

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 15th April 2025 at High Ercall Village Hall, immediately after the April Full Council Meeting.

PRESENT: Cllr K Connor (Chairman of Ercall Magna Parish Council)
Katrina Baker (Clerk)

In Attendance: Cllr E Aston
Cllr L Hughes
Cllr C Grant
Cllr S Taylor
Cllr R Bruckshaw
3 members of the public
Cllr G Thomas (TWC)

Cllr S Bentley (TWC and EMPC)
Cllr S Walker
Cllr S Noyes-Thomas
Cllr R Higgins

001/04/25.C Welcome & Introductions

The Chairman, Councillor Connor, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

002/04/25.C Apologies for Absence

Cllr R Hartshorn	Attending an alternative engagement
Cllr R Wickson	Holiday
Cllr C Purves	Family Commitment
West Mercia Police	

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

AGREED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.

003/04/25.C Declaration of Interests

As per the usual list, which is available on request and on the website.

004/04/25.C Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held on 18th March 2024.

The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting had been circulated and had appeared on the website, it was proposed by Councillor Bentley and seconded by Councillor Aston, that they were an accurate record of the meeting and would be signed by the Chairman.

005/04/25.C Chairman's Report 2023 / 2024

The Chairman read his Annual Report which referred to the wide range of subjects discussed and acted upon throughout the year – further details are available in the monthly meeting minutes.

Councillor Connor commented in particular on four areas:

- Planning
- Highways
- Telford & Wrekin Council
- Community Governance and Local Plan Reviews

Please see the full report which is available on the Parish Council website or you can request a copy direct to your inbox from the Clerk.

The Chairman reminded members and residents of the importance of responding to the Local Plan Review – comments can be forwarded to TWC until 5th May 2025.

006/04/25.C Financial Report

The Clerk presented a financial report (Copies are available on request or on the website) which confirmed that the opening balance in April 2024 was just over £105,000 with income totaling £52,426. Throughout the year payments had totaled £35,719. Therefore, the balance at the end of March 2025 had increased to £121,955. Earmarked reserves will be confirmed at the start of the new financial year.

When considering the budget for 2025/26, the Parish Councillors were very aware of the difficult period that many residents still experience, including the current worries relating to the Cost of Living Crisis, and therefore, the Members unanimously resolved to set the precept at £49,900 – with, again, no increase for this financial year.

It should also be noted that no Parish Councillors have claimed their allowance or expenses throughout the year.

007/04/25.C West Mercia Police

PC Simon Webb had attended the Full Council Meeting earlier in the evening and gave a short report on current matters.

The Clerk reported that the Council had been informed, yesterday, that PCSO Ivan Collumbell had moved to work in Donnington and that PCSO Joshua Peel was to become the Rural Support Officer with immediate effect. Members wished to place on record their sincere thanks to Ivan, on behalf of the community. His help, support and guidance has been much appreciated over the years, since his appointment to the role – his expertise and experience will be missed. Members look forward to working with PCSO Peel. It was noted that the shift hours for PCSOs have changed and they do not work after 8pm. In order to accommodate this, it was agreed that the order of items on the Parish Council Agendas should be amended so that the Police are included at the start of the meeting at 7pm.

Members agreed to send that letter of thanks to PCSO Collumbell and to wish him well in his new role.

008/04/25.C Telford & Wrekin Council

Councillor S Bentley, Ercall Magna Ward, had provided a written report which will be added to the Minutes and will appear on the website. Steve confirmed the importance of individuals responding to the Local Plan Review – as all comments will be taken on board by the Inspector. He shared his concerns regarding infrastructure, education and health. He was also concerned over the impact of any merger with the West Midlands – this could have a detrimental effect on housing allocations and job opportunities in Telford & Wrekin.

Councillor G Thomas, Wrockwardine Ward, reported that he had been involved in the Community Governance Review and was pleased that housing at Roden, and nearby Rodington, have been removed since the last version of the Local Plan – he, too, was concerned about the lack of infrastructure.

Both Members agreed that the Weald Moors is not the best place to build more houses, especially when there are suitable sites in South Telford, where the infrastructure is already in place, with public transport, employment and leisure opportunities.

Members endorsed the response, as recommended by the Planning Committee – this will be forwarded to Telford & Wrekin Council on behalf of Ercall Magna Parish Council.

009/04/25.C Other Reports

a) Ellerdine Village Hall

A written report had been received and will be added to the website.

b) High Ercall Village Hall

A written report had been received and circulated and would be added to the website.

c) High Ercall Primary School

No report has been received, as yet. When available, it will be added to the website.

d) St Michael's and All Hallows Churches

No reports had been received from High Ercall or Rowton Church PCCs. When received, they will be added to the website.

e) Endowment Fund

A report will follow.

f) Wrekin Area Committee (of SALC)

A report had been received and will appear on the website.

g) TW Bus User Group

The Clerk reported that there has been no meeting for some time. However, Councillor Wickson, as the Chairman, represents the Bus User Group at the Partnership Board meetings.

h) Helicopter Liaison Group

There are no longer any meetings of the HLG.

010/04/25.C Parish Matters

a) Matters Received in writing prior to the meeting

None

b) The following matters were raised at the meeting

- i) The link for the Local Plan consultation will be added to the Minutes – it is hoped that local residents will forward their thoughts and comments.

[Current stage - Review of the Telford & Wrekin Local Plan - Telford & Wrekin Council](#)

- ii) Concerns remain that traffic travels at excessive speed on the B5062/3, especially over the crossing near to the Cleveland Arms PH. There have been numerous near misses – this is particularly dangerous for the older and younger generations. The Parish Council will
- Ask the police to attend and monitor the speed
 - Ask TWC to reconsider the installation of a raised platform
 - Ensure that speed remains on the Charter Priority List.

011/04/25.C Date of the next meeting

20th May 2025

7pm

Approximately 8pm

Annual General Meeting
Full Council

HEVH

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their important contributions, and closed the meeting at 8pm.

SignedDate

Please note that these minutes remain draft until agreed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 20th May 2025, but will not be signed until the APM in 2026.