

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.00p.m. in High Ercall Village Hall.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr K Connor Cllr R Hartshorn (until 848/12/22.C)  
Cllr R Wickson Cllr S Bentley  
Cllr G Barrow Cllr L Hughes  
Cllr S Noyes Thomas Cllr S Taylor  
Cllr M Ward

**In Attendance:** Katrina Baker (Clerk)  
One member of the public

**838/12/22.C Welcome & Introductions**

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

**Public Session**

Work has continued on the improvements at Cotwall Bend including the installation of the new signs. There is now an advisory 25mph around the bend, visible from both directions.

However, local residents remain concerned about the speed of traffic and are continuing to request a speed reduction on the road from Crudgington Crossroads to Cotwall Bank.

The Parish Council has confirmed that the Speed Indicator Device will be sited at Cotwall Bend for its first installation.

**839/12/22.C Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Walker	Work Commitments
Councillor Purves	Family Commitments
Councillor Aston	Holiday
Councillor Price	Health

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

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

PCSO Ivan Collumbell

**840/12/22.C Declarations of Interest (for items on the Agenda) or Dispensations**

The following declarations of interests were recorded:

Councillor Wickson	High Ercall Village Hall, Education Trust and Royal British Legion
Councillor Connor	Ellerdine Village Hall (with dispensation) and Royal British Legion
Councillor Noyes-Thomas	High Ercall Village Hall
Councillor S Bentley	Employment of the Clerk
Councillor Taylor	TWC/2022/0864
Councillor Hartshorn	TWC/2022/0864

**841/12/22.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

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

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

**842/12/22.C Chairman's Report**

**a) Thank you card from King Charles III**

A card had been received to acknowledge the Parish Council letter of condolence sent at the time of the death of Queen Elizabeth.

**843/12/22.C Finance & Governance**

**a) Minutes of the Finance & Governance Meeting**

Councillor Connor, as Vice Chairman, presented the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022, for information. Copies had been circulated to all Members.

**b) Recommendations**

i) It was proposed by Councillor Connor, seconded by Councillor Hughes, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that Ercall Magna Parish Council will recognise the current situation for many residents and will not increase the precept for 2023/24. A precept of £49,900, as last year, will be requested.**

*The Clerk and Councillor Bentley left the meeting.*

ii) It was proposed by Councillor Connor, seconded by Councillor Hartshorn, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the Clerk's salary be increased by one SCP in recognition of additional duties undertaken, this will be payable from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022.**

*The Clerk and Councillor Bentley returned to the meeting.*

iii) A copy of the proposed Parish Council Strategy and Forward Plan had been circulated to all Members, for perusal. It was proposed by Councillor Connor and seconded by Councillor Wickson, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that Ercall Magna Parish Council adopts the Parish Strategy and Forward Plan – these will assist to ensure that the Parish Council is representative of its residents. The Plan will be updated regularly to take into consideration, the views of the community and the Council's priorities.**

**c) Financial Reports**

A copy of the current Bank Reconciliation had been circulated and showed a balance, at the end of November, of £95,492.25 which included significant earmarked reserves for current projects.

**d) Payments**

All Payments are 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 Taylor, with one abstention (Clerk's Salary), all were in favour and thus it was agreed that the following payments be confirmed:

<b>Cyclone Signs</b>	<b>Wildlife Sign</b>	<b>Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 s72</b>	<b>£74.40</b>
<b>SALC</b>	<b>Councillor Training</b>	<b>LGA 1972</b>	<b>£20.00</b>
<b>K Baker</b>	<b>December Salary</b>	<b>LGA 1972</b>	<b>£609.60</b>
<b>HMRC</b>	<b>December PAYE</b>	<b>LGA 1972</b>	<b>£152.20</b>
<b>High Ercall Village Hall</b>	<b>Room Hire</b>	<b>LGA 1972</b>	<b>£124.00</b>
<b>TWC</b>	<b>RoSPA report</b>	<b>Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 and 10</b>	<b>£100.00</b>

## 844/12/22.C Planning

### a) Report

The Chairman of the Planning Committee gave a report. There had been no new decisions since the last meeting.

TWC/2022/0251 Lammas Barn, Poynton Green Farm, Poynton  
The appeal had been upheld and permission granted.

### b) Planning Applications for consideration

TWC/2022/0864 Land SE of Roden Poultry Unit – amended plans received

*Councillors Taylor and Hartshorn declared non-pecuniary interests*

This application remains 'outline' and as such it is difficult to establish details of the proposals as the block plan is purely indicative. The amended plans show no significant changes. However, TWC has confirmed that when a full planning application is received, the Parish Council will be re-consulted.

The Parish Council continues to support the provision of accommodation for an essential worker. However, when considering planning policy, HO 10 of the Local Plan does not identify Roden as a suitable key settlement. It is therefore necessary to consider this as an exception as set out in policy HO 11.

**It was agreed that the Parish Council would offer further comment on the application, in that the proposal should be of an appropriate scale and design for the location and that it be provided for a family with the necessary local connection and be restricted to people with a local connection in perpetuity who will undertake a legal agreement that they will live in the property and that the development will be complete within two years.**

TWC/2022/1004 Barn Cottage, Heath Lane – outline application for one self-build dwelling

Whilst the Parish Council remains sympathetic to the circumstances of the owners who wish to remain residents in the area, the Parish Council is aware of the policies in the Local Plan restricting development in rural areas. Previous applications have been refused by the Planning Authority and also dismissed on appeal.

**The Parish Council cannot see any significant differences to the previously refused applications and can, therefore, offer no further comment.**

### c) Ercall Magna Neighbourhood Development Plan

The period of public consultation has ended and TWC has confirmed that some responses were received which are being analysed., TWC has commenced the process to engage an independent external examiner and it is anticipated that a contract will be signed in January. The Parish Council is keen to know the number of respondents.

## 845/12/22.C Environmental Matters

### a) Updates

The unofficial extended wild flower area at Roden is to be returned to two separated flower beds, one more-formal and the seconded as a wild flower bed.

### b) 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.

### c) New Issues

None

**846/12/22.C Highways & Transport Matters**

- a) **Beware of Wildlife Sign**  
The Parish Council has purchased and had installed a replacement sign between High Ercall and Mill Bend Bridge.
- b) **Quiet Lane Project**  
TWC is to assess Silver Hill and Poynton Road, for their suitability as a Quiet Lane. These rural narrow roads and lanes have mixed uses and the information is awaited in order that the Parish Council can consider necessary funding.
- c) **Rural Transport Working Group**  
Rodington Parish Council has sent minutes of the last meeting, for information. It appears that a Rural Forum meeting would be the next best step in order to have relevant TW officers in attendance to discuss various local issues and concerns.
- d) **Speed Indicator Device Project**  
The SID and accessories are now available and Idverde have been instructed to assist in the first position.
- e) **Roden Scheme**  
TWC has confirmed receipt of the Parish Council comments on the proposed traffic scheme and will be putting together the documents and presentation for the public consultation, early in the New Year.
- f) **New Issues**  
A meeting with senior officers of TWC is essential in order to represent the community by discussing the outstanding, and new, highway and transport matters.

**847/12/22.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils**

- a) Regular updates are provided to all members and contain useful information.
- b) The Minutes of the Wrekin Area Committee meeting have been circulated for information.

**848/12/22.C Street Lighting**

- a) Eon have sent an engineer to investigate and repair the light at the entrance to the school, and will also be visiting a light out in Shirlowe Lane.

*Councillor Hartshorn left the meeting*

- b) Investigations are continuing regarding the street light contract for lights at Talbot Fields and outside of the Tennis Courts. Details of the timings have been forwarded and may result in a credit note being issued for overcharges on energy.

**849/12/22.C Correspondence**

All correspondence is shared with Members at the earliest opportunity.

**850/12/22.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council**

There have been no meetings of the Council since the last PC meeting.

Autumn Statement

The Autumn Statement, from Government, has been received and is more positive than first envisaged.

**851/12/22.C Reports  
Councillors  
None**

**Clerk's Report**

- a) The replacement defibrillator pads are on order for February.
- b) TWC has confirmed that the order for the kissing gate for the permissive path entrance between High Ercall and Walton is on order.

**852/11/22.C Village Halls**

- a) **Ellerdine Village Hall**  
The VH continues to offer a valuable service, some new Committee members have joined.
  
- b) **High Ercall Village Hall**  
Councillor S Noyes Thomas reported that the work on the roof has been completed, but the work on the path has not yet started. December has been busy with bookings and the VH Committee is keen to celebrate the King's Coronation in May.

The VH Management Committee had commented that the Parish Council should communicate with residents more and discussions took place regarding a newsletter and press releases. The Parish Council does not have a facebook page.

**853/12/22.C West Mercia Police**

PCSO Collumbell has sent his apologies due to his shift pattern, however the latest newsletter is available. Members considered the priorities for January and would confirm

- Dangerous Driving
- Rural Crime
- Hare Coursing

**854/12/22.C Parish Matters**

Councillor Taylor raised concerns regarding the A442 at Cold Hatton and criticized the central refuges which are poorly visible and cause accidents, particularly for agricultural vehicles.

It was agreed that these concerns should be passed to TWC and that a suggestion should be included that the keep left bollards need to be replaced and then all bollards and signs must be kept clean to be visible.

**855/12/22.C Next Meeting**

17<sup>th</sup> January 2023                      7pm                      Full Council                      High Ercall Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm and thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting. An open invitation was extended to share light refreshments at the end of the meeting.

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

Please note that these minutes remain draft until agreed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023.