

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 16th May 2023 at 7.30p.m. in High Ercall Village Hall following the Annual Meeting of the Council.

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

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
2 Member of the public
Cllr G Thomas (Wrockwardine Ward, TWC)

0029/05/23.C Welcome & Introductions

The Chairman, Councillor Connor, opened the meeting and thanked Members for their support as Chairman for 2023/24.

Public Session

The applicants were in attendance relating to the application for a Farm Workers' Dwelling in Roden on land adjacent to the poultry unit. They were keen to understand the Parish Council's views. The Chairman thanked them for attending to engage with the Parish Council.

0030/05/23.C Apologies for Absence

None - all Councillors were in attendance.

0031/05/23.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 and Royal British Legion (with dispensations)
Councillor Noyes-Thomas	High Ercall Village Hall
Councillor Hughes	Endowment Trust

0032/05/23.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th March 2023

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

0033/05/23.C Chairman's Report

None

0034/05/23.C Finance & Governance

a) Financial Report and Update

The balance at the end of the financial year was £89407.93. A copy of the updated bank reconciliation will be circulated, when available.

The current account now has a balance of £99317.99 following receipt of the first precept payment.

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

K Baker	Clerk's Salary - April	LGA 1972 s 112	£600.00
HMRC	PAYE - April	LGA 1972 s 112	£150.00
NPower	Street Light Energy	Parish Council's Act 1957 s3	£767.35
High Ercall Village Hall	Hall Hire	LGA 1972	£144.00
AC Maintenance	Parish Roadman Duties	LGA 1972 s 111	£180.00
Scribe	Accounts IT Package	LGA 1972	£397.44
SALC	Subscription 2023/24	LGA 1972	£773.94
High Ercall Village Hall	Grant	LGA 1972 s 137	£500.00
Nobridge Nurseries	Grass Cutting	LGA 1972 s111	£3066.76

0035/05/23.C Planning

a) Report

The Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting – copies would be circulated.

b) New Planning Applications for consideration

TWC/2023/0308 RAF Sick Quarters

Change of use to 4 dwellings and associated works

Members considered this application which retained many of the original features of this historic site – should permission be granted a condition should be applied to ensure that this must always be the case, regardless of ownership.

The entrance may need to be widened to ensure good visibility, but otherwise Members felt that this is an appropriate development on a brownfield site using the historic buildings, in accordance with Policy HO11

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would support this application but will request a condition regarding the retention of the original features and to request that permitted development rights be removed.

c) Ercall Magna Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Regulation 16 Examination is under way and a detailed initial response has been received including a number of questions which TWC / EMPC will have to answer. The Steering Group will meet on 19th to discuss and draft a response.

d) Other Planning Matters

Siting of caravans enquiry

An enquiry will be sent to TWC when more information is available.

0036/05/23.C Environmental Matters

a) Updates and New Issues

There are many outstanding issues and the Clerk will be following these up with Idverde and TWC in the coming days.

b) Wild Flower Beds

The second sowing of wild flower seeds have not been successful. It was decided that Idverde should be informed that we no longer wish to create this wild flower bed as their previous

attempts to sow have been unsuccessful. It was agreed that the area should be returned to grass and new seed sown in the Autumn.

c) Village Planters

Funding for the seasonal plants for the new planters in High Ercall and Walton will be purchased from Rode Nurseries. Thanks are extended to Mr A Williams and the team for planting / maintaining the planters.

Councillor Hartshorn will liaise with local residents in Roden and set up a Group to plant and maintain the Roden planters.

Funding will be available for the plants for Ellerdine.

0037/05/23.C Highways & Transport Matters

a) Highways Liaison Meeting

The Clerk will request an update as nothing has been received since the meeting. Members are very disappointed and will be raising this at the Rural Forum on 8th June.

i) Vehicle Transporters

A meeting with Greenhous Management will be arranged

ii) Shrewsbury Road Surface

Members believe that the condition of the road, particularly between the Cleveland Junction and Shirlowe Junction, is a road safety issue, especially for cyclists and motor-cyclists and this needs to be highlighted again.

Councillor Bentley will be meeting with TWC, and mentioning the £19m available from Government to improve the rural infrastructure.

iii) Speed of traffic on Silver Hill

The Parish Council will support Councillor Bentley in his request for a site visit to this location.

b) Speed Indicator Device Project

The project is now operational and where the SID has been in place, the data is showing a positive impact. However, Idverde can no longer undertake the contract to move the SID around the various locations and therefore an alternative company will be required. All the sockets have now been identified and the A442 Cold Hatton one is marked up ready for installation.

c) Roden Safety Scheme

The Chairman gave an update on the delays that have been evident since the meeting in January. It is very disappointing that TW officers had changed the scheme, following an agreement and without consultation with the Parish Council. However, he has been assured that the public consultation letters are being sent out 'as we speak' and it is hoped that many local residents will respond and offer their views on the proposals. It is good to see that the two permanent SIDs are included.

**d) Other Matters
Speed Cushions**

An agenda item for the next meeting will discuss locations in Shrewsbury Road and on the B5063 outside of Earl's Keep.

B5062 Roden

The work to enable the electrics to the new development is showing signs of road surface damage and will need to be investigated.

0038/05/23.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils

- a) Regular updates are provided to all members and contain useful information.
- b) Councillor Wickson informed members of Community Funding available for projects such as The Community Asset and also the PCC Road Safety Fund – for additional SIDs or Speed Cushions.

0039/05/23.C Street Lighting

- a) Councillor Noyes Thomas kindly agreed to undertake a nighttime audit and will inform the Clerk of street lights that need attention, or where trees and hedges are blocking the light.

0040/05/23.C Correspondence

- a) All correspondence is shared with Members at the earliest opportunity.
- b) **Cleveland Arms – Appeal Hearing**
This will take place at AFC Telford on 27th June. Anyone wishing to attend will have to register with TWC and also if they then wish to speak. The Chairman will represent the Parish Council. It is proposed that a public meeting be held in High Ercall Village Hall to confirm the community views regarding the future use of the Cleveland Arms.
- c) **Footpath 7B**
A resident of Walton has asked that the route be checked and any obstacles removed.

0041/05/23.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council

- a) Councillor Stephen Bentley Re-election
Councillor Bentley recorded his sincere thanks to everyone for their support throughout the election period. He said he is proud and honoured to have been re-elected to represent the new Ward of Ercall Magna.
He has already created a list of issues to resolve, which include
 - ASB in High Ercall
 - Highways concerns
 - Use of the rural bus
 - Enforcement Matters

Having the current solar farm application at Osbaston in mind, it was disappointing that the Secretary of State over-ruled the TWC decision to refuse an application recently as this has now sent out the message that large (49.9mw) applications are acceptable in the Borough. Whilst this is the way forward and should be considered, the best place for solar panels is on roofs and when that is exhausted, the locations offered should be checked carefully and consideration given to the route for the connection – before an application is granted permission.

- b) Councillor Gareth Thomas – elected as Ward Member for Wrockwardine
Members welcomed Councillor Thomas and congratulated him on his recent success. Gareth will represent Roden and Poynton.

0042/05/23.C Reports

Councillors' Reports

None

Clerk's Report

- a) Roden Play Area
The legal transfer has been completed. Thanks to Councillor Wickson for getting the documents to the solicitors on time, with little notice.
Thanks were extended to Mr S Walker for the assistance with the Lease Agreement.
A volunteer to undertake the weekly inspections will be required, as part of the RoSPA agreement.

0043/05/23.C Village Halls

a) Ellerdine Village Hall

The Spring Clean event was a great success, with thanks to everyone who took part. The Charity Quiz was also well supported and very enjoyable.

b) High Ercall Village Hall

Work to ensure that the Charitable Status is current and appropriate and that the Charity Commission is in agreement with the structure continues – this will enable more funding applications to be submitted. The Pride and Joy events are well attended and minor issues in Park Lane will be dealt with.

0044/05/23.C West Mercia Police

PCSO Collumbell had attended the meeting earlier and whilst he intended to bring a positive report to the meeting, unfortunately, there had been an accident on Cotwall Bend this evening.

Ivan reminded Members of the opportunity to sign up to Neighbourhood Matters and to use Opsnapp to report poor driving, when you have video evidence available. The police will follow up all reports they receive.

It was suggested that a concern regarding cyclists on the rural roads be sent to the Cycling Association, as they do ride within the guidelines of the Highway Code, but it is accepted that this can be quite frightening around the narrow lanes.

0045/05/23.C Parish Matters

Thanks were extended to Councillor Aston and her partner for putting up the Coronation Bunting in Roden Village.

It was confirmed that the Lime Tree on land adjacent to Roden Hall has a TPO (T10).

A request for a dog poo / litter bin near the entrance to the Village Hall on highway land in Park Lane will be sent to TWC.

0046/05/23.C Next Meetings

20th June 2023

7pm

High Ercall Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting and closed the meeting at 9.20pm

SignedDate

Please note that these minutes remain draft until agreed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 20th June 2023.