

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 in High Ercall Village Hall at 7pm.**

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

**In Attendance:** Katrina Baker (Clerk)  
1 Member of the public

**161/2/26.C Welcome & Introductions**

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

**Public Session**

None

**West Mercia Police**

Unfortunately, no one was available to attend the meeting tonight, however there was a report in that they had nothing to report. Members were asked if there was anything for the PC to report to the Police. None.

**162/2/26.C Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Taylor Previous Engagement  
Cllr Hartshorn Health

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

**RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.**

**163/2/26.C Vacancy**

Following the recent advertisement to invite any local resident to call an election, none had been received and the Parish Council can now advertise the vacancy to be filled by co-option. Members resolved that this will take place at the March meeting and anyone interested in the position should submit their application by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm. Details and an application form are available from the Clerk. The successful applicant will continue in post until the May 2027 elections.

**164/2/26.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

**165/2/26.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

**166/2/26.C Chairman's Communications and Report**

None

**167/2/26.C****Finance & Governance****a) Financial Report**

The current balance, as per the Bank Reconciliation, is £126,420.95 at the end of January 2026.

**b) Payments**

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

Street Light Call Out	Eon	PCA 1957 ss3 & 1	£117.60
Salary	Clerk	LGA 1972 s 112 (2)	£688.00
PAYE	HMRC	LGA 1972 s 112 (2)	£238.45
Grass Cutting x 4 sites	Nobridge Limited	LGA 1972 s215 GL (MP) Act 1976 s19	£3131.56

**c) Risk Management**

Copies of the revised Risk Assessment Policy and Plan had been circulated and were adopted. Copies will appear on the website.

**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) Grant Applications**

Enquiries have been received regarding applications which may be received during this financial year, these will be included on the March agenda if received in time. One application, from High Ercall Tennis Club, will need to be considered outside of the Grants Policy due to the amount of funds to be requested. Copies of the policy and application form appear on the website.

**168/2/26C****Planning****a) Report**

The Chairman presented the Minutes of the Planning meeting which took place on 9<sup>th</sup> February – copies had been distributed.

Members noted that the Barnes Farm application had been called in for determination by the TW Planning Committee. This will enable the applicant or agent, Parish Council and local residents to attend, and speak if they wish.

The application TWC/2026/0011 Walton Cottage was granted on 12<sup>th</sup> February.

**b) New Planning Applications for consideration**

None

**c) Other Planning Matters****i) Housing Needs Survey**

The survey is now live. It is important that all members encourage local residents to respond. There is a direct link on social media, posters and the website - it will also be included in the next newsletter. Hard copies are also available on request.

The results of the survey will be used as part of the review of the Neighbourhood Plan. With the changes in the NPPF, the Chairman explained that we would need to have identified land suitable for development within the Plan boundary.

When asked, it was explained that landowners can put forward areas of land which they believe would be suitable for consideration when invited by the Planning Authority.

**ii) Planning Committee Vacancy**

If no one is available to join the Committee at this time, it will be included on the agenda for the Annual Meeting in May.

**169/2/26.C**

**Environmental Matters**

**a) Updates**

Reports continue to be logged regarding blocked drains, leaves, flooding etc. It is important to use My Telford and obtain reference numbers which can be followed up if required.  
The Parish Council continues to arrange for the bus shelters to be cleaned.

**b) Dog Poo Dispenser and Dog Poo Bag Bin**

Unfortunately, some dog-walkers are putting the used dog poo bags into the dispenser near to the shop in High Ercall. This is totally unacceptable.  
The Clerk will ask TWC to empty the litter and dog waste bin more regularly and also enquire if they would install a second bin, near to the dispenser, and to ask how much this would cost the Parish Council to provide and for ongoing maintenance.

**170/2/26.C**

**Highways, Transport & Street Lighting Matters**

**a) Roden Traffic Scheme**

The scheme is nearing completion with the road markings being completed today. A concern was raised about the number of signs within the scheme and also the 'lights' included which are not conducive to a rural village.

**b) Walton to Shawbury Road**

The condition of the highway at this location is totally unacceptable and is causing dangerous situations for motorists and for cyclists. Whilst we have been informed that this has been added to the capital programme, members remained concerned that in the short term, urgent repairs are required. Members are encouraged to use My Telford to continue to report their concerns, with photographs if possible.

**c) Crab Tree Lane**

This area of High Ercall, has once again been reported with photographs – the issue is blocked drains, causing water to flood the highway and then the road breaks down and extensive dangerous potholes are now visible.

**d) Village Namesigns**

It remains disappointing that no response had been received from TWC regarding the project to replace village namesigns. The Clerk had followed this up with Chris Pearson, but still no response. Members find it difficult to understand why no responses are received – this will be raised with Dean Sargeant.

**e) New Issues**

Members noted that there are many areas around the entire parish that have no kerbs – this results in HGV damage to verges which destroys the ditches and means that the roads flood with resultant highway damage.

**171/2/26.C**

**Play Areas**

Thanks were, once again, extended for the help with regards to the weekly inspections at both locations. The RoSPA reports are available on request.

**a) High Ercall**

There are no current issues.

**b) Roden**

No Issues have been reported.

**172/2/26.C**

**Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council**

- a) Wrockwardine Ward – Councillor G Thomas  
No report had been received. The Clerk will ask Councillor Thomas for an update regarding the Haughton Crossroads and the signs.
- b) Ercall Magna – Councillor S Bentley  
Work continues to raise awareness of the poor state of rural roads and the dangers to motorists and cyclists that this brings with it. Also, there are many areas where the trees and hedges need to be cut back to enable suitable visibility, but also so that the high vehicles do not need to drive in the middle of the road.  
The Walton to Shawbury Road is of particular concern.

**173/2/26.C**

**Village Halls**

- a) **Ellerdine**  
The work to replace and repair the roof is coming to a conclusion.
- b) **High Ercall**  
The toilet refurbishment has been completed.  
Land Registry sent a surveyor to look at the site and a report / decision is due in April 2026.  
The Management Committee has confirmed that it will look to work with Shawbury Medical Practice should a venue be required by them, following any major incident. This can be included in the Emergency Resilience Plan.

**174/2/26.C**

**Shropshire Association of Local Councils**

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

**175/2/26.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) Rowton Meteorite Memorial  
The unveiling of the plaque will take place at 3.40pm on 20<sup>th</sup> April – the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Everyone is invited to attend, there will be light refreshments and Anna Turner LL will be attending to unveil the plaque.
- c) TW Young Person's Grant  
Details of the grant available (up to £500) is available from local Councillors and from TWC.
- d) TWC Armed Forces Day Grant  
Details of the grant available have been circulated and will be shared with the two Village Halls. Councillor S Bentley, Ward Member, has provided £250 Pride Funding to the RBL to offset some of the expenditure for an Armed Forces Event in June.

**176/2/26.C**

**Clerk or Councillor Reports**

- a) Street Lighting  
The three lights out in Shrewsbury Road are as a result of a network issue. Concerns have been expressed by many local residents and questions asked as to why it is taking so long to be repaired. The report is now with The National Grid and hopefully local action will be taken to get the lights working asap – whilst the Parish Council actively requests that this be done, it is out of our hands unfortunately.  
It is anticipated that a local contractor will be able to trim back the trees and hedges to enable the lights around the parish to be more effective.
- b) The Cleveland Arms  
Members asked that this be added to the next Agenda and ensure that we receive an update from the Planning and Enforcement Officer or landowner.

**177/2/26.C Parish Matters**  
None

**178/2/26.C Next Meeting**  
17<sup>th</sup> March 2026                      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 7.50pm. E & O E. The Minutes remain draft until confirmed at the next meeting.

Signed .....Date .....