

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

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

045/06/25.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

A short report had been received and circulated to Members. *"They are currently working closely with Roads policing, to target individuals who are driving untaxed and unroadworthy vehicles and uninsured drivers in the rural area.*

PCSO Peel had enjoyed the Pride and Joy event and got some great engagement. We are pleased that nearly all who come behaved themselves when leaving the event.

The mobile police station will be in the village on June to discuss local problems."

046/06/25.C Apologies for Absence

Councillor Bentley	Attending the Army event to represent the Ward
Councillor Hughes	Holiday
Councillor Taylor	Alternative Engagement

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

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.

047/06/25.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)

048/06/25.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th May 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 20th May 2025 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

049/06/25.C Chairman's Communications and Report

None

050/06/25.C Finance & Governance

a) Financial Report

The total balance in the Barclays accounts is £84,817.28.

b) Payments

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

Clerk's Salary June		LGA 1972 s112	£688.00
PAYE – June		LGA 1972 s112	£172.00
R David	Internal Audit Fee	LGA 1982 s112	£155.00
Reimburse S Noyes Thomas - Roden Nurseries	Plants for Roden	LGA 1972 s214	£120.00
Reimburse R Wickson - Ryman Stationery	Photocopying additional newsletters	LGA 1972 s111	£78.00

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

c) 2024/25 End of Year Accounts

The Internal Audit report and letter have been received and forwarded to all Members. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her work to prepare the accounts and to receive a clear Internal Audit with no recommendations.

i) AGAR Section One

Members had received the draft Section One – Annual Governance Statement and confirmed that there is a sound system of internal control using the eight assertions listed and it was proposed by Councillor Connor, seconded by Councillor Wickson, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Chairman should sign Section One, on behalf of the Parish Council.

ii) AGAR Section Two

Members confirmed Section Two of the AGAR – Accounting Statements, including the increase of Assets value to £22,742 as per the list circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Connor, seconded by Councillor Wickson, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Section Two of the AGAR, be signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

iii) Exercise of Electors Rights

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

RESOLVED that the Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return should commence on 18th June and complete on 5th August – notices will be displayed in the Parish noticeboards.

d) 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. The insurance has been renewed.

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) TW Community Governance Review

The Chairman thanked all members for delivering the newsletters. Many people have commented on the recommendation and everyone is encouraged to write to TWC with their thoughts on the proposed merger with Waters Upton, to give reasons why they support or oppose the recommendation.

Concerns were expressed about the consultation survey on the TW website, as it is misleading and the questions are inappropriate for local residents – this needs to be discussed in house, especially regarding assets and reserves.

The drop-in sessions have been arranged for 24th (High Ercall VH) and 26th June (Ellerdine VH) – this will be an opportunity for members to hear the views of the local residents – specifically regarding the reduction in numbers of councillors but also the merger of Ercall Magna with Waters Upton creating a very large parish.

The Chairman and Clerk will draft the Parish Council response following the drop-in sessions.

SALC will meet with the Boundary Review Committee, and it will be submitting a response on behalf of all the parishes, this will include all the points raised at Wrekin Area Committee.

051/06/25C Planning

a) Report

There has been no meetings, one is scheduled for 18th June.

b) New Planning Applications for consideration

None

c) Other Planning Matters

i) Housing Needs Survey

Craig Bethel will be attending the Planning Committee meeting on 18th June – everyone welcome.

052/06/25.C Environmental Matters

a) Updates

it was disappointing that the contractors have not visited the memorial and swept off the paths, particularly near the crossing on the B5062. This will be added to the list for our local roadman.

b) STW Sinkhole

The work has been completed.

C) New Issues

None

053/06/25.C Highways, Transport & Street Lighting Matters

a) Reports and Updates

TW Highway Officers have been seen on the A442 at Cold Hatton – we are still awaiting the details of the revised scheme.

b) Roden Traffic Scheme

No response had been received - the clerk will contact the officers for some answers to the questions previously sent in.

c) Silver Hill

The SID socket has been installed and we await information from TWC regarding the SID and Solar Panel. The remainder of the work to install the signage and road markings has been delayed. A serious pothole near the SID location has been reported.

d) Shrewsbury Road – resurfacing

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Ward Member will attend a meeting with the Highways Team on Thursday for an update regarding the programme of work and the timescales.

- e) **New Matters**
Road Safety Report
The report from TW had been circulated and would be discussed on a future agenda.
- Road Gullies, Osbaston**
Thanks would be extended to TW for their prompt action at this location.
- Loose Drain Cover, Bradford Terrace**
The location of the loose drain cover is mammoths.cleanser.fuss

054/06/25.C Play Areas
Thanks were, once again, extended for the help with the regards to the weekly inspections.

a) **High Ercall**
None

b) **Roden**
None

055/06/25.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council

- a) Wrockwardine Ward – Councillor G Thomas
Continuing to fight the CGR recommendations within his Ward. A series of fly tips is being monitored (possible a builder from Shrewsbury) – everyone was asked to be vigilant and report any suspicious vehicles. Nothing further has been received regarding the Roden Traffic Calming Scheme.
- b) Ercall Magna – Councillor S Bentley
The CGR has taken up much time – copies of the responses to the initial consultation make interesting reading, as there is no mention of a proposed merger. The questionnaire is poor and is not user-friendly, anyone wishing to respond should consider sending an email to reviews@telford.uk. There is a significant amount of guidance available on Community Governance Reviews, and questions have to be asked about the TW process as they are not all in accordance with the guidance. Councillor Bentley is concerned about the process from the ‘decision’ in 2025 to the elections for the new Council in May 2027 if the recommendation is approved. If TW put in a ghost council, it must be from members of the two existing organisations and not third parties as dictated by TWC.

056/06/25.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 is discussing the CGR with TWC. The Wrekin Area Committee meeting (reference the CGR) took place on 12th June and the information from local councils has been included in the submission from SALC.

057/06/25.C Correspondence
a) All correspondence is shared with Members at the earliest opportunity.

058/06/25.C Reports
None

059/06/25.C Next Meeting
15th July 2025 7.00pm Full Council HEVH

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting and closed the meeting at 8.00pm.

SignedDate