Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 15th April 2025 in High Ercall Village Hall at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Cllr K Connor Cllr S Noyes-Thomas

Cllr S TaylorCllr S BentleyCllr L HughesCllr S WalkerCllr R HigginsCllr C GrantCllr R HartshornCllr R Bruckshaw

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

Cllr G Thomas (TWC)
PC Simon Webb
1 Member of the public

225/4/25.C Welcome & Introductions

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and thanked them for attending. This meeting precedes the Annual Parish Meeting and the agenda has been amended accordingly.

West Mercia Police

Members welcomed PC Simon Webb, who gave a short update on local issues and some of the recent reports from within the Parish, for information.

226/4/25.C Apologies for Absence

Councillor Purves Family Commitments Accepted
Councillor Wickson Holiday Accepted

It was proposed by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Noyes-Thomas, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.

227/4/25.C Declarations of Interest (for items on the agenda) or Dispensations

The following declarations of interest were recorded:

Councillor Connor Ellerdine Village Hall and Royal British Legion (with dispensations)

Councillor Hughes EM CAMP

Councillor Noyes-Thomas High Ercall Village Hall (with dispensation)

Councillor Bentley TW Planning Committee and Finance & Governance

Councillor Walker Water provision in Roden
Councillor Bruckshaw Cotwall development site

228/4/25.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th March 2025

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2025 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

229/4/25.C Finance & Governance

a) Financial Report

The reconciled balance sheet at the end of March shows a total of £121,955.15 and had been circulated to all Members.

b) Payments

A list of payments had been circulated to all Members, it was proposed by Councillor Hartshorn, seconded by Councillor Hughes, all were in favour and thus the following payments were authorized.

A A Deptford	Defibrillator Batter	£258.00
N Power	Street Light Energy	£2087.94
SALC	Affiliation Fee	£913.68
Scribe	Accounts Package	£2087.94
	Subscription	

There are other contract payments, due for payment and a full list will be circulated when available.

All expenditure, over £100, is listed on the website, in accordance with the Transparency Code.

c) Risk Management

Members confirmed that 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 (£25.00 or over) received or offered.

e) Grant Applications

i) High Ercall Church Clock

It was proposed by Councillor Hughes and seconded by Councillor Bruckshaw, with three abstentions, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that £532.00 be transferred from Reserves and that a grant of £532.00 be given to the Parochial Church Council towards the clock repairs.

ii) TW Crucial Crew

It was proposed by Councillor Hughes that £250.00 be granted. It was then proposed that this be £300 by Councillor Hartshorn, which was seconded by Councillor Bentley, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that £300 be granted to Crucial Crew, for the 2025 event at TCAT.

iii) Grant Application Forms

Councillor Taylor mentioned a current fund-raising project for the erection of a new club house at the Tennis Club. The 2025/26 application forms are now available.

230/4/25.C Planning

a) Report

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 7th April 2025, had been circulated for information.

b) New Planning Applications for consideration

None

c) Other Planning Matters

i) Enforcement Matters

The development at Mill Bend has been removed.

A visit to Church Road is necessary regarding the unauthorized removal of a sandstone wall.

231/4/25.C Environmental Matters

a) Updates

It is important to report bins when they are 75% full – whatever the day of the week this is witnessed.

232/4/25.C Highways, Transport & Street Lighting Matters

a) Reports and Updates

Silver Hill - SID and signage

We await an installation date, from TWC.

b) Roden Traffic Scheme

The most recent proposal had been received today and concerns remain regarding the removal of the central refuge within the built-up area of the village.

The various proposals will be checked to see when this was removed in order that a response can be forwarded to TWC.

It is good to see that the work is planned for Summer 2025.

c) Parish Gateway Signs

Once again, no reply has been received from TWC.

d) New Matters

Roden Footpath Improvements

The concerns regarding the quality of the work had been reported to TWC, but they were already aware and are in discussions with the contractors. There are currently no plans to improve the opposite footpath.

Shrewsbury Road, Phase II

A meeting with the Highways Team is to be arranged to discuss the proposals and timescale for the work, especially relating to the diversions. This will be an opportunity to discuss the crossing of the B5062 by Shirlowe residents.

Concerns remain that vehicles overtake the stationary school bus, on the other side of the central refuge – this needs to be taken into consideration with the crossing.

233/4/25.C Play Areas

Thanks were, once again, extended for the help with the regards to the weekly inspections.

a) High Ercall

None

b) Roden

Some cleaning and minor maintenance is required.

234/4/25.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils

The Chairman's Report will be submitted to the APM.

235/4/25.C Correspondence

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

236/4/25.C Reports

Councillors' Reports

None

Clerk's Report

None

237/4/25.C Next Meeting

15th April 2025 7.30pm APM High Ercall Village Hall

20th May 2025 7pm AGM

7.30pm Full Council

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting and closed the meeting at 7.25pm. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.