

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 19th May 2026 in Ellerdine Village Hall at 7.50pm. after the Annual General Meeting.

PRESENT: Cllr K Connor
Cllr S Bentley
Cllr R Wickson
Cllr R Higgins
Cllr S Walker
Cllr S Noyes-Thomas
Cllr C Purves
Cllr R Bruckshaw
Cllr R Hartshorn
Cllr S Taylor

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Mr M Bould (Applicant)

044/5/26.C Welcome & Introductions

Councillor Connor opened the meeting and welcomed Mr Bould, as an applicant for the vacant position of Parish Councillor.

Public Session

None

045/5/26.C Apologies for Absence

Cllr E Aston Health
Cllr A Priest Personal Received after the meeting

046/5/26.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

047/5/26.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st April 2026

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2026 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

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

048/5/26.C Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

One application had been received – a copy of the application form had been circulated to all Members. The Chairman thanked Mr Bould for his detailed application.

- a) The applicant had no further information to add to the application
- b) Members had no questions for the applicant
- c) The applicant had no questions for the Councillors but added that he looks forward to learning about the role and promises commitment and passion.

The applicant left the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Taylor, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Michael Bould be co-opted to Ercall Magna Parish Council. The term of office will end, along with all members in March 2027 when the elections are called.

- d) **The Chairman welcomed Councillor Bould and he completed and read his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by the Clerk as the proper officer of the Council.**
- e) **Councillor Bould will complete his Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Civility & Respect Pledge and return them to the Clerk as soon as possible.**

049/5/26.C Chairman’s Report & Communications

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the Unveiling of the Plaque to commemorate the Rowton Meteorite. Thanks were also extended to Mr & Mrs Taylor for their hospitality.

050/5/26.C Finance & Governance

a) Financial Report

The bank reconciliation for end of April 2026 had been circulated for information. The current balance is £136,519.00.

b) Payments

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

Subscription	SALC	LGA 1972 s112	£971.76
Defibrillator Pads	AA Deptford	GPoC	£82.74
Donation	Rowtonbury	Chairman’s Fund	£100.00
Grass Cutting Grant	Rowton PCC	LGA 1972 s215	£900.00
Grass Cutting	Nobridge Limited	LGA 1972 s215 LG (MPA) 1976 s19	£3131.56

c) Risk Management

There were no matters to report.

Members confirmed that the Risk Management Policy is current and in accordance with the needs of the Parish Council.

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) Crucial Crew 2026

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

RESOLVED that the £300 allocated in the 2026/27 budget to support Crucial Crew at TCAT, Wellington be paid to TWC.

Members agreed this to be a very worthwhile cause, and as the children from the Parish will be attending, consideration for a higher donation will be included in the budget for 2027/28.

Members are invited to join, as a volunteer, if they have time – dates and times are available. There is also an invitation to the VIP day on 2nd July from 11.30am until 2pm. Anyone interested in attending, can contact the Clerk to book a place.

051/5/26.C Planning

a) Report

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2026 had been circulated for information.

b) New Planning Applications for consideration

None

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

A copy of the draft report had been circulated and the Planning Committee members recommended that, when typos are corrected, it be accepted and Craig, the Author, be invited to a future meeting to explain the methodology of the process and the summary.

Members were informed of the NALC document – Affordable Housing in Rural Areas – and recommended that this be read as background information.

Members are aware of the proposals for 700 homes at The Humbers – whilst not in this parish, there will be effects on future housing needs in the local areas. This would also be relevant with the proposals at Admaston when they are brought forward.

052/5/26.C Environmental Matters

a) **Updates**

It remains disappointing that there are so many outstanding requests for action – the Clerk will continue to remind TWC.

b) **Purchase of new litter and waste bins**

TWC had provided quotations for the two bins, previously requested. The additional bin at the end of Shop Walkway in Park Lane and at the end of The Twiney Lane in Ellerdine would be ordered. TWC will provide and install the bins and they will then be added to the weekly schedule for emptying. It is hoped that the bin in Park Lane will reduce the amount of litter in the walkway and encourage walkers to pick up after their dogs and dispose of the dog poo bags.

c) **Other Matters**
High Ercall Churchyard

We are awaiting a date for the work to be undertaken by Mr Nagington in High Ercall Churchyard. Thanks were extended to Councillor Wickson for undertaking the work to cut back trees in Shrewsbury Road to enable the street lights to be effective.

053/5/26.C Highways, Transport & Street Lighting Matters

a) **Potholes**

Many of the potholes reported have now been repaired and the quality of the repair is good. There is still work required on the corner by the Woodlands, towards Roden and the pothole by the painted roundabout in Roden has not yet been filled. Other areas include lay-by at Roden, Park Lane, Ellerdine Heath and Platt Lane.

The extensive work at Walton has been appreciated and is a great improvement.

b) **Roden SIDs and other matters**

We are awaiting a reply from TWC and when a site needs to be identified, it was agreed that Councillor Hartshorn would meet the Clerk, with the Highways Officer.

It appears that a 50mph sign is missing near to the Dogs Trust.

The countdown markers from High Ercall have still not been installed.

The road and pavements need sweeping. The condition of the pavements is still a concern and should have been included in the road safety project.

c) **Back Lane – Rowton to Osbaston**

The Clerk has reported the poor condition of this road on a number of occasions and recently sent photos to show the state of the potholes and surface. This is to be escalated as a complaint.

054/5/26.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.

An informal request to use the play area as an assault course has been muted. When an official request is received, this will be added to an agenda for consideration.

b) Roden

No Issues have been reported.

It has been confirmed by TWC that they will be continuing to empty the bin within the play area, at no cost to the Parish Council.

055/5/26.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council

a) Councillor Bentley, Ercall Magna Ward

There is little to report as it is evident that Members are not informed of issues by TWC.

b) Councillor Thomas, Wrockwardine Ward

Gareth agreed but did want to make Members aware of recent car thefts and Allscott and Attingham and to ask residents to be aware. Early discussions are planned regarding Haughton Crossroads.

056/5/26.C Village Halls

a) Ellerdine

Work with Land Registry to regularize the site (Village Hall, Field and Car Park) is nearing completion. The Parish Council received advanced notice that it may be asked to consider future ownership and management of the outdoor play equipment.

b) High Ercall

The AGM had taken place, with no changes to the officers. Draft plans are available for the outside covered area which could be of public benefit. A new fire door has been fitted to the kitchen. Plans for the kitchen will commence in January 2027.

NotJust surplus food vans will be visiting in the afternoons at 2pm – more details are to follow.

057/5/26.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) Martyn's Law Conference

It was agreed that Councillor Wickson would represent the Parish Council at the event on 2nd June at a cost of £75.00

c) River Severn Partnership

Councillor Connor updated Members on a project – Advance Wireless Innovation – which will offer improved mobile signals. The project is being run by Shropshire Council and High Ercall had been identified as a front-runner for this project. A suitable lamppost will be required. It is network neutral so following a local survey companies will be able to use the equipment. There is no cost to the Parish Council and the contract will be between the company (eg O2) and the Partnership.

058/5/26.C Clerk and Councillor Reports

a) Rowton Meteorite

More information has been made available regarding Church Farm in the village, which owned the land at the time it fell. This will be added to the website. The owner is visiting the Archives to gather more information.

b) Bus Shelter, Ellerdine

TWC has granted permission for a design to be added to the shelter – hopefully, this will deter birds from flying into the sides.

c) Meeting regarding A442 Cold Hatton

A meeting is to take place with the Ward Member and two Parish Councils – it was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman would represent Ercall Magna.

d) Building Financial Resilience Planning Workshop

Councillors Connor and Wickson had attended this event and took the opportunity to push for the rural areas regarding issues such as employment, digital access etc. TWC is to develop a strategy with all stakeholders.

059/5/26.C Parish Matters

It was agreed to enquire if Community Speedwatch could be available in Roden, if enough volunteers are available to help as part of the team.

A request for data from the traffic surveys will be requested.

060/5/26.C Next Meeting

16th June 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 8.45pm.

SignedDate

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