

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 17th June 2025 in High Ercall Village Hall at 7pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr K Connor	Cllr S Noyes-Thomas
Cllr C Purves	Cllr C Grant
Cllr R Higgins	Cllr E Aston
Cllr R Hartshorn	Cllr R Wickson
Cllr S Walker	Cllr R Bruckshaw
Cllr L Hughes	Cllr Taylor
Cllr S Bentley	

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Cllr G Thomas (TWC)

060/07/25.C Welcome & Introductions

Councillor Connor opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and thanked them for attending.

Public Session

There were no members of the public in attendance.

West Mercia Police

No report had been received for this months' meeting. Members were concerned regarding the lack of communication and information from WMP.

061/07/25.C Apologies for Absence

None

062/07/25.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 Noyes-Thomas	High Ercall Village Hall (with dispensation)
Councillor Wickson	High Ercall Village Hall (with dispensation) and Royal British Legion
Councillor Grant	High Ercall Village Hall (with dispensation)
Councillor Bruckshaw	Tern Farm Planning Application
Councillor Bentley	Planning Applications
Councillor Walker	Former Grain Store Application

063/07/25.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th June 2025

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2025 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

064/07/25.C Chairman's Communications and Report

Community Governance Review

The Chairman updated Members on the current review. The consultation period had closed at midnight on 14th July. Thanks were extended to everyone who had taken time to submit their own personal views and for the comments received to be included in the Parish Council response.

The two drop-in events organised by the Parish Council had been well attended. The TW drop in session at Waters Upton VH was also well attended with representatives from across the rural areas offering comments to the Monitoring Officer regarding the process and the recommendations.

TWC was adamant that there was no foregone conclusion which confirmed the importance of responding.

At the most recent meeting of the Boundary Review Committee, it was pleasing to see a full account of the views put forward at the Waters Upton Drop-in session which could be seen on a screen -it stated that there was overwhelming opposition to the merger and that no-one could see any benefits.

The Chairman and Vice Chairmen of WUPC and EMPC had met to make sure that nothing was included in either response which would undermine their opposition. The two responses were very different, but included the key points.

The SALC formal response included a generic response, with details of the main themes regarding the opposition.

The BRC is scheduled to meet on 30th July and the Committee will have to decide from the following:

- Accept All Recommendations
- Accept None
- Accept Some
- Direct further work

There will be a 6 week window of opportunity, following the outcome of the meeting, and one option could be a judicial review to challenge the process. SALC continues to investigate the legal process and associated costs – but it was understood that this is not a cheap option.

Depending on the outcome and decision, the Parish Council may call an extra-ordinary meeting to consider any next steps – this is likely to be in August.

Councillor Wickson proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the significant work undertaken to prepare the Parish Council response to the Review. All Members were in favour.

065/07/25.C Finance & Governance

a) Financial Report

The total balance in the Barclays accounts is £83,224.28.

The balance in CCLA is £51,710.37 at the end of June 2025.

The outcome of the External Audit is awaited.

b) Payments

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

c) Risk Management

The Clerk updated Members on the requirements with regards to Risk Management. Whilst the Parish Council continues to monitor the policy on a regular cycle, there are changes with the AGAR audit process that will require further work. This will also be an additional assertion within the Audit for 2025/26.

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.

d) Investment with CCLA

CCLA has confirmed that after a long period of consideration and negotiation, it has been acquired by Jupiter Investment Management Group. There will be no changes to the terms of the Investment Account at this time.

066/07/25C Planning

a) Report

The Chairman presented the Minutes of the last Planning Committee meeting, for information.

b) New Planning Applications for consideration

TWC/2025/0430 Tern Farm, Tern Lane, Longden upon Tern

Erection of 4 free range egg production units with assistant fans, feed bins, manure beds, water tank, solar panels, hardstanding and vehicle access.

Councillor R Bruckshaw and Cllr Bentley declared an interest and left the meeting

Members discussed this application in detail and comments were recorded. Members were aware of the high court ruling on 10th March, which resulted in a determination that poultry waste is not

an agricultural bi-product and therefore there is a need for a waste disposal plan detailing how it will be managed. Concerns were also raised regarding the close proximity to the river.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would have no objections to the proposal providing that the new access road is in place and usable prior to commencement and also that the above points are taken into consideration and that the planning officers are confident that the details available are adequate to meet the requirements.

**TWC/2025/0437 Former Grain Stores, Roden Lane
Change of use from storage to an MOT testing station**

Councillor S Walker and Councillor Bentley declared an interest and left the meeting

RESOLVED that Ercall Magna Parish Council would support this application.

c) Other Planning Matters

i) Housing Needs Survey

Craig Bethel, Rural Housing Enabler, Community Resource, had attended the Planning Committee meeting and gave a presentation regarding his role within Community Resource, a charity, which is able to produce a suitable questionnaire, undertake the survey and complete the report and recommendations.

Members agreed that this would be a great advantage when reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan or when considering planning applications in the parish.

ii) Planning Applications during the Summer

All Planning Applications will be shared with all Members and comments invited by email to the Clerk. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk will formulate a response based on the comments received. A committee meeting will be arranged when necessary.

067/07/25.C Environmental Matters

a) Updates

b) New Issues

Chicken waste – transport on open trailers
A request for these to be sheeted will be made.

068/07/25.C Highways, Transport & Street Lighting Matters

a) Reports and Updates

b) Roden Traffic Scheme

Chris Pearson had confirmed that work would take place on the Roden Scheme when the work at High Ercall is progressing, as there will be limited traffic movements.

The Clerk was asked to re-affirm that the scheme includes the central chicane. Work on the footpaths is to be included.

A request for a footpath from the B5062 to Marlbrook Way had been discussed in the past and is not possible due to utilities being situated within the verges.

c) Silver Hill

The SID socket has been installed and we await information from TWC regarding the SID and Solar Panel which they were ordering. The remainder of the work to install the signage and road markings has been delayed, but hopefully will be completed with the SID is available.

The road at Osbaston is also in a poor state and should be reported.

d) Shrewsbury Road – resurfacing

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Ward Member had met with the Highways Team for an update regarding the programme of work and the timescales.

Work is now planned for the Bank Holiday weekend in August. Some pre-works are being undertaken in July, under traffic control, but the resurfacing will require a full road closure. Limited access to Park Lane, Shirlowe and Talbot Fields will be maintained throughout the work. Diversion routes will be identified. The crossing will be a flat, zebra crossing with beacons and dropped curbs. A further uncontrolled crossing point will be created near to the pedestrian access to Talbot Fields, which will also have dropped curbs. An enquiry regarding the 20mph becoming enforceable will also be submitted, especially as this is the route to school for many families.

e) Road Safety Report

The Clerk will identify outstanding projects from past minutes and confirm the parish priorities, before sharing the completed document with the Chairman and Vice Chairman, prior to submission.

f) Village Signs

Chris Pearson had confirmed that new village names signs will be provided for High Ercall Village. These will include the Ercall Magna PC logo, but will be replaceable for any future changes that may be necessary.

g) Rural Bus Contract

It is good news that the 99, 100, 102 – 105 are continuing under the new contract with Arriva from 21st July. It is also pleasing to know that it now includes a Saturday service. The TW Bus User Group meets regularly with PTCs and bus users and the Manager has indicated a willingness to consider other requests in the future. New timetables are now available. The timetable will be added to the village Facebook pages.

h) Speed Indicator Devices

The batteries used in the mobile SIDs are no longer holding a full charge, due to their lifetime. It was proposed by Councillor Hartshorn, seconded by Councillor Aston, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that two new batteries will be ordered and provided for use within Ercall Magna Parish.

i) New Issues

The Chairman reported that concerns had been received regarding car transporter journeys on a Sunday. Members were reminded of the operating conditions (10am until 4pm) with no limit on the number vehicles on any specific day. The operating hours for Monday to Saturday are 6am until 8pm. Further information will be requested in order that communication with Greenhous can continue with relevant information available.

069/07/25.C Play Areas

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

a) High Ercall

Maintenance is required on the stepping bollards – this order has been placed with the contractor to be completed this week.

b) Roden

The new sign will be in situ before the end of July.

070/07/25.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council

a) Wrockwardine Ward – Councillor G Thomas

Gareth indicated that three of his parishes are objecting to the recommendations in the CGR. Little Wenlock have surveyed every property and Wrockwardine are fighting against the merge into Wellington.

b) Ercall Magna – Councillor S Bentley

The CGR continues to be the topic of conversation. The Boundary Review Committee will meet on 30th July to consider the responses and any recommendations brought forward at that time.

071/07/25.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils

Members are reminded to check the regular bulletins for up to date information and guidance.

The Chairman of SALC, Ray Wickson, confirmed that SALC had made representations to the Boundary Review Committee relating to the CGR process and including details of specific parish & town council objections.

The NALC assembly had considered parish polls.

The Chairman had attended the Chairman's Meeting with representatives from across Shropshire – the next meeting will be in September.

072/07/25.C Correspondence

- a) All correspondence is shared with Members at the earliest opportunity. There had been no requests to include any item on this agenda.

073/07/25.C Clerk or Councillor Reports

None

074/07/25.C Next Meeting

16th September 2025

7.00pm

Full Council

HEVH

A meeting of the Finance Committee will take place early in September (date to be agreed). There will also be a Planning Committee meeting to consider the Conservation Area Management Plan.

Rights of Way will be included on the next Planning Meeting agenda.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting and closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

SignedDate