

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 21st February 2023 at 7.00p.m. in High Ercall Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr K Connor Cllr R Hartshorn (until 887/02/03.C)
Cllr R Wickson Cllr S Bentley (and TWC)
Cllr A Price Cllr L Hughes
Cllr S Noyes Thomas Cllr S Taylor
Cllr E Aston Cllr C Purves
Cllr G Barrow

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

874/02/23.C Welcome & Introductions

The Chairman, Councillor Connor, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Thanks were extended to Councillor Wickson for arranging for the heating to be on and also for setting out the tables and chairs for the meeting – any help available before future meetings would be appreciated.

Public Session

Whilst there were no members of the public in attendance, a communication had been received prior to the meeting which referenced issues that have been on recent agendas.

- a. **The surface of the Shrewsbury Road through the village**
This was a topic on a recent highways meeting with TWC and the Parish Council was assured that, although the highway does not look to be in good repair, regular monitoring takes place and it is technically serviceable. It is included on a list of ‘to do’ projects when resources are available or if the condition deteriorates.
- b. **The condition of Silver Hill**
This will be reported to TWC via My Telford.
- c. **HGV traffic movements – Simmonds Transport**
The Parish Council has met with TWC and with Simmonds Transport on different occasions and has a good working relationship with them. It has been confirmed that there are no restrictions on the haulage company. Local residents have commented on the respect that drivers have for the local road network, however if information is available on specific matters, these can be added to a future agenda for discussion.

875/02/23.C Apologies for Absence

Councillor Ward Work Commitments

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

876/02/23.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

877/02/23.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th January 2023

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

878/02/23.C Chairman's Report

No information to report on matters not included on the agenda at this meeting.

879/02/23.C Finance & Governance

a) Financial Report and Update

The balance of the current account on 6th February was £77484.72 with £15004.32 available in the Free Reserve Account. A copy of the bank reconciliation will be circulated, when available.

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 Hughes and seconded by Councillor Hartshorn, all were in favour and thus it was agreed that the following payments since the last meeting be confirmed:

K Baker	Clerk's Salary - January	LGA 1972 s 112	£609.30
HMRC	PAYE - January	LGA 1972 s 112	£152.20
Nobridge Ltd	High Ercall Churchyard Grass Cutting	LGA 1972 s 101	£830.28
AAD	Defibrillator Pads	LGA 1972 s 137	£154.20
HRPC	SLCC 2023 Fees (25% of total)	LGA 1972 s 112	£44.00

Members also authorized the following payments for the end of February 2023.

K Baker	Clerk's Salary - February	LGA 1972 s 112	£609.30
HMRC	PAYE – February	LGA 1972 s 112	£152.20

c) High Ercall Churchyard Extension

The Parish Council had previously agreed to add the churchyard extension to the order for one cut in order to support the Parochial Church Council with its maintenance. Funding for this addition had been included in the budget for 2023/24.

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

RESOLVED that the strimming of the churchyard extension will be added to the Maintenance Contract with Nobridge Limited for 2023.
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880/02/23.C Planning

a) Report

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

b) Planning Applications for consideration

TWC/2023/0064 Land East and South of Angel Centre, Osbaston
Installation of a Solar Farm and Infrastructure.

Councillor Bentley declared an interest as a Member of TW Plans Board and left the meeting

The Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the Minutes, and updated Members, on the meeting held at Ellerdine Village Hall on 17th February 2023.

Other points raised by Members included:

- The need for a decommissioning plan – up to 40 years – a firm commitment that the company will reinstate the land (and not leave it to the landowner to fund)
- Light pollution / reflection – monitor at the planning stage – need to avoid visual intrusion – all practical measures to mitigate against this as much as possible
- Roofs of the containers?
- Connection to the Grid at Hortonwood – concern regarding the land, highways and developments along the route

Councillor Connor had engaged with the agent and developer and appreciated this opportunity early in the process. This is a comprehensive application, containing a lot of detail. Two main objections from local residents have been drainage / screening and the construction traffic. The agent has confirmed that direct dialogue on these matters has taken place and agreements reached.

TW Planning Authority must take into consideration the recommendations from the Shropshire Archaeological Group and West Mercia Police. There will also be a need to address the route taking into consideration the response from Cadent Gas.

This is a significant application in the Parish and it was therefore agreed that the Parish Council should call- in the application for determination by the Planning Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Connor and seconded by Councillor Hughes that the application should be supported subject to conditions, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Parish Council supports the application, subject to the following conditions:

- Those concerns raised by local residents and neighbours to the site are addressed satisfactorily
- Recommendations from Shropshire Archaeological Group, West Mercia Police and Cadent be taken into consideration
- A decommissioning plan (for up to 40 years, with relevant funding) is in place
- If the LPA is minded to grant permission, a condition must be added that the landscape planting and screening should be in place some time prior to construction and that transport arrangements and operating hours during construction are clear and agreed in advance
- The Parish Council accepts the community benefit grant of £50,000 on behalf of the residents and would ask for this be paid in three staged payments – the first being when the planning permission is granted, then when work commences on site and the third towards completion.

The Parish Councils believes that the Planning Authority will wish to be satisfied that connection to the grid is viable and available before granting consent.

c) Ercall Magna Neighbourhood Development Plan

A detailed response from TWC explained why the final consultation for Regulation 16 cannot take place before the elections.

It was confirmed that the boundary for the Neighbourhood Development Plan would not change and would include Roden and Poynton as planned.

881/02/23.C Environmental Matters

- a) **Updates and New Issues**
None

882/02/23.C Highways & Transport Matters

a) **Highways Liaison Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting had been circulated. Members agreed it was a good meeting and useful to have all the officers in attendance to discuss the many outstanding projects.

b) **Roden Road Safety Scheme**

The revised scheme had been circulated to Members and all were in agreement that this should move forward to public consultation as soon as possible. TWC had agreed to send individual letters to all Roden residents and encourage people to send in their views.

- c) **Speed Indicator Device Project**
The SID has been at our site in Poynton for a few weeks and residents have confirmed that it does successfully slow most of the 'through' traffic. The SID will move to its second location in the near future.
- d) **Speeding in Shrewsbury Road**
The data from WMP has not yet been received. This will be required before further discussions regarding speed enforcement between The Cleveland Arms and Shirlowe Junction.
- e) **Other Matters**
Cotwall Bank junction
Chris Pearson, TWC, had confirmed at the Highways Liaison Meeting that the road layout is appropriate for this junction. The Parish Council will continue to ask for the signage and road markings to be monitored and updated as necessary.

883/02/23.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils

- a) Regular updates are provided to all members and contain useful information.
- b) Cllr Wickson (Chairman of SALC) shared information regarding Leveling Up Funding. There is to be a Play Area Forum in the future organized by the Shropshire Playing Fields Association.

884/02/23.C Street Lighting

- a) There are no current issues with the Parish Council street lights.
- b) Issues relating to the B5062 lights or columns in Roden should be reported to TWC, using My Telford.

885/02/23.C Correspondence

All correspondence is shared with Members at the earliest opportunity.

- a) TW Bus User Group Meeting – 9th March 2023, 7.30pm on zoom
- b) Rural Forum – 8th June 2023, 7.30pm, High Ercall Village Hall
- c) Road Safety Seminar, RAF Shawbury – 15th March – Councillor Wickson agreed to attend

886/02/23.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council

- a) Rural Bus Initiative
The new service for the rural areas commences on 27th February 2023. This has been possible by Government Funding and addresses the needs of the majority of the rural areas of the Borough. Publicity will be available for the routes which will link to Wellington & Newport. Passengers can travel free on 27th and 28th February to trial the routes. It is intended that these will evolve and therefore all comments and suggestions are welcomed.
For anyone unable to use the bus due to mobility issues or lack of a route, a dial-a-ride and house-to-house service will be available.
Although bus stops are listed on the timetables, the bus is hail-and-ride so passengers can ask for it to stop at any point along the route.

887/02/23.C Reports

Councillors' Reports

Councillor Wickson had attended the Wrekin Area Committee Meeting, with Councillors Hughes and Barrow, the minutes have been circulated for information. Further information has been made available regarding grants available for outdoor leisure activities which may benefit the new Track at High Ercall Village Hall.

It may be necessary to relocate the defibrillator within Roden as the property is to be sold. A Plan B is available if needed. Thanks were extended to Councillor Walker who offered to host the Roden defibrillator if it needs to be relocated at any time in the future.

Councillor Hartshorn left the meeting

Clerk's Report

- a) **Roden Play Area**
The resurfacing is well underway and the site will be completed for the hand-over on 1st April.
Thanks were extended to the landowner for making the arrangements for the legal transfers.

888/02/23.C Village Halls

- a) **Ellerdine Village Hall**
A Great British Spring Clean event will take place on 25th March.

- b) **High Ercall Village Hall**
Work to create the path around the playing field is continuing.
A Great British Spring Clean event will take place on 2nd April.
Arrangements for Polling Day are in hand.
There will be a new Village Hall website and links to the Parish Council will be available.
A grant application will be submitted for consideration at the next meeting.

889/02/23.C West Mercia Police

Regular newsletters are available to keep residents informed of current topics.
Members discussed the Police Charter and confirmed the three priorities as speeding vehicles, inappropriate use of rural lanes by HGVS and anti-social driving and rural crime.
It is always good to see the police vehicle around the rural areas and whenever possible, a visit to the Parish Council meeting. Ercall Magna would also like quarterly newsletters and emails whenever new information is available, leaving phone calls for emergency use.

890/02/23.C Parish Matters

None

891/02/23.C Next Meeting

14th March 2023 7pm Full Council High Ercall Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm 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 14th March 2023.