

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 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 C Purves	Cllr S Walker
Cllr R Bruckshaw	

**In Attendance:** Katrina Baker (Clerk)  
Cllr G Thomas (TWC – Wrockwardine Ward)  
Representatives of Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust

- Dr E Rysdale, Consultant in Emergency Medicine and Clinical Director
- Matthew Neal, Director of Hospitals Transformation Programme
- Julia Clarke, Director of Public Participation
- Adam Ellis-Morgan, Technical Lead

Two members of the public

**0107/10/23.C Welcome & Introductions**

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Prior to the parish council meeting, a warm welcome was extended to representatives from SaTH NHS Trust who had kindly agreed to attend the meeting to give a presentation on the Hospitals Transformation Programme. An invitation had been extended to Waters Upton, Rodington & Wrockwardine Parish Councils.

A copy of the presentation, including the timeline, is available. [https://bit.ly/HTP\\_Meetings](https://bit.ly/HTP_Meetings)

Anyone wishing to receive this direct to their inbox can request this from the Clerk.

The Outline Business Case has been submitted to NHS England, whilst the Trust is now developing the Full Business Case which will be submitted for regional and national approval in late Autumn. The Implementation Stage commences late Winter and there will be continued staff, patient and community involvement from 2023 – 26 with the new model and ways of working in place for the Winter of 2026.

This clinically led model focuses on providing one hospital, on two sites. Both sites will provide 24 hour urgent care, diagnostics, outpatients for adults and children, midwife-led maternity services, frail and elderly care services, diagnostic endoscopy and day chemotherapy. Telford will specialize in planned care, but also have an A & E Local Model and inpatient medical care, along with general surgery, urology, orthopaedics, gynaecology, weight loss surgery, breast surgery and rehabilitation. At Shrewsbury, there will be an emergency department, critical care unit, consultant-led maternity care and children's inpatient, as well as emergency surgery, complex planned and children's surgery, emergency and acute medicine, children's assessment unit, consultant neonatal services, radiotherapy and inpatient cancer care and head and neck inpatient services.

The £24m Planned Care Hub will be at PRH with the first beds expected to open in Autumn 2023. This will have four theatres and a dedicated recovery area for elective care. This will enable clinicians to deliver day case operations all year round which will mean there will be fewer delays, improved outcomes and they are not likely to postpone procedures due to winter and bed pressures. This is expected to be fully complete early in 2024.

This process is different to the previous reviews as it is clinically led by senior Clinicians and Doctors. The Trust and Integrated Care System have been working with lead clinicians to add detail to the design to ensure the flow of clinical services. There is a planning application currently under consideration for RSH and preparations are underway to be ready for the implementation phase. The new build at RSH will have easier access for patients, better clinical adjacencies between services and an improved, modern main

entrance which will offer enhanced patient drop off facilities, accessible parking to cater for patients and visitors from Shropshire, TW and mid Wales.

There will be two new front doors, one to Emergency and one for the Main Entrance. There will be expanded provision for 10 ambulances, a relocated helipad and a purpose designed emergency department with a new larger resus area. There will be significant improvements to the hospital experience at both sites.

As part of the work, there is a comprehensive review of the transport facilities on the sites, an increase in overall parking, staff car parking provision and an increase in cycle parking.

They will be using sustainable building solutions, including solar panels and aim to be Net Zero ready which means the buildings will be capable of adapting to future sustainable technologies.

The Trust wants the communities to be actively involved as they design the detailed patient pathways. There will be a number of varied Focus Group meetings. For details, please visit [http://bit.ly/HTP\\_FG](http://bit.ly/HTP_FG).

For further information, please email [sath.engagement@nhs.net](mailto:sath.engagement@nhs.net).

The Chairman thanked our guests, who then left the meeting. The Parish Council meeting commenced at 8pm.

### **Public Session**

Mr J Hickinbottom joined the Parish Councillors at the table with regards to the Cleveland Arms. He reminded members that the public house had closed in 2016 and that the building had been offered for sale.

He requested that the Parish Councillors, Phoenix Charity and interested parties communicate with the owners and reminded everyone that money would be required to purchase the property and a significant amount of investment to restore the property. He informed the meeting that the building, which is a prominent building in the centre of the village, had leaks in the roofs, rotten timbers and a number of internal walls had come down.

The Chairman explained that the Parish Council is bound by law (Local Government Act 1972 in particular) and that the Councillors could not enter into a discussion or make any decision at a meeting where any subject does not appear on the Agenda.

The Cleveland Arms had not been included on this agenda as written correspondence had recently been received from the owners and from the Phoenix Charity and some of the details included needed clarification.

It was agreed that an email address be added to the Parish Council database so that the owners receive agendas and minutes direct in the future.

Members of the public left the meeting.

### **West Mercia Police**

The Chairman invited PCSO Collumbell to come forward to share any information. Ivan confirmed that PC McNally had sent his apologies as he was attending a training session today and confirmed that the teams at Wellington & Newport remain short-staffed. He continued to promote Neighbourhood Matters, requesting that all councillors and the community sign up to this two-way communication. He also shared information regarding Op SNAP, Smartwater and Community Speedwatch.

A conversation continued about contacting West Mercia. If an emergency situation arises, ring 999 at the time. However, to report other details and information on any local matter, please use 101 or consider sending an email so that the details are recorded. You can use Ivan's mobile number - however, be aware that there may be a delay in answering or responding due to shift patterns or holidays.

The Chairman, on behalf of the community, thanked Ivan for his support and guidance – this is very important in rural areas and much appreciated.

**0108/10/23.C Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Hartshorn      Holiday

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

**RESOLVED that the apologies as listed be accepted.**

**0109/10/23.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 and Shrewsbury Road SID
Councillor Bentley	Member of TW Planning Committee
Councillor Grant	High Ercall Village Hall
Councillor Walker	TWC/2023/0755

**0110/10/23.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

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

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

**0111/10/23.C Chairman's Report and Correspondence**

None

**0112/10/23.C Finance & Governance**

**a) Financial Report**

There remains a balance of £110,235.79 in the Current Account, this includes the second precept payment.

The income from the Community Gain has not yet been received.

**b) Payments**

None

The Clerk and Councillor Bentley left the meeting.

**c) Clerk's Review**

The review had been undertaken by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Finance & Audit Committee. The Chairman reported on the outcome of the review and it was agreed that this should be signed.

**d) Enhanced DBS Checks**

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

**RESOLVED that Ercall Magna Parish Council will use Acorn Solutions to undertake Enhanced DBS checks on the Clerk and Parish Councillors, at a cost of £20.00 per person. This is undertaken on line and gives confidence to the public.**

**0113/10/23.C Planning**

**a) Report**

The Chairman, Councillor Wickson, presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October, for information.

- b) **Updates**  
None

- c) **New Planning Applications for consideration**

*Councillor Bentley left the meeting as a member of Planning Committee  
Councillor Walker declared an interest and left the meeting*

**TWC/2023/0755 Former Garages (adjacent to Lindum House) Roden  
Change of Use of redundant buildings to one dwelling following increase of roof height  
Tree Works**

Concerns had been expressed to TWC that their consultation was limited and it has now been agreed to post a public notice to ensure that local residents are aware of the proposal. Members discussed the application and confirmed that

**The Parish Council supports the principle of change-of-use to residential, however concerns were recorded regarding the technical aspects of the proposal and the parking statement. The Planning Authority would be asked to investigate the feasibility of the proposals and the safety aspect of the door opening onto the track.**

- d) **Other Planning Matters**

- i) **Conservation Area Management Plan**

Councillor Hughes has an initial meeting with Barbara Johnson, TWC, on 8<sup>th</sup> November to commence the process to monitor and update the Conservation Area Management Plan. This item will appear on future agendas to keep Members informed of progress.

- ii) **Enforcement Issues**

Members continue to question the delays regarding outstanding enforcement matters. This will be raised with the Planning Authority and an urgent request for updates be submitted.

An enquiry has been submitted regarding work visible from the B5062 on land between High Ercall and Mill Bend.

**0114/10/23.C Environmental Matters**

- a) **Updates and New Issues**

- i) **Overgrown Roadsigns**

A programme to cut back and ensure visibility will continue.

- ii) **Kerbside Sweeping**

High Ercall has been completed, but work is required in Roden.

**0115/10/23.C Highways & Transport Matters**

- a) **Reports and Updates**

A reminder has been sent to confirm that that the highway and footpath around The Memorial will require attention before Remembrance Sunday.

- b) **Bus Shelters**

The replacement bus shelters in Shrewsbury Road had been installed. These are the new design, with a glass roof. Apologies had been received from TWC for the delay in getting appropriate shelters for the locations.

A site meeting will take place regarding a shelter for Ellerdine.

**c) SIDs**

*Councillor Noyes-Thomas declared an interest as a nearby resident.*

The sites in use from the original mobile scheme are working well and the data collected is useful to the police and TWC when addressing speed concerns.  
A quotation has been received for the installation of a permanent SID in Shrewsbury Road which is solar powered and that can be used in both directions.  
A grant application has been submitted to the PCC and we await a response.  
Members were keen to address the issue, which is often the subject of comments on social media and therefore it was proposed by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Wickson, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that £4000 be allocated from Reserves for the purchase and installation of a SID socket and equipment in Shrewsbury Road at a location identified by TWC.**

A TW highways officer has confirmed that the remaining sockets from the initial project will be installed at the same time as this new order.

**d) Other Matters  
Flooding**

A flood consistently appears on the junction of Crab Tree Lane – this will be reported for action.

**0116/10/23.C Play Areas  
Roden**

No Issues reported. Thanks were extended to a local resident who undertakes the weekly inspections.

**High Ercall**

The climbing frame is awaiting repair.

**0117/10/23.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils**

- a) Regular updates are provided to all members and contain useful information.
- b) The AGM is on 3<sup>rd</sup> November will now take place on Zoom – the link is available on request.
- c) Councillor Wickson updated members on other matters, as Chairman of SALC, which included
  - The Shrewsbury by-pass discussions
  - Space-funding
  - Verges, hedges and watercourses Conference

**0118/10/23.C Street Lighting**

Councillor Wickson offered to meet the contractor on site when they arrive to cut back overgrown hedges and trees which block the streetlights. This included numbers 2 and 10 in particular.

**0119/10/23.C Correspondence**

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

**0120/09/23.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council**

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

It has been particularly busy since the last meeting and a written report had been circulated to Members which included updates on:

- Secondary School Transport issues with the buses, drivers, routes, timetables and passengers
- Bus shelters and bus stops
- Speed issues, particularly Walton to Shawbury which requires working with TWC and SC
- Road conditions
- Use of rural lanes, by HGVs and Buses
- Mud on roads
- Shrewsbury bus request

- Provision of SID sockets

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

Gareth gave a short report on recent work. He is pleased that he has started to receive some updates on road issues in Longdon on Tern, although there has been no update on Roden as yet.

**0121/10/23.C Reports**

**Councillors’ Reports**

Councillors were reminded to inform the Clerk of any training or information sessions that have been attended, to ensure that our Training Record is up to date.

**Clerk’s Report**

- i) All matters have been included on the Agenda.
- ii) The Wrekin Area Committee will meet on 13<sup>th</sup> November and there will be a presentation on the Community Governance Review – this meeting will be held on zoom and all Councillors will be invited to ask questions regarding the Review, especially in relation to the options for Roden and Poynton.
- iii) The Clerk had worked 43 hours during September.

**0122/10/23.C Village Halls**

**a) Ellerdine Village Hall**

*Councillor Connor declared an interest, but has a dispensation in place.*

They have recently hosted the Rowton Church annual fundraiser, the Harvest Support which was most enjoyable and well attended.

There is a current issue of the various buses using and parking on the VH Car Park, which is private.

**b) High Ercall Village Hall**

*Councillors Wickson, Noyes-Thomas and Grant declared an interest*

There have been some changes to the Management Committee recently, but all positions are currently being covered. The maintenance team continue to do a good job. There will be an EGM in November with a request for more volunteers. An open event took place with lots of positive feedback. The website is progressing and will link to the Parish Council website.

A litter bin for outside of the site, on Park Lane, is on order.

**0123/10/23.C West Mercia Police**

Please refer to the public session.

**0124/10/23.C Parish Matters**

- a) Councillor Aston extended thanks to the Clerk and Councillor Bentley for help given to parents regarding the issues with secondary school transport since the start of term. The parents are grateful for the support.

**0125/10/23.C Next Meeting**

21 <sup>st</sup> November 2023	7pm	High Ercall Village Hall
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There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting and closed the meeting at 9.45pm

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

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