

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 17th January 2023 at 7.00p.m. in High Ercall Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr K Connor
Cllr R Wickson
Cllr A Price
Cllr S Noyes Thomas
Cllr M Ward
Cllr E Aston
Cllr R Hartshorn
Cllr S Bentley (and TWC)
Cllr L Hughes
Cllr S Taylor
Cllr C Purves (from 863/01/23.C)

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
PCSO Rhodes and PCSO Newborough

856/01/23.C Welcome & Introductions

The Chairman, Councillor Connor, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Public Session

The chairman invited the PCSOs to share information – details are included at Minute 871/01/23.C

857/01/23.C Apologies for Absence

Councillor Barrow Health
Councillor Purves Family Commitments (arrived 863/01/23.C)

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

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted

PCSO Ivan Collumbell

858/01/23.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 TW Planning Committee
Councillor Hughes Endowment Trust

859/01/23.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th December 2022

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th December 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

860/01/23.C Chairman's Report

There had been little activity over the Christmas and New Year period.

861/01/23.C Finance & Governance

a) Financial Report and Update

A copy of the bank reconciliation for the end of November had been circulated to Members for information. The balance at today's date is £94,287.52.

A copy of the agreed budget, for 2023/24, had also been circulated.

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

N Power	Street Light Energy	Parish Council's Act 1957 s 3 and Highways Act 1980 s 301	£669.90
Eon	Street Light Repair	Parish Council's Act 1957 s 3 and Highways Act 1980 s 301	£153.70

862/01/23.C Planning

a) Report

The Chairman of the Planning Committee gave a report of decisions made since the last meeting. The DMMO from Bridgecroft has been confirmed and application TWC/2022/0864 has been granted outline permission.

b) Planning Applications for consideration

TWC/2023/0012 8 City Road, Ellerdine

Councillor Bentley declared an interest as a Member of TW Plans Board

It was agreed that the Parish Council would support this application.

c) Ercall Magna Neighbourhood Development Plan

TWC has advertised the position of Independent Examiner and applications will have been received by 23rd January. The Parish Council will then be consulted. TWC are checking dates for the referendum depending on the timescale for the Examination.

Councillor Purves arrived

Members asked if it is possible or likely that the referendum could take place on election day.

863/01/23.C Environmental Matters

a) Updates

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

b) Leaves on pavements

Thanks were extended to the Idverde Team for their prompt attention to the footpath on the B5062 from the Cleveland junction to Shirlowe junction. The team had made an excellent job and it was much appreciated by the local community.

Thanks were also recorded to Councillor Noyes Thomas and other residents for clearing leaves.

c) Rights of Way

- i) All DMMO applications in this parish have now been determined. Questions have been asked regarding whose responsibility is the maintenance of the route from Bridgecroft as this is currently impassable in places.
- ii) A meeting of the footpath group is still to be arranged with TWC officers.
- iii) A new A3 laminated map has been requested.

864/01/23.C Highways & Transport Matters

a) Roden Road Safety Scheme

Members were disappointed that the scheme, previously agreed, has not yet gone for public consultation. The funding has been available with TWC for some time and local residents remain concerned about the speed of traffic through the village. The scheme is to include SIDs.

- b) **A442, Cold Hatton**
Members expressed their views that the delays in replacing the central refuge bollards is unacceptable and leaves motorists vulnerable to accidents as the dark solid bases cannot be seen clearly. The temporary cones are inadequate and are often blown into the verges.
- c) **Speed Indicator Device Project**
No reply has been received from TWC confirming that the remaining sockets are in place and details of their locations are still awaited. The SID will have to be sited at Poynton first, as this is the only socket that has been identified.
Idverde will install the post and SID, but the Parish Council will be responsible for downloading the data. Each rotation move will be £50.00.
- d) **Speeding in Shrewsbury Road**
Following the social media campaign by residents, WMP have placed monitoring strips on the highway. The outcome of the monitoring will be checked with the insurance company thresholds. WMP will discuss the findings with the Parish Council and identify if the road is suitable for Community Speedwatch.
- e) **Highways Liaison Meeting**
Officers of TW have agreed to attend a Highways Liaison Meeting with the Parish Council. An agenda will be created including all the outstanding issues. It was also agreed to add other matters such as the pothole maintenance – temporary v permanent, road noise and take the opportunity to discuss minor works that the Parish Council may be better placed to undertake, quicker and more cost effectively.
- f) **Other Matters**
Cotwall Bend Signage – is this appropriate and effective?
Potholes – reported on My Telford APP – check when completed.

865/01/23.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils

- a) Regular updates are provided to all members and contain useful information.
- b) A training programme is available – Members may wish to consider applying to attend, after the elections, along with any new Members. Funding is included in the budget and training events are encouraged.
- c) Cllr Wickson (Chairman of SALC) shared information regarding Leveling Up Funding and the Chairman’s Network Meeting.

866/01/23.C Street Lighting

- a) The lights at Talbot Fields and at the school entrance have been repaired.

867/01/23.C Correspondence

All correspondence is shared with Members at the earliest opportunity.

- a) Voting in the elections on 4th May. New regulations and guidelines have been introduced. Everyone wishing to vote at the polling station must take photo ID with them. Anyone without photo ID will not be able to vote. Residents can apply for postal votes and TWC can offer to provide a Certificate or Authorisation to vote, but residents will need to apply for this early in the process and other forms of ID will be required.
Confidential booths, mirrors and chaperones are to be provided in all polling stations and there are new requirements for disabled voters.
Residents in Roden and Poynton will be voting at Rodington Village Hall. Details will be included on their polling cards. At Rodington, they will vote for Wrockwardine Ward and Ercall Magna Parish (Roden Ward).
Should the Parish referendum also take place, Roden & Poynton residents will be able to vote at Rodington.

- b) There is currently a National Planning Policy consultation. Individuals are invited to respond and the Parish Council will add this to the next agenda for consideration. It is planned to bring in compulsory 5 year reviews for Neighbourhood Plans, which will also be strengthened.
- c) King's Coronation – Grant Applications
TWC has launched a fund for projects to commemorate the King's Coronation in May 2023. Members agreed that an application should be submitted for funding to support the project to provide village namesigns in the Parish – the signs would recognise the Coronation and be a way that all residents can benefit from the funding.

868/01/23.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council

- a) Councillors Pride Funding
£300 has been allocated to High Ercall and Ellerdine Village Halls towards projects for the King's Coronation.
An additional Speed Indicator Device will be purchased, shared with Waters Upton Parish, and could be used on the A442 as a joint project.
- b) Enforcement Matters
Councillor Bentley has attended meetings to discuss Mill Bend and The Cleveland Arms.
- c) Rural Bus Initiative
There have been delays in confirming the routes and timetables. The contractor is committed to starting the scheme as soon as possible.

869/01/23.C Reports

Councillors' Reports

Councillor Wickson had attended an event regarding Emergency Planning – this needs to be on a future agenda for discussion and action.

Clerk's Report

- a) Roden Play Area
The work to upgrade the area is nearing completion and the transfer to the Parish Council should take place on 1st April 2023. The landowner is making arrangements for the legal transfer – TWC has confirmed that the two transfers (TW to landowner and landowner to PC) must take place at the same time.
- b) The PTC conference, with TWC, will take place on 4th October – please keep a note of the date.
- c) Rural PCSO
The Clerk had attended a meeting with Sgt Matt Sanders who confirmed that there is a commitment to provide this essential post for a further four year period. There is an opportunity to enhance this to 24/7 with the provision of a dedicated vehicle.
A letter will be sent to all rural Parish Councils asked for their support and contributions.
Discussions are taking place with Greenhouse and the Police & Crime Commissioner.

870/01/23.C Village Halls

- a) **Ellerdine Village Hall**
The VH continues to offer a valuable service in the community.
- b) **High Ercall Village Hall**
Work to create the path around the playing field has not yet commenced. The Clerk will ask for a start date along with a request for the new 'Dog sign' to be provided by TWC.
Updates were provided regarding Trustees, Events Calendar and the Bar – details are available on the Village Hall Website.

871/01/23.C West Mercia Police

PCSO Collumbell has sent his apologies due to his shift pattern, however he had sent a short report expressing concern regarding an increase in nocturnal crimes. Everyone is asked to be vigilant and to ring through any information regarding suspicious activity.

PCSOs Rhodes and Newborough attended the meeting and shared some information regarding events to take place and updates on nearby rural crimes. Everyone is encouraged to sign up to Neighbourhood Matters.

872/01/23.C Parish Matters
None

873/01/23.C Next Meeting
21st February 2023 7pm Full Council High Ercall Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm 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 21st February 2023.