

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 21st July 2026 in High Ercall Village Hall at 7pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr K Connor	Cllr S Noyes-Thomas
Cllr S Bentley (also TWC Ercall Magna Ward)	Cllr R Wickson
Cllr R Higgins	Cllr E Aston
Cllr R Bruckshaw	Cllr M Bould
Cllr R Hartshorn	

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
2 Members of the public (part of the meeting)
Cllr G Thomas, TWC (Wrockwardine Ward)

100/9/26.C Welcome & Introductions

Councillor Connor opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. There were no matters raised by members of the public.

West Mercia Police

Members were, once again, disappointed that there had been no report received for tonight's meeting and no report had been received.

Members raised local issues which will be reported to the Safer Neighbourhood Team following the meeting:

- Request for additional speed monitoring in Roden
- Police response times – particularly collision at Cotwall Bank
- Interaction and communication with the Parish Council and residents
- Thefts from gardens and barns

A discussion took place regarding the Charter Priorities and in particular the definition of Rural Crime.

Members confirm that they wished their priorities for the period October to December to be:

1. Speed Concerns, particularly in Roden and at Cotwall Bank
2. Thefts from gardens and barns – suspicious vehicles seen around the Parish
3. Interaction and communication between the police, parish council and residents and the response times.

Members, and local residents, are reminded that it is important to report any incident or suspicious activity to the police as soon as possible. Please use 999 if the event is happening at that time, or 101 / email / online report forms to record any information that may be useful. It is understood that all the information gathered is used, but it is not always possible for the police to attend due to limited resources.

Planning Application

An application had been received today, but Members resolved to defer discussion as not all members had seen the details of the application prior to the meeting.

101/9/26.C Apologies for Absence

Cllr Taylor	Holiday
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RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

Cllr Purves	Received after the meeting	Holiday
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Absent

Cllr Priest
Cllr Walker

102/9/26.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
Councillor Higgins
Councillor Bould
Councillor Bentley

High Ercall Village Hall (with dispensation) and Royal British Legion
High Ercall Village Hall
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Clerk's Salary

103/9/26.C Minutes of the Meetings held on 21st July 2026

It was proposed by Councillor Bentley, seconded by Councillor Wickson, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held in July should be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

104/9/26.C Chairman's Communications and Report

A recent communication from Craig Bethell, Rural Housing Enabler, Community Resource, updated Members on the recent work regarding the Ercall Magna Housing Needs Survey and next steps. New software is now available and it gives insight into possible land, ownership, past planning permission requests and where rejected, the reasons. We were reminded that any decisions will remain community-led regardless of next steps.

105/9/26.C Finance & Governance

Finance

a) Current Financial Position

A copy of the bank reconciliation had been circulated to all Members. The balance at the end of August was £130,674.78 and the reconciliation showed the transfer of additional funds into the CCLA Investment Account. The interest rate is currently 3.85%.

b) Payments

Details of the payments for authorization had been circulated to all Members. Invoices were available for perusal. It was proposed by Councillor Hartshorn, seconded by Councillor Wickson, all were in favour that the payments, as listed, be authorized.

HMRC	PAYE – September 2026	LGA 1972 s112	£238.45
K Baker	Salary – September 2026	LGA 1972 s 112	£688.00
AC Maintenance	Parish Roadman, Play Areas and Memorial	LGA 1972 s 101	£419.00
JRB Enterprises	Dog Poo Bags	LA 1983 s5	£69.90

c) Risk Management

There were no matters to bring to the attention of the Council.

d) Gifts & Hospitality

Members were reminded of the need to declare any offers, whether accepted or not, to the value of £25 or more.

e) NALC Pay Award

Councillor Bentley declared an interest

The Chairman informed the meeting that the 2026 pay award had been agreed at 3.3%. The Clerk is entitled to the increase which can be back-dated to April 2026.

106/9/26.C Planning

a) Report

The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor Wickson, presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th August, copies had been circulated to all Members.

The planning report regarding TWC/2026/0539 did not include the Parish Council comments – the Clerk will request confirmation that the points raised were taken into consideration.

b) New Planning Applications for consideration

TWC/2026/0635

1 Roden Lane

Erection of a single storey side and rear extension

The application reflects the existing cottage and is in keeping with the size of the property and site.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would confirm its support for this application.

TWC/2026/0637

Land adjacent to Rodenhurst Broiler Unit

Erection of a 4 bedroom rural dwelling

The Parish Council has been consulted due to the access being in this parish, the site is in Rodington Parish.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would make no comment.

c) Other Planning Matters

Scheme of Delegation – Training and Information Event

Members are invited to Meeting Point House, Telford on 24th September at 1.30pm

The Chairman updated Members on correspondence which SALC had had with the Housing Minister which included details of the importance of Neighbourhood Plans and the fact that the scheme which comes live in October, should be subject to a review in 2 years.

There will be a number of questions raised at the event as Members believed that TWC may have misinterpreted the intentions included in the revised NPPF.

107/9/26.C

Environmental Matters

a) Clerk's Report

It has been quiet throughout August and we are looking forward to seeing TW contractors back in the rural areas. There is a list of areas needing attention which have included leaves, grass cutting, visibility concerns etc.

b) Other Matters

i) Road Ditch

ii) Kerb cleaning Mill Bend to Roden

iii) Someone sleeping in a vehicle in Mill Bend layby

108/9/26.C

Highway Matters

a) Updates

None

b) TRO Consultation

It was pleasing to see the proposed 'parking restrictions' for the area outside of Hilbrae Pets Hotel in Cold Hatton. The Parish Council has been requesting action to make this area, particularly over the nearby bridge, safer for road users and pedestrians. The road is particularly narrow and agricultural vehicles cannot pass parked vehicles at this location.

However, it was noted that further monitoring in the area may be necessary as the parking may move into an extended area.

c) Roden Traffic Scheme

Concerns remain that this scheme has not yet been completed. It is also disappointing that no response has been received regarding the provision of SIDs, which will record data, to replace those currently in situ.

The central refuge remains damaged.

Residents are keen to have Roden considered for a Community Speedwatch Scheme – in order for this to be considered, the results of the recent speed survey will be required.

Cllr Thomas, Ward Member, offered to take this up with Highways Officers.

d) New Matters

- i) Street Light Number 4 is on during the day.
- ii) The road surface outside of The Woodlands requires a 'full repair' to prevent the return of significant potholes when the flooding returns in the winter.
- iii) Seagull's Lane, Cold Hatton to Ellerdine
This is a minor single-track lane which is being used by HGVs. A car transporter recently caused damage to an Oak Tree as well as damage to the cars on the trailer. There are no passing places. A request for 'Unsuitable for HGVs' signs to be erected will be sent to the Highways Officers for consideration.

109/9/26.C

Play Areas

a) High Ercall

Everything ok

b) Roden

Nothing to report

c) Ellerdine Outdoor Gym

This will be deferred as we are awaiting information from TWC.

110/9/26.C

Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council

a) Ercall Magna Ward

There is little information coming out from TWC at this time and August has been particularly quiet. Recent meetings have highlighted the work of the local MP and his support for the rural areas is much appreciated.

b) Wrockwardine Ward

Councillor Thomas confirmed that there had been no information from TWC over the summer. He has been dealing with the local police regarding fly-tipping and he has requested the speed results for Roden.

111/9/26.C

Village Halls

a) Ellerdine

There is a Health Event taking place on 21st November, this is to concentrate on Men's Health and an open invitation is extended to residents around the Parish.

b) High Ercall

It has been a busy Summer – thanks were recorded to the parish councillors who help on the Village Hall Committee. The food surplus supplier returns this month. Work to get quotations for the work needed to make the car park safer is continuing.

112/9/26.C

Correspondence

a) General Correspondence

Councillors receive all correspondence, for information – there had been no requests for any to be added to the agenda.

b) Shropshire Association of Local Councils

- i) Regular information bulletins are circulated for information.
- ii) Information regarding the provision of solar panels and batteries to village halls is available and it is likely that High Ercall and Ellerdine could be eligible.
- iii) The SALC AGM is on 3rd November – everyone welcome.

c) Other Correspondence

- i) Wrekin Area Committee AGM – 24th September, 7pm on Teams
- ii) TW Bus User Group – 30th September, 2pm on Teams
- iii) Martyn's Law – Councillor Wickson had circulated information, which has also been provided to High Ercall Village Hall, for information.

113/9/26.C Clerk's Report

a) Dog Fouling

Following local reports, a letter has been sent and TWC has attended to put up signs. It is also good to see that the Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers have been in the village.

114/9/26.C Parish Matters and Councillors Reports

- a) The mobile phone booster, installed in Cleveland Avenue for 02 is scheduled to be live in the near future.
- b) A request for allotments may come forward for consideration, if land can be identified
- c) The link to the TW Play Strategy will be available soon
- d) An update regarding the relocation of the TW Rights of Way noticeboard will be requested
- e) There is a current SCC consultation regarding a new site for the Quarry at Haughmond Hill. Councillor Thomas has been in discussions and there is a meeting on 17th September at Upton Magna Village Hall for anyone who wishes to go along and ask questions.
- f) Members queried the garage recently erected at Walton – a request to TWC will enquire if there has been any variation since the application was approved?

115/9/26.C Next Meeting

20 th October 2026	7.00pm	Full Council Meeting	High Ercall Village Hall
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There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting and closed the meeting at 8.16pm.

SignedDate

The minutes remain draft, until agreed at the next meeting on 20th October 2026.