

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 16th May 2023 at 7.00p.m. in High Ercall Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr K Connor
Cllr S Bentley
Cllr S Taylor
Cllr R Hartshorn
Cllr E Aston
Cllr G Barrow
Cllr R Wickson
Cllr L Hughes
Cllr S Noyes Thomas

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

0010/05/23.C Welcome & Introductions

The Chairman for 22/23, Councillor Connor, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. He congratulated everyone on re-election and thanked those who had made the decision not to stand for re-election. Their contributions had been valued.

0011/05/23.C Election of Chairman

Councillor K Connor
Proposed by Councillor R Wickson
Seconded by Councillor L Hughes

With one against, others were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Kevin Connor be re-elected as Chairman of Ercall Magna Parish Council for 2023/24.

0012/05/23.C Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor Connor read and signed the Declaration which was witnessed by the Clerk, as the Proper Officer of the Council.

0013/05/23.C Declarations of Acceptance of Office

All Members read and signed new Declarations of Acceptance of Office, including their commitment to the new Code of Conduct. These were witnessed by the Clerk.

0014/05/23.C Registers of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Members were required to complete new Registers of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, remembering to include their spouse or partner and their home address as appropriate. Copies will appear on the website and will be sent to TWC.

0015/05/23.C Apologies for Absence

None

0016/05/23.C Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor R Wickson
Proposed by Councillor K Connor
Seconded by Councillor G Barrow

Councillor L Hughes
Councillor Hughes declined the nomination.

With one abstention, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Ray Wickson be re-elected as Vice Chairman of Ercall Magna Parish Council for 2023/24.

0017/05/23.C Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor Wickson read and signed the Declaration which was witnessed by the Clerk, as the Proper Officer of the Council.

0018/05/23.C Declarations of Interest (for items on the Agenda)

Members were reminded that there is a form available should then wish to apply for a dispensation. Councillor Connor has submitted a dispensation for Royal British Legion and Ellerdine Village Hall.
Councillor Wickson SALC Chairman

0019/05/23.C Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 17th May 2022

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the AGM held on 17th May 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

0020/05/23.C Vacancies

There are four vacancies on the Parish Council following the uncontested election on 4th May 2023. This will appear on the June agenda for consideration. Anyone wishing to be considered should submit a personal statement to the Clerk before 12 noon on 16th June 2023. Members of the Council will consider the applications and co-opt to the fill the vacancies at that meeting.

0021/05/23.C Ercall Magna Parish Council Committee Structure

It was proposed by Councillor Wickson and seconded by Councillor Bentley that the current structure be re-affirmed. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the current Committee Structure would remain as 2023/24.

0022/05/23.C Committee and Working Group Membership

Members agreed that the membership should be deferred until the June meeting, following the co-options to fill the vacancies.

0023/05/23.C Representatives of Outside Bodies

TW Bus User Group	Cllr R Wickson
SALC Wrekin Area Committee	Cllr R Wickson Cllr L Hughes Cllr G Barrow
High Ercall Village Hall	Cllr R Wickson Cllr S Noyes Thomas
CPRE	Vacancy Cllr R Hartshorne
Climate Change Champion	Vacancy
Snow Wardens	Cllr G Barrow (Roden) Cllr S Noyes Thomas (High Ercall / Walton) Cllr S Taylor (Ellerdine / Rowton)
Tree Warden	Cllr E Aston
Helicopter Liaison Group	Cllr G Barrow
Pre-Application Planning Consultations	Cllr L Hughes Cllr K Connor Cllr R Wickson
Endowment Charity	Cllr R Wickson

The above representatives were proposed by Councillor Bentley and seconded by Councillor Taylor, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Members be appointed as per the list

This would also appear on the June agenda to consider the outstanding vacant positions.

0024/05/23.C Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Members confirmed the current Standing Orders and Financial Regulations of the Council for 2023/24. Copies are available on request and they appear on the website.

0025/05/23.C Remuneration Report

No Members had claimed remuneration for 2022/23.

Members considered if a scheme should be available for 2023/24. It was proposed by Councillor Hughes and seconded by Councillor Hartshorn that £100 per Member be made available. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that £100 be included in a Remuneration Budget for 2023/24 to enable elected Members to claim an allowance, in arrears, if they wish to do so.

0026/05/23.C Finance & Governance

Bankers	Barclays
Bank Signatories	Cllrs R Wickson, G Barrow, K Connor
Auditors	Rosemarie David AAT (Internal) PKF Littlejohn LLP (External)

Asset Register

A copy of the updated Asset Register, as at the end of March 2023, will be circulated and will appear on the website.

General Power of Competence

Ercall Magna Parish Council meets the criteria for the General Power of Competence in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 – it has elected Councillors and a Qualified Clerk.

0027/05/23.C Annual Subscriptions

Councillor Wickson declared an interest in SALC

It was proposed by Councillor Noyes Thomas and seconded by Councillor Hartshorn that the following annual subscriptions be confirmed. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that these subscriptions be renewed for 2023/234:
Shropshire Association of Local Councils
CPRE
Society of Local Council Clerks (25%)

0028/05/23.C Meeting Schedule

A copy of a draft meeting scheduled had been circulated. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Vice Chairman, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Meeting Schedule be approved.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Annual Meeting and thanked everyone for their important contributions.

SignedDate

Please note that these minutes remain draft until agreed at the next meeting of the Parish Council in June 2023. They will not be signed until the Annual Meeting in 2024.