making a permanent decision.
- c) **Roden**
TWC has confirmed that the Roden Road Safety Scheme will include two permanent SIDs.
- d) **Missing 'beware of the deer' sign**
The Clerk will continue to chase this, which is more important since the recent accident in which a deer had to be put to sleep because of its injuries in a collision with a car and lorry.
- e) **Cotwall Mini Roundabout**
This will be raised at the Highways Liaison Meeting.
- f) **Rodington Transport Working Group**
The next meeting will take place on 16th November.

829/11/22.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils

- a) Regular updates are provided to all members and contain useful information.
- b) The AGM took place on 11th November on zoom and over 60 representatives attended. The motion regarding solar panel applications and community gain was amended to include TW and Shropshire Unitary Authorities and was passed unanimously. The Annual Meeting of the Executive will take place on 21st November.
- c) Wrekin Area Committee takes place on 16th November, it is intended to raise the question of the UK SPF and how much is available for TW and how will it be distributed.

830/11/22.C Street Lighting

TWC has agreed to investigate what can be done to assist the light pollution from Light 640 in Roden. The damaged access hatch on the light pole at High Ercall Primary School has been reported.

831/11/22.C Correspondence

- a) All correspondence is shared with Members at the earliest opportunity.
- b) **Proposed Solar Farm Consultation**
A public meeting is taking place at Ellerdine VH on 16th November between 2pm and 7pm – everyone welcome. Details are available at highercallsolarfarm.co.uk.
The Chairman will request a further public meeting, at High Ercall Village Hall, when the application is ready to enable residents to ask questions and submit comments, which the Parish Council will take into consideration.

The public will be encouraged to submit their views.
Discussions will take place with the applicant regarding community gain options.

c) **Constituency Boundary Changes**
It has been confirmed that the name of the Wrekin will remain at The Wrekin Constituency.

d) **TW White Ribbon Event**
An invitation has been shared with Members.

e) **Interim Review of Polling Places**
Details have been circulated – Roden and Poynton residents will be asked to vote in Wrockwardine.

832/11/22.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council

Rural Transport Initiative

The contract has been awarded and the company is now investigating extending the routes and timetables – which is good news for the rural areas. It is hoped that the service will start in December. A request has been made that Parish Chairman and representatives are invited to the launch.

Autumn Statement

This is awaited with some concern, especially regarding social care budgets.

833/11/22.C Reports Councillors

None

Clerk's Report

Carbon Literacy Training

This has been completed and the Certificate received.

834/11/22.C Village Halls

a) Ellerdine Village Hall

The AGM was followed by the RBL quiz which was well supported.

b) High Ercall Village Hall

Councillor S Noyes Thomas reported that the work on the roof will start this week and the track around the field by the end of November. The Committee has created a 5 year plan. The heating is controlled remotely. There is no update on the installation of the CCTV yet.

835/11/22.C West Mercia Police

PCSO Collumbell has sent his apologies due to his shift pattern, however the latest newsletter is available. Hare coursing is still a problem and anyone with information is asked to ring 101, but if they are on land at the time, please use 999.

Chief Constable Pippa Mills attended the SALC AGM and agreed to discuss the importance of the role of the rural support officer with the PCC.

836/11/22.C Parish Matters

Councillor Barrow has reported the potholes in Roden on My Telford.

837/11/22.C Next Meeting

20th December 2022

7pm

Full Council

High Ercall Village Hall

Light refreshments will be available after the meeting.

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

SignedDate

Please note that these minutes remain draft until agreed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 20th December 2022.