

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 15th October 2024 in High Ercall Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr K Connor Cllr S Noyes-Thomas
Cllr R Wickson Cllr S Bentley
Cllr L Hughes Cllr C Grant
Cllr R Higgins

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Cllr G Thomas (Wrockwardine Ward Member, TWC)
Josh and Zoe, PCSOs, Safer Neighbourhood Team

117/10/24.C Welcome & Introductions

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

West Mercia Police

The results of the recent speed surveys had been circulated to Members. The average speed in Roden was 29.9mph.

PCSO Zoe informed members that the PCSOs cannot enforce speed issues, the information gathered is for information only. A PC has to be in attendance for action to be taken.

There had been a recent burglary in Cold Hatton (not in our Parish) where a quad bike and chainsaw had been stolen – investigations are continuing, nothing has been recovered as yet.

118/10/24.C Apologies for Absence

Councillor Purves	Family
Councillor Walker	Work
Councillor Aston	Family

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

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.

Councillor S Taylor	Work	Received after the meeting
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119/10/24.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 Grant	High Ercall Village Hall (with dispensation)
Councillor Hughes	EM CAMP and Item 8d Planning
Councillor Noyes-Thomas	High Ercall Village Hall (with dispensation) and Item 8d Planning
Councillor S Bentley	TW Planning Committee

120/10/24.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th September 2024

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2024 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

121/10/24.C Chairman’s Communications

Councillor Connor and Mrs Connor had attended the launch of the Shropshire Army Cadet Force Trust at RAF Shawbury. Details are available and a copy attached to the Minutes and will appear on the website.

Remembrance 2024

There will be a service at Rowton Church, followed by one at High Ercall on 10th November 2024 – times to be confirmed.

On 11th November, a wreath will be laid at the Memorial in High Ercall at 11am. It is hoped that the new Memorial at Greenhous Village, Osbaston will be returned and a fourth wreath will be laid following the short service at High Ercall.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor R Wickson will order 4 wreaths and the invoice (£100) will be sent to the Parish Council for payment.

An invitation was extended to attend the launch of the Poppy Appeal at Ellerdine Methodist Chapel on Sunday, 27th October at 2.30pm.

122/10/24.C Finance & Governance

a) Financial Reports

The reconciled balance sheet at the end of September shows a total of £136,194.33 and has been circulated to all Members.

The balance in the CCLA Investment accounts has increased to £25,357.93

b) Payments

It was proposed by Councillor Noyes-Thomas and seconded by Councillor Wickson that the payments, as circulate be agreed and paid by direct payment transfer. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the following payments be authorized:

K Baker	Salary – October	LGA 1972 s 112	£640.00
HMRC	PAYE – October	LGA 1972 s 112	£160.00
N Power	Street Light Energy	PCA 1957 ss3 HA 1980 s301	£1556.37

c) Risk Management

The Risk Management Policy remains current. The risk assessments are up to date and in accordance with the Insurance Policy.

d) Register of Gifts & Hospitality

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

e) Website and Email Updates

Members agreed that the new website is clear and easier to navigate. It will be helpful now that the Parish Council can update information direct.

The email addresses are now held on the new server.

f) Finance & Governance Meeting

A meeting to discuss the budget proposals for 2025/26 has been arranged for 25th October 2024 at 2pm at High Ercall Village Hall. An agenda will be circulated before the meeting and will include the Emergency & Resilience Plan and the review of the Parish Agreement with TWC.

123/10/24.C Planning

a) Report

The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor Wickson, updated members on applications recently determined by TWC – details have been sent to all members. TWC/2024/0637 The Lilacs – permission granted for (lower) gates as requested by the Parish Council

b) New Planning Applications for consideration

- i) TWC/2024/0687 Rainbow Farm, Rowton
Erection of a General-Purpose Agricultural Storage Building

There was some confusion regarding the consultation regarding this application. However, the Parish Council had not previously responded and the Chairman and Vice Chairman, under delegated powers

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would respond to confirm support for the application.

c) Other Planning Matters

Emergency & Resilience Planning

Councillor Hughes updated Members on the meeting of the Working Group and confirmed that this will appear on the Finance & Governance Agenda for further consideration of the Draft Plan. A letter has been drafted to be sent to all residents with a request for assistance sent to the businesses previously identified.

Members also discussed including this as the main article in the next Parish Council newsletter.

Appeal Hearings

Land Rear of Stackstones (known as Piddock's Paddock)

The Chairman had been in contact with the Planning Officers to discuss the procedure for the hearing, scheduled for 16th October 2024 at AFC Telford.

TWC had refused permission for up to 5 self-build properties and the applicant has appealed the decision. Although the correct version of the Ercall Magna Neighbourhood Plan had been provided throughout the process at Regulation 15 and included in the Public Referendum, the incorrect Plan had been added to the TW website.

This has been updated and the Inspector has been informed.

124/10/24.C Environmental Matters

a) Updates and New Issues

The Clerk continues to press TWC for action on numerous outstanding 'requests for action'. TWC has confirmed that the grass cutting schedules have commenced, but are at least two weeks behind. Leaves will be the biggest issue in the coming weeks – please report any 'dangerous' locations on My Telford.

Overgrown hedges are causing visibility problems around the parish.

The path from the Shop to Park Lane needs attention – whilst asking TWC if it is their responsibility, they sent a GIS map so that this information can be available to us. Where it is not TW responsibility, the Parish Council can arrange for this work to be undertaken.

It was agreed to get a quotation from Nobridge Nurseries for footpath (and possible) road sweeping.

It was also noted that the hedges to the rear of 54 – 58 Talbot Fields need attention to enable the footpath to be used. This will be reported to the Rights of Way Team at TW.

b) Tree Branches

It was noted that some street lights are ineffective due to overgrown trees and hedges – landowners are requested to take a look to ensure that any lights near their property are not hidden by trees or hedges that are their responsibility.

125/10/24.C Highways & Transport Matters

a) Reports and Updates

Silver Hill, High Ercall

The potholes have been filled.

The quotation for the solar SID and post is still awaited. This will be needed before the next meeting with Greenhous Village Management.

b) Ercall Magna Traffic Schemes

As requested, a full list of local issues had been produced and sent to TWC. Their acknowledgement confirms receipt but also states that some are being dealt with by different departments. The document will be useful for reference and will be kept up to date as actions happen.

The list will be used on the website to update the community on action taken by the Parish Council on their behalf.

c) New Issues

None

126/10/24.C West Mercia Police

Please refer to the public session of the minutes 117/10/24.C.

127/10/24.C Telford & Wrekin Council

a) Ercall Magna Ward

Councillor Bentley reported that work is continuing with regards to the budget for 2025/26 – there are likely to be difficult decisions. The review of the Local Plan is likely to be delayed due to possible changes within the NPPF which the Government are considering.

Enforcement issues in the Ward have been hindered – an application to the High Court will mean further delays.

b) Wrockwardine Ward

Councillor Thomas had hoped to deliver an update on the Community Governance review, however, the recent meeting was postponed again. It has ‘all gone quiet’ regarding the Local Plan Review and other significant matters, too.

128/10/24.C Play Areas

Roden & High Ercall

Minor repairs are necessary at High Ercall.

Confirmation had been received that both play areas are insured by the Parish Council within the current policies.

A comment was received as to how nice it is to hear the children’s football teams when using the Playing Field.

129/10/24.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. Councillor Hughes and Councillor Noyes-Thomas will be the EMPC voting representatives.

130/10/24.C Correspondence

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

b) Details of the TW Dog Fouling Campaign had been circulated and Members agreed that the Parish Council should fully support and promote it.

c) TWC has announced a review of the TW / PTC Parish Agreement before all PTCs are asked to re-affirm their commitment to it. This will appear on the Finance & Governance Agenda for consideration.

131/10/24.C Reports

Councillors' Reports

Councillor Purves may have an update on the Climate Change Forum.

Councillor Wickson reported that there was one vehicle exceeding the speed limit in Shrewsbury Road during the last reporting period. It was agreed that the data collected is very useful.

Clerk's Report

LED Light Bulbs

The Parish Council has received 96 (free) bulbs to be used to encourage residents to upgrade to LED in order to assist with reducing electricity bills at this difficult time.

The bulbs will be available from High Ercall Village Hall. A list of addresses where the trial bulbs have been provided will be needed for the records.

Newsletter

The Clerk will draft a newsletter to be distributed around the Parish.

132/10/24.C Village Halls

a) Ellerdine Village Hall

Councillor Connor declared an interest, and had a dispensation in place

Councillor Connor gave an update on the unauthorized use of the car park (especially by buses). Members of Ellerdine Village Hall Committee are in regular contact with TWC regarding the issues caused.

b) High Ercall Village Hall

Councillors Wickson, Noyes-Thomas and Grant declared an interest but have dispensations in place

Councillor Noyes-Thomas had provided a report which included details relating to increased bookings, toilet refurbishments is out to tender, position of treasurer remains vacant, work continues on the title registration.

Councillor Grant confirmed that an agreement is in place with Ercall Colts Football Team, which have agreed to fund all football-related costs.

133/10/24.C Parish Matters

A request for a Rural Forum was received – it is always useful for parishes to join together and meet officers of TWC and other organisations.

134/10/24.C Next Meeting

11th November 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 8.40pm.

SignedDate

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