

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.00p.m. in High Ercall Village Hall.**

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

**In Attendance:** Katrina Baker (Clerk)

**0067/07/23.C Welcome & Introductions**

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

A planning application for Roden Nurseries had been received since the agenda was published, members agreed that it should be considered later on the agenda (0074/7/23.C)

**Public Session**

None

**0068/07/23.C Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Purves	Holiday	Received after the meeting
Councillor G Thomas	Ward Member, Wrockwardine	

**0069/07/23.C Vacancy**

One vacancy remains for the High Ercall Ward. Anyone interested in applying should contact the Clerk for more information.

**0070/07/23.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	Education Trust
Councillor Bentley	Member of TW Planning Committee
Councillor Walker	TWC/2023/0464
Councillor Hartshorn	TWC/2023/0464
Councillor Aston	TWC/2023/0505

**0071/07/23.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

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

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

**0072/07/23.C Chairman's Report and Correspondence**

**Chairman's Network Meeting**

The Chairman had been unable to attend – the report from Councillor Wickson will be circulated.

**Cleveland Arms Appeal Hearing**

The Chairman thanked everyone who had attended and took part in the meeting with the Inspector. The outcome is unlikely to be available until the Autumn.

Councillor Bentley, as Ward Member, stated that he was disappointed that it appeared that leniency was given to the appellant and that external legal representation had been lacking from TWC. However, he sincerely hopes that the appeal is not successful and that the Cleveland can return to be a hub for the people of the Parish.

#### **0073/07/23.C Finance & Governance**

**a) Financial Report and Update**

A copy of the updated bank reconciliation had been circulated and the current balance is £106,529.26 which includes significant earmarked reserves which will be confirmed following completion of the audit.

**b) Payments**

There were no payments due for authorization at this meeting.

**c) VAT reclaimed**

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

#### **0074/07/23.C Planning**

**a) Report**

There was nothing further to report.

**b) New Planning Applications for consideration**

**TWC/2023/0464 Land South / East of Roden Poultry Unit  
Farm workers Dwelling**

*Councillors R Hartshorn and S Walker declared an interest and Cllr Walker left the room with Councillor Bentley*

The new proposal has responded to the comments made previously and addresses the key concerns. The overall size has been reduced and the footprint is 15% smaller, the proposal is simpler and the ground floor is more in keeping.

**RESOLVED that the Parish Council will support this application, subject to a condition that permitted development rights are removed so that any future proposal for alterations or amendments will come forward as a planning application.**

*Councillors Walker and Bentley returned to the meeting*

**TWC/2023/0505 Roden Nursery  
Tree Works**

*Councillor Aston declared an interest*

**RESOLVED that the Parish Council would have no objections to the work on T7, recognizing the importance of the TPO and requesting that the work is undertaken by a qualified tree surgeon.**

**c) Ercall Magna Neighbourhood Development Plan**

it was pleasing to hear that the TW Cabinet had agreed that the Ercall Magna NDP could move forward to Referendum and the proposed date is 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Voting will take place, as per the recent election and details of the polling stations will be made available as soon as possible. Anyone registered for a postal vote will receive these in the usual way. Members believe that polling stations should be at High Ercall, Ellerdine and Roden (if possible), there is no requirement for one at Rodington.

The Referendum Version will be available online and in hard copies.

The Parish Council will promote the event and encourage residents to vote. 51% of those who vote need to be in favour of the Plan for it to be considered as 'MADE'.

The Parish Council will produce a newsletter to promote the referendum and take the opportunity to introduce the Councillors and other Parish Council information.

**d) Other Planning Matters**

Updates on the outstanding issues will be requested, these include:

Mill Bend  
Static Caravans

Members have been attending the training and development sessions held on Teams – these are recommended as they are useful refreshers. Members' attendance will be recorded within our Training Strategy.

**0075/07/23.C Environmental Matters**

**a) Updates and New Issues**

- i) Roden detritus – reported to TWC
- ii) Wild Flower Bed – Councillor Aston agreed to get this mowed
- iii) Overgrown hedges – especially Shrewsbury to Walton as signs are not visible
- iv) Verge maintenance - Idverde

**0076/07/23.C Highways & Transport Matters**

**a) Highways Liaison Meeting**

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

**b) Speed Indicator Device Project**

A new Contractor has been employed by Waters Upton, Edgmond and Ercall Magna Parish Councils and will replace the battery and move the SID around the Parish to different sockets on a monthly basis. The nameplate has arrived and will be fitted at the next move.  
We are still awaiting the installation of the sockets at Cold Hatton.

**c) Roden Safety Scheme**

TWC has confirmed that they are still analyzing the results of the consultation and many responses were received. A revised scheme will be available for the Parish Council in the Summer.

**d) Other Matters**

**Poynton Road**

Details of the concerns from residents, regarding the size and speed of traffic, particularly HGVs has been sent to the Ward Member and another email sent to Shropshire Council to see if they would support a 30mph on the entire road.

**B5062, Crudgington to Cotwall**

This was discussed at the meeting with TWC and a traffic survey was to be arranged, the Clerk will ask for an update.

**A442 and junctions**

Cycle clubs cause concern when the supporting vehicles park at junctions as well as the number of cyclists and the racing. It was agreed to invite Gary Wade, Chairman, to a future Parish Council meeting.

**0077/07/23.C Play Areas**

**Roden**

The infant seats need cleaning and the new sign has not yet been received. Thanks were recorded to EM for her help in keeping her eye on the play area on a weekly basis.

**High Ercall**

The infant seats need cleaning and the slide has been closed as it requires a repair.

**0078/07/23.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils**

- a) Regular updates are provided to all members and contain useful information.
- b) Councillor Wickson had included updates within the report on the Chairman's Meeting, which will be circulated.

**0079/07/23.C Street Lighting**

None

**0080/07/23.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 20<sup>th</sup> July at RAF Shawbury and will report back to the next meeting.
- c) The Parish & Town Council conference will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Oakengates Theatre.
- d) A copy of the Boundary Review slides have been circulated. Any agreed changes will be in place for the May 2027 elections. It was agreed to arrange an informal meeting for Parish Councillors to discuss their initial thoughts, this can take place in September.

**0081/07/23.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council**

**a) Councillor Bentley – Ercall Magna Ward**

There has been no update available as to when the site visit can take place in Shrewsbury Road and Silver Hill, but it is still going to happen.

It was a concern that as Ward Members, Gareth and Steve had not been invited to the Cabinet Meeting to add any detail or answer any questions on the Neighbourhood Development Plan. As it happens, it went through unopposed, but had there have been queries, no one was there to answer them.

There had been a serious RTA on 16<sup>th</sup> July at Waters Upton – thanks were recorded to the emergency services, they were all superb.

**b) Councillor Gareth Thomas – Wrockwardine Ward**

Gareth had sent his apologies, with no report available at this time.

**0082/07/23.C Reports**

**Councillors' Reports**

Councillor Wickson & Councillor Connor had attended a Digital 5G Webinar on 26<sup>th</sup> June (representing Ercall Magna). This was presented by a commercial entity. A survey will take place in 2024 as part of a National Initiative.

**Clerk's Report**

Website – updates will be planned following a training session with the website provider.

It was agreed that new ID badges for Councillors should be ordered.

There has been no response as yet from TWC to our request for an additional litter / dog waste bin outside of the Village Hall car park in Park Lane.

**0083/07/23.C Village Halls**

**a) Ellerdine Village Hall**

Private bookings are proving popular.

**b) High Ercall Village Hall**

It has been a busy month for maintenance. Fire extinguishers, lighting, picnic tables. A CPR event has been booked and a memorial bench is being considered – for siting around the new track. It is hoped that a police presence can attend the next Pride & Joy event. There will be a grant application for consideration at the next meeting.

**0084/07/23.C West Mercia Police**

No report had been received. Everyone is encouraged to sign up to receive the Neighbourhood Matters information.

**0085/07/23.C Parish Matters**

None

**0086/06/23.C Next Meetings**

19 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	7pm	High Ercall Village Hall
7 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	7pm	Finance & Governance Meeting
	8pm	Boundary Commission informal discussion

Due to the summer recess it is likely that a planning meeting will be necessary.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting and closed the meeting at 8.35pm

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

These minutes remain draft (E & OE) until confirmed as accurate at the next Full Council meeting in September.