

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 18th June 2024 in High Ercall Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr K Connor Cllr R Hartshorn
Cllr R Wickson Cllr S Bentley (and TWC)
Cllr L Hughes Cllr C Grant
Cllr S Noyes-Thomas Cllr R Bruckshaw
Cllr S Walker

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Cllr G Thomas (Wrockwardine Ward Member, TWC)
PC SO Collumbell, West Mercia Police

061/06/24.C Welcome & Introductions

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending.

062/06/24.C Apologies for Absence

Councillor Taylor	Holiday
Councillor Barrow	Health
Councillor Purves	Health
Councillor Aston	Family

Members sent their best wishes to Councillors Barrow and Purves.

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

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.

063/06/24.C Declarations of Interest (for items on the Agenda) or Dispensations

The following declarations of interests were recorded:

Councillor Wickson	High Ercall Village Hall (with dispensation), SALC and Royal British Legion
Councillor Connor	Ellerdine Village Hall and Royal British Legion (with dispensations)
Councillor Noyes-Thomas	High Ercall Village Hall (with dispensation)
Councillor Bentley	Member of TW Planning Committee
Councillor Grant	High Ercall Village Hall (with dispensation)
Councillor Hughes	EM CAMP (with dispensation)
Councillor Walker	Planning Applications

064/06/24.C West Mercia Police

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Collumbell who presented a report from PC McNally which included information regarding poaching in Roden and confirmed that rural crime has continued to reduce. He had attended the recent Pride & Joy event, in the Rover SDI and confirmed that there had been no incidents recorded of speeding concerns to and from the event.

However, speeding continues to be monitored in the Parish as it is one of the Parish Priorities and some letters have been issued.

There is also a plan to introduce a rural What's App Group – more information will be available soon.

The Chairman thanked Ivan for attending and for the report. He also asked that the thanks of the Parish Council are extended to all the team for everything they do to support the rural areas – it is much appreciated.

PCSO Collumbell thanked the Chairman for bringing forward the Police Agenda item and he left the meeting to continue his duties.

065/06/24.C Minutes of the Meetings held on 21st May 2024

It was proposed by Councillor Wickson and seconded by Councillor Bentley, with two abstentions, all were in favour and thus it was:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2024 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

066/06/24.C Chairman's Communications

None

067/06/24.C Finance & Governance

a) Financial Reports

The reconciled balance sheet at the end of May shows a total of £123, 880.93.
£25,000 has been transferred to the CCLA High Interest Account and interest received to date was £28.65 in April and £110.78 in May.

The total balance as at 16th June is £123,712.43.

b) Payments

A list of payments had been circulated, and it was proposed by Councillor L Hughes, seconded by Councillor Wickson, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the following payments had been made on 5th June 2024.

A Williams – Roden Nurseries	Reimburse Bedding Plants for High Ercall	LGA 1972 s112	£160.00
TWC	Litter / Dog Waste Bin	LA 1983 s5	£640.00

RESOLVED that the following payments be made.

K Baker	Salary June 2024	LGA 1972 s112	£640.00
HMRC	PAYE June 2024	LGA 1972 s112	£160.00
Clear Insurance	Insurance	LGA 1972 s111	£678.91
High Ercall Village Hall	Room Hire	LGA 1972 s111	£24.00
R David AAT	Internal Audit Report	LGA 1972 s111	£150.00
Nobridge Nurseries	Bedding Plants for Ellerdine	LGA 1972 s112	£45.96

c) Risk Management

An updated Risk Management Policy is available and the Management Plan was up to date and available on the website. This has been used to ensure that the Council has adequate and appropriate insurance and includes the two play areas.

e) Register of Gifts & Hospitality

Members were reminded that they are required to declare any gifts or hospitality received or offered.

068/06/24.C Planning

a) Report

The Chairman, Councillor Wickson, confirmed that applications for the Old Rectory and 5 Moortown had been granted permission.

b) New Planning Applications for consideration

Councillors S Walker and S Bentley left the meeting

- i) TWC/2024/0322 Land adjacent to Lindum House, Roden
Change of Use to One dwelling

This application had previously been discussed, at length, and the Parish Council confirmed that it had no objection to the principle of change of use. However, concerns remain regarding the safety aspects of having the access directly onto the Lane, which is privately owned. It was

RESOLVED that the Parish Council position remains unchanged and the response would request that the Planning Officer considers the access rights on the adjacent lane and the effects of parking.

- ii) TWC/2024/0378 Ercall Park, Walton
Barn Conversion

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would support this application. It is in accordance with the Ercall Magna Neighbourhood Plan.

c) Other Planning Matters

Llanhaven Close, Roden

It was pleasing to be informed that the TW Licensing Committee had agreed with the Parish Recommendation for the name of the road for the new properties. The history of the site had been taken into consideration. This decision has been challenged by the Developer and a full response has been received today from TWC to confirm that there is no appeal process.

069/06/24.C Environmental Matters

a) Updates and New Issues

The Clerk continues to press TWC for action on numerous outstanding 'requests for action'.

b) New Matters

- i) Overgrown hedges are a concern around the Parish, these can be reported at any time, to the Clerk – there is no requirement to wait to bring these to a meeting. The following landowners will be approached:
18 Cleveland Avenue
The Cleveland Arms
Pidduck's Paddock
If action is not forth-coming to improve access and visibility, these will be reported to TWC
- ii) Right of Way – Church Car Park to Shirlowe
This involved a number of landowners, including the Primary School – the Rights of Way department has been asked for assistance to clear the route to enable access.
- iii) Crows
A concern was raised about the increase in numbers (and therefore the increase in noise). Whilst it is accepted that this is seasonal, further information will be investigated.

070/06/24.C Highways & Transport Matters

a) Reports and Updates

The Clerk continues to press TWC for action on numerous outstanding 'requests for action'.

Roden Traffic Calming Scheme

Councillor Thomas confirmed that had not received any further updates on the outstanding matters in Roden. He would send a reminder to TWC. However, Members were unhappy that this scheme has not been completed. This is not a funding issue as the funds were provided by the landowner on a Section 106 Agreement.

It was agreed that further action is necessary and, following the election, a press release will be issued to raise awareness of the unacceptable delay in getting essential work done in the rural areas.

No action has been taken regarding the road surface outside of Nursery Gardens, which has sunk following utility works.

Village Namesigns

The Clerk had responded to Chris Pearson with details of the Parish Council's wish to provide village namesigns following his suggestion for new signs on the B5062 and B5063. Details of the number of signs needed for each village had been provided with a request for information confirming which villages TWC is to provide for, so that the Parish Council can consider providing signs for the other villages. It is important that the design and colours are consistent throughout the Parish and include the Parish logo. This may mean a delay in providing for Roden and Poynton, until a decision of the Boundary Committee is confirmed.

Cliff Crescent, Ellerdine

An urgent works request has been submitted to alleviate the deep potholes that have been created near to the bend within Cliff Crescent estate. It was also noted that the road surface has broken up (opposite number 15). Kerb stones are missing and the area would benefit from road sweeping. More information will be added to the current works request. Consideration should be given to applying for HS2 funding to rectify the number of issues in this area of the Parish.

Silver Hill

The road closure was extended to deal with the STW leak. This has affected the drains at the bottom of Silver Hill and on the B5062.

b) Other Matters

The following matters were raised, for action:

- 'Park Lane' namesign
- Renew yellow lines in Park Lane
- 3 potholes near the Gospel Oak
- Road markings for the school and church
- All road markings in Church Road
- Drain cover, outside of The Lodge
- B5062 lay-by
- Sunken drains outside Bradford Terrace
- Zebra Crossing
- Road Sweeping, particularly Shrewsbury Road – memorial, Stackstones and The Grove
- School Crossing, Shrewsbury Road

071/06/24.C Telford & Wrekin Council

a) Ercall Magna Ward

Councillor Bentley continues to follow up outstanding matters, particularly in High Ercall, Walton and Ellerdine. Concerns regarding the size and speed of traffic through Rowton have also been raised.

b) Wrockwardine

Councillor Thomas will continue to chase the Roden Scheme and highway repair that is necessary.

072/06/24.C Play Areas

Roden & High Ercall

Work continues to ensure that the play areas are in accordance with RoSPA regulations. Thanks are extended to Sandie and Elaine for undertaking the weekly inspections.

073/06/24.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils

- a) Regular updates are provided to all members and contain useful information. News In Brief publications contain important information. Members are reminded that the links included go straight to important information. The Annual Meeting will take place on 30th October at The Shirehall.
- b) The next WAC meeting will be on 18th July at 7pm on Zoom.

074/06/24.C Correspondence

- a) All correspondence is shared with Members at the earliest opportunity. There are no subjects for discussion.
- b) The General Election will take place on 4th July – details about how and where to vote are on the website. High Ercall and Ellerdine Village Halls will be in use as Polling Stations.

075/06/24.C Reports

Councillors’ Reports

A request to Freedom Fibre to attend a Parish Council meeting to answer residents’ questions had been declined. Anyone with questions should contact the company via its website where an email address and telephone number are available.

Clerk’s Report

All included on the Agenda. However, it is becoming increasingly more frustrating when there are no replies from TWC to enquiries and little sign of acknowledgements to requests for action.

076/06/24.C Village Halls

a) Ellerdine Village Hall

None – the recent scheduled meeting had been postponed.

b) High Ercall Village Hall

Councillors Wickson, Noyes-Thomas and Grant declared an interest but have dispensations in place
Councillor Noyes-Thomas reported that work has continued including enquiries regarding the employment of an accountant, bank cards, fire assembly point and motorized blinds. There is a meeting on Thursday. Private hire events are taking priority over the Friday night bars and it was pleasing to see the police in attendance at the recent Pride & Joy event.

077/06/24.C Parish Matters

None

078/06/24.C Next Meeting

27 th June 2024	2.00pm	Finance & Governance	High Ercall Village Hall
16 th July 2024	7.00pm	Full Council	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 8.10pm.

SignedDate

These minutes remain draft (E & OE) until confirmed as accurate at the next Full Council meeting in July 2024.