

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 20th June 2023 at 7.30p.m. in High Ercall Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Cllr K Connor	Cllr G Barrow
Cllr R Wickson	Cllr S Bentley (and TWC) (from 0049/06/23C)
Cllr L Hughes	Cllr E Aston
Cllr S Noyes Thomas	Cllr C Grant (from 0049/06/23.C)
Cllr S Walker (from 0049/06/23.C)	Cllr S Walker (from 0049/06/23.C)

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
8 Member of the public
PCSO I Collumbell, West Mercia Police
3 Parish Councillor Applicants

0047/06/23.C Welcome & Introductions

The Chairman, Councillor Connor, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. It was particularly good to have members of the public in attendance.

Public Session

Proposed Poultry Unit, Ellerdine

A number of people spoke of their concerns regarding the details included in the application for two barn egg laying units (24000 birds per unit) and all associated works at Grange Farm in Ellerdine.

Concerns and objections included:

- Water Supplies
- Noise
- Access
- Contamination
- Air quality
- Odour
- Unsuitable highways – narrow lanes not suitable for HGVs

Local residents believed that other local established businesses could be detrimentally affected if permission were to be granted.

Local knowledge resulted in questioning the detail included in the application, which was vague and open to interpretation.

Risk of pollution – serious effects to Ellerdine Fisheries and Lakemoor Brook.

Constant use of the local highways, by HGVs and increased numbers of vehicles could cause danger for other road users, in particular pedestrians and horse riders.

The owner and applicant was also in attendance at the meeting and responded to some of the comments and concerns. However, Mr Griffiths confirmed that he apologized for the stress he had caused to neighbours and confirmed that much of the information included in the application was not accurate and he wished he had taken time to discuss his proposals with neighbours prior to the application being submitted.

He believes that this application is different to others as the birds are loose in the barns, they have thermal heating and solar panels and are environmentally friendly. There will only be two deliveries of food per week and less traffic as the birds remain there until 100 weeks old.

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council Planning Committee had resolved to represent the local public opinion and object to the application, based on the information on the e-planning portal. This is a controversial application and therefore the Parish Council has called it in to be determined by the Planning

Authority. If information contained in the application is inaccurate or incomplete, this should be notified to the Planning Authority at the earliest opportunity.

0048/06/23.C Apologies for Absence

Councillor Taylor	Alternative Engagement
Councillor Hartshorn	Work Commitments
Councillor Bentley	Will attend following the public session (arrived 0049/06/23C)

It was proposed by Councillor Barrow, seconded by Councillor Hughes, all were in favour and thus it was RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

Councillor G Thomas Ward Member, Wrockwardine

0049/06/23.C Vacancies

Following the outcome of the uncontested election in May, Ercall Magna had four vacancies. Three applications had been received and copies of the personal statements had been shared with the Members prior to the meeting.

- a) The applicants had an opportunity to offer further information in support of their application
- b) Councillors had an opportunity to ask questions of the applicants
- c) No applicants had questions for the Councillors

The applicants were asked to leave the room whilst Members unanimously agreed to invite all of them to take up a position on the Council.

- d) The Chairman welcomed Chris Purves and Sandy Walker back to the Council and Christopher Grant. They all read and signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office, that were witnessed by the Clerk, as the Proper Officer of the Council.

Members will complete their Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests – these will appear on the website and copies sent to Telford & Wrekin Council.

Councillor Bentley arrived

- e) Committees and Outside Bodies

Finance & Governance	Councillor S Walker Councillor C Purves
Human Resources	Councillor C Grant Councillor S Noyes-Thomas
Environmental Working Group	Councillor C Purves Councillor S Walker
CPRE	Deferred
Climate Change Champion	Councillor C Purves

The nominations were proposed by Councillor Connor and seconded by Councillor Wickson, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the positions, as listed, be confirmed.

0050/06/23.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)

0051/06/23.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th May 2023

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

0052/06/23.C Chairman's Report and Correspondence

None

0053/06/23.C Finance & Governance

a) Financial Report and Update

A copy of the updated bank reconciliation will be circulated, when available, following completion of the Audit process.

b) Payments

All Payments are made in accordance with the financial regulations and payments are made through the dual authorization at Barclays Bank.

It was proposed by Councillor Wickson and seconded by Councillor Barrow, all were in favour and thus it was agreed that the following payments be confirmed:

Rosemarie David AAT	Internal Audit	LGA 1972	£140.00
Nobridge Nurseries	Bedding Plants for Ellerdine	LGA 1972 s111	£70.00
Vision ICT	Provision of the website and email addresses	LGA 1972	£528.16
BHIB Insurance	Insurance 2023/24	LGA 1972	£667.60

c) End of Year Accounts

Details of the end of year accounts had been circulated to members, for information. Copies of the Annual Return, Explanation of Variances, AGAR, Asset Register and other documents were available.

A copy of the Internal Audit Report had been circulated which showed no actions were necessary.

i) Members had an opportunity to consider the Annual Governance Statement and confirmed the 8 assertions as listed.

ii) Members had received a copy of the Accounting Statements.

It was proposed by Councillor Connor and seconded by Councillor Wickson, with three abstentions, it was

RESOLVED that Sections One and Two of the AGAR be signed by the Chairman.

iii) Members confirmed the dates for the Exercise of Public Rights to be 26th June 2023 to 4th August 2023.

d) VAT reclaimed

£2091.45 has been reclaimed on expenditure during 2022/23.

e) Grant Applications

i) Crucial Crew

It was proposed by Councillor Wickson and seconded by Councillor Hughes that £200 be granted to support Crucial Crew.

ii) It was also proposed that two x £300 grants be available to Rowton Parochial Church Council towards the churchyard maintenance.

All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that £200 be granted to Crucial Crew and two x £300 be available for Rowton Churchyard Maintenance.

Members will consider any further applications when the completed application forms have been received.

0054/06/23.C Planning

a) Report

The Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 14th June 2023 for information.

TWC/2023/0253 Farm Workers Dwelling on land at Roden

Permission Refused

Councillor Wickson confirmed that the Parish Council continued to support the provision of a dwelling on the site, in principle and Members look forward to receiving an amended proposal.

Councillor Bentley declared an interest and left the meeting

b) New Planning Applications for consideration

None

c) Ercall Magna Neighbourhood Development Plan

The independent examiner identified 27 modifications (several are minor) required to make the NDP meet all the conditions and requirements to proceed to referendum. Some modifications need T&WC to provide mapping and information related to the adopted version of the High Ercall Conservation Area Management Plan. Subject to these changes, the examiner recommends that the Plan proceeds to referendum. The report and current version of the Plan have been presented to the T&WC Senior Management Team. The amended Plan will be recommended to Cabinet and T&WC will then make the arrangements for the referendum, which could take place early in September. This will be a simple Yes or No question and if more than 50% of those who vote are in favour of the plan, it will become MADE and will form part of the Local Plan for the Parish.

d) Other Planning Matters

None

0055/06/23.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

After a long wait, there is some colour now showing in the Roden Wild Flower Bed.

c) Village Planters

A letter of thanks will be sent to Roden Nurseries to thank them for their support with the provision of some of the plants for Roden, High Ercall and Walton. Thanks were also sent to Andy Williams (High Ercall) and Cherie (Ellerdine).

0056/06/23.C Highways & Transport Matters

a) Highways Liaison Meeting

It is disappointing that many of the subjects discussed have still not been auctioned, although it is good to know that some of the My Telford reports have been completed.

b) Speed Indicator Device Project

A new Contractor will provide the rotation of the SIDs and he starts from 1st July. We are awaiting the sockets at Cold Hatton on the verges of the A442.

c) Roden Safety Scheme

The consultation period had been extended for the owners of Nursery Gardens to have a say. Details of how many have responded will be requested. A revised scheme will take into account the views of the local community.

d) Other Matters

Road Sweeping

A reminder will be sent as it is some time since the roads and footpaths were swept in High Ercall and Roden, where there are kerbs.

0057/06/23.C Play Areas

Roden

The infant seats need cleaning.

High Ercall

The infant seats need cleaning.

Two replacement swing seats have been fitted, we are awaiting the invoice. TWC installed at no cost.

This was actioned under emergency powers, due to health and safety.

Thanks were extended to Councillor Noyes-Thomas for undertaking the weekly inspections.

0058/06/23.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 Ownership Funding available for projects such as The Community Asset.

The next Chairman's Meeting is on 12th July 2023.

The draft guidance document regarding Solar Farms has been confirmed by Shropshire Council and is being considered by TWC.

c) The Minutes of the Wrekin Area Committee and Rural Forum have been circulated, for information.

0059/06/23.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.

0060/06/23.C Correspondence

a) All correspondence is shared with Members at the earliest opportunity.

b) Helicopter Liaison Group - Councillor Barrow will attend to represent the Parish Council on 26th June 2023.

c) The Parish & Town Council Conference will take place at Oakengates Theatre on 4th October – please keep this date in your diaries.

d) Details of the Development Management Information sessions has been circulated, Members are asked to attend as many as possible.

e) The SALC Training Programme is available on the SALC website, please book through the Clerk.

**0061/06/23.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council
Councillor Bentley – Ercall Magna Ward**

A request has been submitted for a site visit with Dean Sargeant to Shrewsbury Road and Silver Hill for discussions to take place regarding what actions are possible in order to improve safety at both locations.

Concerns have been expressed that TWC is considering a reduction in the amount available for adult social care, which could result in an increase per person of £50 - £77 per week. Details of the current consultation will be circulated to Members.

- b) **Councillor Gareth Thomas – Wrockwardine Ward**
Gareth had sent his apologies, with no report available at this time.

0062/06/23.C Reports

Councillors' Reports

Councillor Wickson is attending a Digital 5G Webinar on 26th June (representing High Ercall) – and will report back.

Clerk's Report

None, all appear on the Agenda.

0063/06/23.C Village Halls

- a) **Ellerdine Village Hall**
No report. A committee meeting is taking place tonight.

- b) **High Ercall Village Hall**
A number of ongoing projects continue. There was a police presence at the recent Pride and Joy event. A fire report will be submitted to the next committee meeting.

0064/06/23.C West Mercia Police

PCSO Collumbell gave a short report from PC McNally – there have been no recent crimes in the Parish although two incidents in Crudginton and Great Bolas.
A recent speed check in Roden confirmed that a percentage of drivers do exceed the limit, the information will be shared with TWC.
The mobile police station was recently deployed to Rodington.
Everyone is encouraged to join Neighbourhood Matters.

The Charter Contracts will now be revisited four times per year, but Councils do not have to identify three priorities. Details of the area of concern need to be completed.

0065/06/23.C Parish Matters

The following matters will be auctioned or reported, as necessary:

- a) Request for a dog poo and litter bin outside of High Ercall Village Hall
b) Speed in Silver Hill
Please let Cllr Bentley know your views on a possible one way system to access Greenhouse and this would be up Silver Hill?
c) Removal and replacement of Shrewsbury Road Bus Shelters
The Clerk will discuss this with TWC and add it to a future agenda for consideration

0066/06/23.C Next Meetings

18th July 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 8.45pm

SignedDate