

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.00p.m. in High Ercall Village Hall.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr K Connor Cllr A Price  
 Cllr R Wickson Cllr C Purves  
 Cllr Y Homer Cllr M Ward  
 Cllr G Barrow Cllr S Bentley  
 Cllr S Walker Cllr L Hughes

**In Attendance:** Katrina Baker (Clerk)  
 Cllr R Hartshorn (via zoom)  
 Cllr A Glenholmes (via zoom)  
 Cllr E Aston (via zoom)

**660/01/22.C Welcome & Introductions**

The Chairman, Councillor Connor, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Taking into consideration the NALC guidance regarding face to face meetings, and recent Government Guidelines, this meeting had been moved to High Ercall Village Hall to enable a wi-fi connection for those Members or the public who wished to join via zoom.

**Public Session**  
 None

**661/01/22.C Apologies for Absence**

None

**662/01/22.C Declarations of Interest (for items on the Agenda) or Dispensations**

Councillor Walker 667/01/22.C b) iii) Personal and Prejudicial

**663/01/22.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

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

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

**664/01/22.C Chairman’s Report**

None

**665/01/22.C Cleveland Arms – ACV**

There is no update for this meeting, but it will appear on the February agenda.

**666/01/22.C Finance & Governance**

**a) Financial Report**

A copy of the balance sheet had been circulated which confirmed a current balance of £52,337.03 plus the £15,000.27 free reserve.

**b) Payments**

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

Clerk’s Salary	January 2022	LGA 1972	£560.00
PAYE	January 2022	LGA 1972	£140.00
Hire of Hall		LGA 1972	£32.00
Street Lighting Energy		Parish Councils Act 1957 s3	£1043.88

## 667/01/22.C Planning

### a) Report

The Chairman gave a report with details of planning applications determined since the last meeting.

### b) Planning Application for consideration

TWC/2022/0009 The Lodge, Shop Lane  
Monolith to 2m, 3 Ash Trees and felling to ground level a conifer hedge

A lengthy discussion took place as it appeared that the application was incomplete and inconsistent. Members would require supporting evidence to confirm any disease, including pictures taken in the Summer when leaves are on the trees.

**RESOLVED to support the application in principle, but to ensure that the Tree Officer visits and assesses the trees before any work is approved.**

TWC/2021/1226 Rose Cottage, Green Lane, Ellerdine  
Conversion of part of the existing stable block into 2 holiday let apartments

**RESOLVED to support the conversion as a local business, the site is not overlooked and the design modifications are in keeping. This application is in accordance with the emerging Ercall Magna Neighbourhood Plan.**

TWC/2021/1215 Park Timber, Roden  
*Councillor Walker declared an interest and left the meeting*

Installation of 2 containers to house log dryer, boiler plant and chip stores

**RESOLVED that the Parish Council would support the application as it will address recent issues reported by local residents regarding noise and possible smoke pollution.**

### c) Planning Decisions

As per the Chairman's report,

### d) Planning Information Events

The dates have been circulated. The Chairman encouraged Members to book onto as many sessions as possible. It is always good to keep up to date with changes in legislation.

## 668/01/22.C Environmental Matters

### a) Information from Idverde

Members were disappointed that the schedules, as promised, had not been received and the outstanding work has not taken place. This includes the creation of the wild flower beds.

### b) The Queen's Green Canopy

TWC had provided details of the trees allocated to each of the sites which they had identified in each village. A list will be circulated. Members discussed providing plaques for each tree to identify the species and the Platinum Jubilee.

### c) Roden Milestone

Cllr Purves will update Cllr Aston, after the meeting.

## 669/01/22.C Highways & Transport Matters

### a) Updates

#### Footpath Working Group

The Chairman update Members on the discussions which had taken place at the meeting and notes had been circulated to all Members, for information.

The Parish Council will take up the offer of a kissing gate to the Northern end of the field path to Walton, for safety, which Andrew Careless had suggested. It may also be necessary to have stone laid at the Southern end of the path, where it is very muddy.

There are potential options available for a route from the B5062 in Roden to the Marlbrook Way Play area, further discussions will take place prior to a report back to the Council.

Roden Councillors were keen to support this route, rather than a footpath from Nursery Gardens to Roden Nursery, which could be considered in the future if funding comes available.

**b) Rights of Way**

Especially over the past two years, more local residents, and visitors, have wanted to walk identified Rights of Way, but many are obstructed and unidentifiable.

Local residents will be welcomed to a Working Group Meeting to share information and to work with the TW Rights of Way Officer to ensure that a Right of Way network exists and particularly as we approach the deadline for modifications to the Definitive Map (2026).

**c) Road Safety Improvements in Roden**

It is some time since TWC confirmed, at a meeting, that a scheme was being drawn up to use the Section 106 funding for road safety improvements through the village. The Clerk will enquire why there is such a delay.

**670/01/22.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils**

- a) Regular updates are provided to all members and contain useful information.

**671/01/22.C Street Lighting**

No issues reported

**672/01/22.C Correspondence**

- a) All correspondence is shared with Members at the earliest opportunity, there had been no requests to add any to the agenda for further consideration at this meeting. Members are reminded that they can add any item to a future agenda.

**b) Boundary Commission Review**

The consultation on this review has been extended to May 2022.

Members took the opportunity to discuss the proposals put forward by the Boundary Commission and offered their views. It is proposed that the Edgmond and Ercall Magna Ward return to two single Wards, with one Borough Councillor elected for each. It is accepted that the area of the joined Ward was extensive, however with two Members there was support at all times.

The Commission is recommending no change to the number of Councillors in TW (54) but boundaries have been re-drawn to balance the number of electorate per Ward.

In their introduction, the Boundary Commission states that they seek to balance the numbers, they will take into consideration local views and circumstances, they wish to create boundaries which reflect communities, cultural and family links and confirm identities. However, their proposals are contrary to this when proposing the Roden and Poynton move from Ercall Magna to Little Wenlock and Wrockwardine.

Roden Councillors were clear that the residents of Roden, and Poynton, identify with High Ercall, for the school, church, shop and village hall – they have no connections with Little Wenlock or Wrockwardine. They confirmed that they vote in High Ercall Village Hall and use leisure facilities in High Ercall.

Local residents are encouraged to respond to the consultation.

If the Ward Boundaries do change, there is a concern that Parish Boundaries may then be changed to correspond. This will cause a further problem as the Parish Council is engaged in a number of significant projects which represent and include Roden and Poynton – the Neighbourhood Plan, Play area upgrade, provision of safe walking routes etc.

**c) TWC Local Validation List 2021**

Councillor Wickson had drafted a response, with Councillor Purves and Councillor Barrow which was supported with the addition of the need to include Access and Exceptional / Innovative residential designs need to be referred to Design Midlands. It must also be pointed out that the attached forms are not suitable for both and need to be amended.

**d) Platinum Jubilee**

Members discussed ideas for events and ways to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June of this year. Some funding is available and any groups can apply to TWC for a grant of £500 or £2000 towards the costs. Villages will be encouraged to arrange activities for the families to attend.

Members will also consider providing a commemorative gift to the children in the Parish. Ideas and costs will be investigated for consideration.

**673/01/22.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council**

Councillor Bentley confirmed that the Controlling Group has now announced a 1% increase on Council Tax which will be ring-fenced for Adult Social Care.

It remains frustrating that many officers are redeployed to other roles and some who have left have not been replaced. This puts more pressure on those in post, and results in delays for work to be undertaken or replies to be received.

**674/01/22.C Reports**

**Councillors**

None

**Clerk's Report**

Defibrillators – additional funds will have to be vired in the budget, due to the increased costs of replacement batteries and pads.

**675/01/22.C Village Halls**

**a) Ellerdine Village Hall**

Third party bookings are increasing as public confidence grows. A programme for the year will be available soon.

**b) High Ercall Village Hall**

Some private bookings are now being received and some regular groups are returning.

**676/01/22.C West Mercia Police**

PCSO Collumbell was unable to attend tonight, but has forwarded the latest newsletter, for information.

**677/01/22.C Parish Matters**

**a) Marlbrook Way Play Area Surface**

This will be reported back to TWC as the safety surface is damaged and moss is causing a concern. The Parish Council will also request a copy of the latest RoSPA report, for information.

**b) Shrewsbury Road bus shelter and bin**

A replacement shelter is to be made available by TWC, we will also request a replacement bin as the one adjacent to the bus shelter (as you travel towards The Cleveland) has been set on fire.

**c) Roden Pavements**

Work to clear the moss is required to make them safe for pedestrians

**d) Road Drains**

All road drains need clearing out to prevent flooding in front of properties, this is evident in Roden and High Ercall.

**f) Footpath Clearance**

A thank you letter will be sent to residents in Roden who have cleared the footpath – it is good to see people have pride in their neighbourhood.

**678/01/22.C Next Meeting**

15<sup>th</sup> February 2022

7pm

High Ercall Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm and thanked everyone for their important contributions.

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

Please note that these minutes remain draft until agreed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022.