

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.00p.m. in High Ercall Village Hall.**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr K Connor	Cllr R Hartshorn
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	Cllr M Ward
Cllr S Walker	

**In Attendance:** Katrina Baker (Clerk)  
1 Member of the public

**892/03/23.C Welcome & Introductions**

The Chairman, Councillor Connor, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. A minutes silence was observed in memory of Mrs Jane Hardwick, a local resident who sadly lost her life in a recent house fire. The Parish Councillors expressed their condolences and sent their sympathy to the family.  
This meeting is taking place one week earlier, due to the start of purdah.

**Public Session**

**High Ercall Village Hall Playing Field and new track**

The new track is welcomed. However, a query was raised in that dogs are not allowed on the field or the track.

The Chairman confirmed that the track has been funded with Section 106 funding from the Earl's Keep development and the Village Hall Management Committee has worked with Telford & Wrekin Council to design the track for use by the community.

Any instructions regarding the use of the facility are provided by the Management Committee and any questions should be address to them.

**893/03/23.C Apologies for Absence**

None – all Councillors were in attendance.

PCSO Ivan Collumbell

**894/03/23.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

**895/03/23.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

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

<b>RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.</b>
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**896/03/23.C Chairman's Report**

All matters were included on the Agenda.

## 897/03/23.C Finance & Governance

### a) Financial Report and Update

The balance of the current account on 26<sup>th</sup> 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 be confirmed:

<b>K Baker</b>	<b>Clerk's Salary - March</b>	<b>LGA 1972 s 112</b>	<b>£609.30</b>
<b>HMRC</b>	<b>PAYE - March</b>	<b>LGA 1972 s 112</b>	<b>£152.20</b>
<b>Eon</b>	<b>Street Light Repairs</b>	<b>Parish Council's Act 1957 s3</b>	<b>£157.00 £194.53</b>
<b>Ellerdine Village Hall</b>	<b>Hall Hire</b>	<b>LGA 1972</b>	<b>£20.00</b>
<b>AC Maintenance</b>	<b>Parish Roadman Duties</b>	<b>LGA 1972 s 111</b>	<b>£290.00</b>

### c) High Ercall Village Hall Grant Application

Councillors S Noyes Thomas and R Wickson declared an interest as Members of the Village Hall Management Committee.

An application was received for a grant towards the replacement fire doors and additional security. It was proposed by Councillor Hartshorn, seconded by Councillor Walker, with two abstentions, all were in favour and thus it was

<b>RESOLVED that a grant of £500 be allocated to High Ercall Village Hall Management Committee towards the cost of replacement fire doors and additional security.</b>
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## 898/03/23.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) New Planning Applications for consideration

None

### c) Ercall Magna Neighbourhood Development Plan

Telford & Wrekin Council had received applications from four potential Independent Examiners and had shared the applications with Parish Council representatives. All had suitable qualifications and experience, but one also had recent local experience of working with TW.

### d) Enforcement Matters

Councillor Bentley had organized a meeting with senior planning and enforcement officers and the Chairman and Vice Chairman had attended with regards to outstanding enforcement matters.

#### The Barn, Mill Bend

Further (legal) action is being taken because the owner has not acted upon the enforcement notice. Telford & Wrekin Council has confirmed that this will be resolved and they intend to complete the process by the end of April.

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meeting

### **Cleveland Arms**

The owner has appealed against TWCs decision to refuse the application for change of use. A face to face hearing will take place in June. A statement has been included and the Parish Council has the opportunity to respond by 12<sup>th</sup> April – if any Councillors have points they wish to be please can these be forwarded to the Clerk by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. A planning committee will take place to confirm the response. This will also be an opportunity to correct the factual inaccuracies in the statement.

### **899/03/23.C Environmental Matters**

#### **a) Updates and New Issues**

Thanks and appreciation will be sent to Idverde regarding the road-sweeping. However, a second visit is needed for Mill Bend.

The Parish Roadman has undertaken work in Park Lane and Church Walk.

### **900/03/23.C Highways & Transport Matters**

#### **a) Highways Liaison Meeting**

The Clerk will request an update, as nothing has been received since the meeting.

#### **b) Roden Road Safety Scheme**

The Parish Council is disappointed that the consultation letters have not yet been sent to Roden residents.

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

The locations have still not been confirmed by TWC – this will be notified to Chris Pearson.

Members also discussed the 30mph for Poynton Road. The SID has proved to be successful, however, a 30mph limit from Poynton to Roden is still needed and further communications with TW and SC are necessary.

#### **d) Speeding in Shrewsbury Road**

The data from WMP confirms that the average speed between the Shirlowe Junction and the Cleveland Junction was 31mph – this is insufficient for further action. However, the data collected confirms that there is evidence that action should be taken on the B5063 near to the entrance of Earl's Keep. This is a location identified for the Parish SID.

#### **e) TW Bus User Group**

The draft minutes of the recent meeting have been circulated for information.

#### **New Rural Bus Routes**

Copies of the timetables will be available soon and it is hoped that patronage will improve in the coming weeks to make the new rural bus routes sustainable. It was confirmed that bus passes can be used after 9.30am.

All comments on the current routes and timetable would be appreciated by TWC and Chase Rider as they might assist with the review in the coming months.

#### **f) Other Matters**

##### **Cotwall Bank junction**

The Parish Council will continue to ask for the signage and road markings to be monitored and updated as necessary.

##### **Mill Bend – Potholes**

These will be reported on My Telford.

##### **Shirlowe Lane**

The road surface is in a poor condition and has also been reported by local residents to Telford & Wrekin Council. However, the route to the Farm is a private drive, although it is used by the bin lorry and carers' vehicles.

**901/03/23.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils**

- a) Regular updates are provided to all members and contain useful information.

**902/03/23.C Street Lighting**

- a) There are no current issues with the Parish Council street lights.

**903/03/23.C Correspondence**

All correspondence is shared with Members at the earliest opportunity.

Councillor Bentley abstained from any discussion on this matter

**a) About Health Event - Hospital Transformation Programme**

Councillor Wickson introduced this topic and Members discussed the need for action as soon as possible to enable both RSH and PRH to be able to provide the best possible care for patients. Whilst there were differences of opinions on the Future Fit Process and recommendations, Members were concerned that funds and time still appear to be wasted which is having a detrimental effect on care at both hospitals. It was proposed by Councillor Wickson and seconded by Councillor Purves, with a total of 8 members in support and thus it was

**RESOLVED that Ercall Magna Parish Council would support the Hospital Transformation Programme in order to enable urgent action to be taken to provide the best possible care at both hospitals as outlined by the Clinicians and Senior Medical Professionals, rather than this being seen as a political decision.**

**904/03/23.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council**

**a) Rural Bus Initiative**

The new service was launched on 27<sup>th</sup> February and is offering a valuable and appreciated service in the rural areas. It is good to see the buses on roads in the rural areas and it is already clear that this is helping to reduce social isolation and is enabling some residents to re-gain their independence. It is accepted that some routes need to be reconsidered, but the bus company, and TWC, are committed to providing the best possible service to as many areas of the Borough as possible.

Councillor Bentley recalled the initial support of the Parish Council when the original 519 bus was withdrawn and this commenced the campaign which has resulted in the new service. He is now collected details from bus users and will be putting forward the need for a Saturday service in the future.

**b) Election Briefings**

Details of two briefings have been circulated for anyone considering standing as a Parish Council candidate, these are being hosted by TWC and will have useful information available.

Councillor Bentley thanked the Parish Councillors for their support during his term of office and congratulated them on many successful projects and initiatives. He said "It has been a pleasure and an honor to represent the people of Ercall Magna Ward".

**905/03/23.C Reports**

**Councillors' Reports**

None

**Clerk's Report**

**a) Roden Play Area**

The resurfacing and installation of the new springy have been completed. A site visit took place and confirmed that the outstanding work will be completed as soon as the weather improves, this will include:

- Re-painting the equipment
- Painting the yellow gates
- Replacing the swing seats and baby seats

A new sign will be required, in the same format as High Ercall,  
 Thanks were extended to Mr S Walker, for the assistance with the Lease Agreement.  
 Local residents have expressed thanks and appreciation.

**906/03/23.C Village Halls**

**a) Ellerdine Village Hall**

A Great British Spring Clean event will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> March. This will be a Parish Council initiative, undertaken by volunteers. A charity quiz will take place on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**b) High Ercall Village Hall**

Work to create the path around the playing field is nearing completion.  
 Thanks were extended for the funding grant information that has been sent to the Committee.  
 The defibrillator has been re-positioned to outside of the Village Hall to ensure 24 hour access is available.  
 A committee meeting will discuss the toilet project - it may be necessary for the Village Hall to take out a loan for additional funding.  
 The PC representatives of the VH Management Committee will raise the matter regarding dog-walking and access to the field, which had been raised in the public session of this meeting.

**907/03/23.C West Mercia Police**

No report had been received, although regular newsletters are often circulated.

**908/03/23.C Parish Matters**

**Elections**

Whilst it is hoped that hard copies of the nomination packs will be available, these are also available on the Electoral Commission website or TW website. A register of electors can be requested in order to obtain the reference numbers that will be required.

Roden and Poynton residents will be voting for the Wrockwardine Ward of the Borough Elections and for the Roden Ward of the Ercall Magna Parish Election. There are two Roden Ward seats on the Parish Council.

**909/03/23.C Next Meetings**

18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	7pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Zoom
16 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	7pm	Annual General Meeting	High Ercall Village Hall
	8pm	First meeting of the new Council	High Ercall Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting. He also thanked all Councillors for their work since joining the council and wished everyone well if they have selected to re-stand in the May elections.

Specific thanks were recorded to Mel Ward, for her sterling work as a Parish Councillor over a number of years.

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

Please note that these minutes remain draft until agreed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023.