

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 21st January 2025 in High Ercall Village Hall at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Cllr K Connor
Cllr R Wickson
Cllr L Hughes
Cllr R Higgins
Cllr R Bruckshaw
Cllr S Noyes-Thomas
Cllr S Bentley
Cllr C Purves
Cllr E Aston

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
David Tooley, Newsquest Reporter

171/1/25.C Welcome & Introductions

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming everyone, wished them a Happy New Year and thanked them for attending.

Councillor Connor welcomed David Tooley who introduced himself as the Local Democracy Officer and explained that the post is funded by the BBC and he provides reports from PTCs to local press.

172/1/25.C Apologies for Absence

Councillor Taylor	Holiday	Accepted
Councillor Walker	Alternative Engagement	Accepted
Councillor Hartshorn	Work Commitments	Accepted

Councillor G Thomas, TWC, hoped to arrive later.
West Mercia Police

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

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.

173/1/25.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 Hughes	EM CAMP
Councillor Noyes-Thomas	High Ercall Village Hall (with dispensation)
Councillor S Bentley	TW Planning Committee and Finance & Governance
Councillor C Grant	High Ercall Village Hall (with dispensation)
Councillor R Bruckshaw	TWC/2025/0012

174/1/25.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th December 2024

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

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

175/1/25.C Chairman's Communications

Councillor Connor reported that, overall, it has been quiet over Christmas and New Year with no specific correspondence for the Chairman received.

176/1/25.C

Finance & Governance

a) Financial Report

The reconciled balance sheet at the end of December shows a total of £129,135.18 and had been circulated to all Members.

b) Payments

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

K Baker	Salary – December	LGA 1972 s112	£640.00
HMRC	PAYE – December	LGA 1972 s112	£160.00
K Baker	Salary – January	LGA 1972 s112	£640.00
HMRC	PAYE – January	LGA 1972 s112	£160.00
TWC	2 x RoSPA reports	Public Health Act 1875 s 164	£240.00
High Erccall Village Hall	Hall Hire	LGA 1972 s112	£48.00
Edgmond Parish Council	Moving SID around the sockets (6 months)	Local Govt & Rating Act 1997 s 30	£480.00
NPower	Street Light Energy	Parish Council’s Act 1957 s3	£1795.46
K Baker	Postage	LGA 1972 s 112	£3.35
AC Maintenance	Roadman Duties	LGA 1972 s101	£142.00

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) Grant Application

A completed application form had been received from Ellerdine Village Hall.

Councillor Connor declared an interest

The request was for financial support towards the installation of new fire doors. It was proposed by Councillor Wickson, seconded by Councillor Hughes, with one abstention, all members were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that £500 be allocated from the Grants Budget and £500 from General Reserves and granted to Ellerdine Village Hall towards the cost of installing new fire doors.

177/1/25.C

Planning

a) Report

Councillor Wickson updated Members of the planning determinations since the last meeting – these had been circulated to all Members.

Councillor Bentley left the meeting

b) New Planning Applications for consideration

i) TWC/2024/0933 Roden Poultry Unit

Erection of 4 poultry units with associated feed bins, blending rooms and heat exchangers

Additional information had been made available on the Planning Portal. A lengthy discussion took place, especially relating to the disposal of waste from the units, visual impact, air pollution as well as the cumulative impact of the number of units in the area.

RESOLVED that the Local Planning Authority must be satisfied that the necessary arrangements for waste management and other associated and technical matters are in place and ensure that there will be strict observance of the required environmental regulations.

- ii) **TWC/2025/0011 Osabston Cottage**
Single storey side and rear extensions, front porch and detached double garage

RESOLVED to support the application

- iii) **TWC/2025/0012 Tern Farm, Tern Lane**
Construction of a new highway access and road
Councillor Bruckshaw declared an interest

RESOLVED to support the application which will result in a reduction in traffic through Longdon-Upon-Tern and Tern Lane. The LPA would also be asked to take other comments received into consideration.

Rodington Parish Council had requested details of the Parish Council response as they too had been consulted.

- iv) **TWC/2025/0019 2 Shirlowe Cottages, Cotwall Road**
Single storey side and rear extensions following the demolition of existing

RESOLVED to support the application but to ask the LPA to take any comments from neighbours into consideration.

- v) **TWC/2025/0021 Ryecroft, Cold Hatton**
Erection of a single storey side and two storey side extensions

It was noted that there was limited information available on the planning portal, there was no application form and the plans included were from a previous application and some information was out of date and incomplete. This application appeared disjointed.

RESOLVED that it was unlikely that the Parish Council would object, however it is important that up to date and accurate information is available. This also related to the waste management plans for the site.

Councillor Bentley returned to the meeting

c) **Other Planning Matters**

- i) **Sandstone Wall, Church Road, High Ercall**
No further information had been received. A further reminder email will be sent to the Enforcement & Conservation Officers.

- ii) **Mill Bend, Roden**
Members remained concerned over the delay in resolving the issues on this site. Members believed that the owner lost the appeal and therefore the building should be removed or he should attend court. The Clerk will request an update. In the meantime, Councillor Bentley believed that an appeal against the enforcement notice had been received through the court.

- iii) **Static Caravan, Land adjacent to Baxter House, Rowton**
The TW Enforcement Officer has contacted the owner and visited the site. It has been confirmed that caravan is not for residential use.
A report will be provided on conclusion of the investigation.

178/1/25.C

Environmental Matters

a) Updates

The road-sweeping in High Ercall had not been completed, particularly along Park Lane and Shrewsbury Road.

Also, a return visit had not taken place to Roden. Photos of the mud on the paths and road will be forwarded to TWC and the Contractor to request urgent action, for the safety of pedestrians and vehicle drivers.

b) New Issues

Footpaths and roads in Ridgeway need sweeping.

The hedge and base of the hedge at the side of Pidduck's Paddock need attention, including the removal of the nettles and ivy.

The rubbish from the Park Lane Alley still needs to be collected.

179/1/25.C

Highways & Transport Matters

a) Reports and Updates

Roden Traffic Scheme

An email from TWC this week had confirmed that parts are awaited for the installation of the two SIDs – these should be installed as soon as those parts are received.

The final consultation document had also been received and would be sent out to all residents imminently. Members agreed to add this to the February agenda which would still be prior to the closing date.

The email continued to confirm that it is hoped that the footpath works can be undertaken in Mid-March and that the traffic scheme could be done at the same time.

b) New Matters

Twiney Lane – Ellerdine to Rowton

A resident had contacted the Ward Member and Parish Council regarding the condition of the Lane. It had been confirmed that this is not the responsibility of the Parish Council or Telford & Wrekin Council. Councillor Bentley and Councillor Sam Taylor had discussed ways in which the access Lane could be improved but this would be as a good-will gesture as there is no responsibility on anyone to do so.

A recent DMMO application remains under consideration. Whatever the outcome of this, there will still be no obligation for maintenance on the unadopted tracks.

Flooding in Heath Lane, Ellerdine

Unfortunately, the severe storms cause further flooding. TWC had agreed to attend a meeting and discuss how the relevant landowners can assist and to inform the Parish Council of proposed works.

Potholes in Church Road – these will be reported on My Telford

Parking in disabled bays and on double yellow lines – these will be reported to the Parking Enforcement Team at TWC.

Crossing the B5062 from Talbot Fields – TWC has agreed to consider any options available when completing the schedule of works for Phase II of the Shrewsbury Road improvements.

180/1/25.C

West Mercia Police

No-one was available to attend tonight's meeting.

A reminder had been received for local residents and councillors to join Neighbourhood Matters.

Members enquired when the rural vehicle will include the signwriting and also when the invoice will be received for payment of the Parish Council contributions.

181/1/25.C

Telford & Wrekin Council

a) Wrockwardine Ward

Councillor Thomas had not been able to attend the meeting.

b) Ercall Magna Ward

Councillor Bentley reported that work had continued on the following matters:

- STW – issues in Roden reference the water provision
- TWC Full Council meeting on Thursday, 23rd January – budget considerations
- Support for all rural farmers and their families
- Planning conditions and lack of enforcement – the role of the Parish Council

Members acknowledged completion of the Crudginton Roundabout and spoke of the improvement with good visibility and lack of queues.

Councillor Bentley agreed that the Parish Council has a role to play in the rural areas to monitor development and report potential breaches for investigation.

Members enquired about:

- The current situation with the Cleveland Arms
- Proposed planning reforms from Government
- Making sure that conditions on planning approvals are delivered

182/1/25.C Play Areas

Roden

Thanks were recorded to Mr S Walker for investigating the reasons for the hole which had appeared and repairing the site as necessary.

High Ercall

Councillor Noyes-Thomas continues the weekly inspections.

183/1/25.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils

- Regular updates are provided to all members and contain useful information. News In Brief publications contain important information.
- The Chairman of SALC, Councillor Wickson reminded Members of the importance of reading the Weekly Bulletins which contain important information and reports. SALC will be changing its website. The next Executive meeting will be on 4th February 2025.
- Wrekin Area Committee will meet on 22nd January at 7pm on Zoom. Councillor Lee Carter, Leader of TWC, will be in attendance. Councillor Wickson will raise questions regarding rural buses, funding and the Parish Agreement.
- Councillor Connor had attended the Chairman's Meeting which was well attended by TW and Shropshire Local Councils. Details regarding the Local Plans were discussed and monitoring and influencing planning applications.
- The Local Nature Recovery Strategy will appear on the next Agenda. Copies of relevant presentations from the conference will be sent to all Councillors for information and to read before the next meeting.

184/1/25.C Correspondence

- All correspondence is shared with Members at the earliest opportunity.
- One suggestion for a nomination to the Lord Lieutenant's Garden Party had been received and this will be submitted to the Lord Lieutenant for consideration.

185/1/25.C Reports

Councillors' Reports

- Climate Change Community Forum
Councillor Purves shared information from the Minutes of the last meeting which he had not been able to attend.
- Clinical Waste Fly-Tip
Councillor Hughes updated members on the incident and members thanked her for her efforts in the best interests of health and safety.

Clerk's Report

None

186/1/25.C

Village Halls

a) Ellerdine Village Hall

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

The next meeting is on 22nd January 2025.

b) High Ercall Village Hall

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

Councillor Noyes-Thomas reported that bookings remain healthy, the hall is well used and events have been well attended, especially by families.

Ercall Colts are now using the football field and the memorial bench has been sited in the corner of the field.

The next meeting is on 23rd January 2025.

187/1/25.C

Parish Matters

a) Councillor Bruckshaw enquired if there would be a community litter-pick as the road from Longdon-Upon-Tern was very bad. It was explained that TWC now support and encourage the Street Champion scheme. Anyone can apply to be a street champion and they will receive all the equipment for the role. Local residents are covered by TW insurance whilst undertaking this role.

b) Hedges need cutting back on the Shrewsbury Road and in Park Lane – these are the landowner responsibility.

188/1/25.C

Next Meeting

18th February 2025

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 8.55pm.

SignedDate

These minutes remain draft (E & OE) until confirmed as accurate at the next Full Council meeting in February 2025.