Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 16th June 2026 in High Ercall Village Hall at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:
Cllr K Connor
Cllr S Bentley
Cllr R Wickson
Cllr R Hartshorn
Cllr E Aston
Cllr M Bould
Cllr S Noyes-Thomas
Cllr C Purves
Cllr R Higgins (065/6/26.C)
Cllr S Walker
Cllr A Priest

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

061/6/26.C Welcome & Introductions

Councillor Connor opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Public Session

None

West Mercia Police

Apologies had been received – there were no incidents to report at that time. However, they had attended the recent Pride & Joy event in the village.

062/6/26.C Apologies for Absence

Cllr S Taylor	Attending an alternative engagement
Cllr R Bruckshaw	Attending an alternative engagement

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

Cllr G Thomas

063/6/26.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	High Ercall Village Hall (with dispensation) and Royal British Legion
Councillor Higgins	High Ercall Village Hall
Councillor Bould	High Ercall Village Hall

064/6/26.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th May 2026

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2026 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Members confirmed the accuracy of the Minutes which will be signed at the Annual Meeting in 2027.

Councillor Higgins arrived

065/6/26.C Chairman's Report & Communications

The recent SALC Chairman's meeting welcomed some new Chairmen and Vice Chairmen who had been elected in May. The Agenda remains Shropshire-biased but there were interesting discussions regarding planning conditions and Section 106 funding.

066/6/26.C Finance & Governance

a) Financial Report

The bank reconciliation for end of April 2026 had been circulated for information. The current balance is £130,270.06.

b) Payments

It was proposed by Councillor Hartshorn, seconded by Councillor Bould, all were in favour that the following payments be authorized

Insurance	Clear	LGA 1972 s 111	£961.61
Street Light Repair	NPower	PCA 1057 ss3 (1) & 7	£117.60
Internal Audit Fee	R David AAT	LGA 1972 s112	£155.00
PAYE	HMRC	LGA 1972 s112	£238.45
Salary	Clerk	LGA 1972 s112	£688.00

c) Internal Audit Report & Letter

Copies had been circulated to all Members. There were no matters to be raised or actions required. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her work to achieve this.

d) Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

A copy of the draft documents had been provided to all Members before the meeting.

i) Annual Governance Statement

Members confirmed that they recognized their responsibility for ensuring that there are sound systems of control and that they were in agreement of the 10 assertions included in the Statement. It was proposed by Councillor Wickson, seconded by Councillor Noyes-Thomas, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Chairman should sign the Annual Governance Statement on their behalf.

ii) Accounting Statements

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

RESOLVED that the Chairman should sign the Accounting Statements to confirm the approval and that they fairly present the financial position of the Council.

e) Exercise of Public Rights

Members confirmed that the Accounts will be available between 17th June and 28th July 2026 for inspection by the public.

f) Risk Management

There were no matters to report.

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) Asset Register

Members had received a copy of the Asset Register and the Clerk explained the values included on the register, especially in relation to any items gifted to the council or transferred to the Council without payment.

067/6/26.C Planning

a) Report

The Chairman reported that application TWC/2026/0414 had been withdrawn.

b) New Planning Applications for consideration

TWC/2026/0369 2 Coppice Drive, High Ercall
Erection of a first floor extension with enclosed porch and single storey rear extension

RESOLVED to support the application as it is thought to be appropriate and sympathetic.

TWC/2026/0424 BioGas Processing Site, Barnes Farm, Rowton
Erection of a waste reception building, ancillary accommodation and alterations to existing biogas production plant, including change of use of an area agricultural land.

The Chairman invited comments from Members regarding the proposals. It is important to ascertain that the detail of the application is accurate, especially with regards to the size and position in relation to its closeness to neighbouring properties. Consideration should be given to its license and operational detail. Members considered public safety and possible contamination and pollution.
Members were aware that the site has not been operational for some time, and a positive outcome of this application will bring it back into operation. There will be 24 hour access. It will encourage local job opportunities.

RESOLVED to support the principle of development and comment that the planning authority will want to be satisfied that the mitigations for odour and noise are in place and that the Environment Agency will ensure the operational license is satisfactory to ensure the safety of the unit on the site. The Parish Council welcomes the environmental initiative to deal with food waste and will look to the relevant authorities to confirm how this is done and ensure that it is done properly.
Should TW Planning Authority be minded to grant permission for this proposal, the Parish Council would look for a condition to be included that ensures vehicles to and from the site use the A442 and do not travel through the village of Rowton and that 24 hour access is available so that there is no evidence of queuing traffic on the village lane.

c) Other Planning Matters

Housing Needs Survey
Craig Bethell, Community Resource, will prepare a final version which will be circulated to all Members before the next meeting, where he will attend to answer any further questions. Details regarding the methodology of the survey have been circulated.

068/6/26.C Environmental Matters

a) Updates

It remains disappointing that there are so many outstanding requests for action – the Clerk will continue to remind TWC. Thanks were extended to AC Maintenance and local residents for their help in maintaining our Parish.

b) Church Road to Talbot Fields

Work to clear this right of way, and repair the stile and step will be completed.

c) Other Matters

None

069/6/26.C Highways, Transport & Street Lighting Matters

a) Updates

Thanks would be extended to TWC for their work in our Parish in recent weeks – particularly addressing some of the worst areas of road surfaces and potholes.

b) A442 Cold Hatton

The current work outside of Hatton Court is to provide a central refuge to assist with crossing the A442 at this location.

There is still to be a meeting, with highways officers and Waters Upton Parish Council, regarding the overall safety project for this area of A Road.

c) Horse Warning Signs

The Parish Council supports the installation of two signs on the A442, one South of The Stars and one North of Shop Lane, Cold Hatton. It was agreed to ask WUPC to part fund the installation of two signs as this area is the boundary between the two parishes.

d) Shrewsbury Road Street Lights

This has now been escalated as a complaint to National Grid – details have been forwarded and we await their response.

e) Parking Issues

Parking problems have been reported to the TW Enforcement Team for unacceptable parking on junctions and pavements in Park Lane, Crossfields and Glebelands.

f) New Matters to report

i) Street Light out at 4 Marlborough Way, Roden
ii) Highway outside of Royal Oak / Oakgate Nursery
iii) Potholes at Mill Bend junction with Squinter's Lane
iv) Road signs inform of work at Roden on 29th June – what for?

070/6/26.C Play Areas

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

a) High Ercall

There are no current issues.
Work to upgrade the Park will happen before the Summer Holiday.

b) Roden

No Issues have been reported.

c) Ellerdine Outdoor Gym

Ellerdine Village Hall had requested that the Parish Council consider assistance with the management and maintenance of the outdoor gym equipment.
After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Wickson, with one against, it was

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will liaise with Ellerdine Village Hall to take ownership of the equipment, and to provide the three levels of regular checks, for health & safety purposes. The transfer should be arranged as soon as possible. Insurance cover will need to be included next year and a sign erected.

071/6/26.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council

a) Councillor Bentley, Ercall Magna Ward

Following the Inspector's announcement regarding the TW Draft Local Plan, Members are encouraged to comment on the proposed modifications. This will be added to the next Planning Committee Agenda.

b) Councillor Thomas, Wrockwardine Ward

None

072/6/26.C Village Halls

a) Ellerdine

None

b) High Ercall

The Committee has welcomed two new members. There are plans for a Pavilion to the side of the building. The surplus food project vehicle will be on the car park from 2pm until 4pm on Fridays.

073/6/26.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.

b) River Severn Partnership

A location in Cleveland Avenue has been identified as the most suitable in the village. The contract is being signed (as we speak). The Chairman has contacted neighbours to the location (good practice) to make them aware of the project and how it will work. It is proposed that this will take place around 24 June. It could be 3 months before any improvement in signal can be identified. This is currently available for 02 and associated networks, but may well extend to others in the future.

c) Register of Listed Buildings and Buildings of Local Interest

The register has been updated and circulated to all Members for information.

074/6/26.C Clerk's Reports

a) None

Councillors' Reports

Councillor Wickson Attended the Martyn's Law Conference

The event was well attended and some useful information and guidance will be sent out for sharing.

Councillor Priest will be attending the LNRS briefing and will report back to the next Full Council meeting.

075/6/26.C Parish Matters

Details of the recent traffic survey in Roden have been requested. This will be useful for consideration of a Speedwatch scheme.

076/6/26.C Next Meeting

21st July 2026	7.00pm	Full Council Meeting	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 8.30pm.

Signed ……Date ……

The minutes remain draft, until agreed at the next meeting in July 2026.