**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 20th October 2026 in High Ercall Village Hall at 7pm.**

**PRESENT:**
Cllr K Connor
Cllr S Bentley (also TWC Ercall Magna Ward)
Cllr E Aston
Cllr M Bould
Cllr C Purves
Cllr S Walker
Cllr S Noyes-Thomas
Cllr R Wickson
Cllr R Bruckshaw
Cllr R Hartshorn
Cllr S Taylor

**In Attendance:** Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Cllr G Thomas, TWC (Wrockwardine Ward)

**116/10/26.C Welcome & Introductions**

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

**West Mercia Police**

Members were, once again, disappointed that there had been no report received for tonight's meeting. However, the local surgeries are useful.

**117/10/26.C Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Higgins Alternative Engagement

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

**RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.**

**Absent**

Cllr Priest

**118/10/26.C Declarations of Interest (for items on the agenda) or Dispensations**

The following declarations of interest were recorded:

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| 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 |

**119/10/26.C Minutes of the Meetings held on 15th September 2026**

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

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

**120/10/26.C Chairman's Communications and Report**

None.

**121/10/26.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 September was £155,656.42. £74,349.51 is the CCLA High Interest Account.

**b) Payments**

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

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| HMRC | PAYE – October 2026 | LGA 1972 s112 | £248.31 |
| K Baker | Salary – October 2026 | LGA 1972 s 112 | £710.78 |
| PKF Littlejohn | Audit Fee | LGA 1972 s 112 | £378.00 |
| 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. The Risk Management Plan has been monitored and updated.

**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) **AGAR End of Year Audit Report**

Copies of the completed Sections 1, 2 and 3 had been circulated to members. The Financial Statement and Annual Governance Statement had been agreed and concluded a Clear Audit. However, due to the one-day correction of dates for the Exercise of Public Rights in 2024/25, this had been noted and raised by the Council, and remained on the Auditor's Report.

Section 3 of the AGAR stated that although it does not affect the Audit Opinion, it was noted that the Explanation of Variances on 'other expenditure' was not adequate for the level of reserves – this will be addressed within the budget process for 2027/28.

The Auditors, PKF Littlejohn LLP, had recognized the parish council position and no additional charges had been added to their invoice which has now been paid.

**f) Grant Application**

**The Ridgeway, High Ercall**

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

**RESOLVED that a grant of £250 be awarded towards Christmas Activities.**

**122/10/26.C Planning**

**a) Report**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor Wickson, shared information regarding the determinations since the last meeting.

It had been confirmed that the garage under construction at Walton was in accordance with the agreed plans.

**b) New Planning Applications for consideration**

TWC/2026/0740 Wroxdine

Creation of a Menage

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

TWC/2026/0703 Corner House, Ellerdine (retrospective)

Erection of a replacement dwelling

**RESOLVED that the Parish Council would have no objections to the dwelling.**

**c) Other Planning Matters**

**Haughmond Quarry**

Although this application site is in Shropshire Council area, it is situated on the boundary with Ercall Magna Parish and concerns have been raised by local residents.

A communication to the Parish Council from the Agent after the last meeting confirmed that no further details are available as yet, as they are awaiting the outcome of more surveys and assessments. Members noted that this is in close proximity to 3 ancient monuments and a Roman Fort, it is on the Shropshire Way and it was noted that there is a route of a significant gas pipe that could be affected and local businesses will be affected when work commences.

Councillor G Thomas informed the Council that an Action Group is being created and he confirmed that he would keep the parish council informed of any progress.

**Housing Needs Survey**

Craig Bethel continues to update the Parish Council and is currently considering suitable development sites within the Parish.

## 123/10/26.C Environmental Matters

**a) Clerk's Report**

Details of the schedule for footpath and kerbside maintenance have been requested, but not yet available. It was agreed that three quotes should be obtained in preparation for the Parish Council to buy in additional services to keep the footpaths clear and kerbs visible.

The leaf fall is already causing road drains to flood.

**b) Other Matters**

None

## 124/10/26.C Highway Matters

**a) Updates**

Traffic Speed – Roden

The data from speed monitoring has been requested in order to progress the application for a Community Speedwatch Scheme.

It was useful to receive information, however, that the SIDs in Roden are recording data – this will be requested.

Village Roadname signs

The Parish Council will continue to request the details of the TWC signs, however, it will also look to provide alternative signs as originally agreed by TWC. The funding is available in the budget and members wish to progress this long-awaited scheme as soon as possible.

**b) Roden Traffic Scheme**

An email received from TWC regarding further delays in the completion of the Roden Scheme is totally unacceptable. The funding for this scheme was from Section 106 funds and has been with TWC for a number of years. The explanation that the delay is so that the scheme can be brought forward to provide the rumble strips at the same time as a scheme on the A41 is progressing in order that it is more cost effective, is an excuse and not a reason.

**c) New Matters**

i) Street Light outside Number 4 Ridgeway is still not working. The reference number has faded.

ii) The three-way traffic control planned for the B5062 at the junction with Silver Hill will cause disruption – no information has been made available to explain the works that will be carried out.

iii) Correct spelling of 'Marlebrook Way'

## 125/10/26.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. It was, however, confirmed that the transfer will take place at the end of March 2027.

## 126/10/26.C Matters from Telford & Wrekin Council

**a) Ercall Magna Ward**
None

**b) Wrockwardine Ward**
Councillor Thomas has requested the traffic data for Roden and will also ask for the SID data.

## 127/10/26.C Village Halls

**a) Ellerdine**
Congratulations were extended to Ellerdine Village Hall Committee which had led a submission to the Best Kept Village & Community competition – they had been successful and received the Award for the North category.

**b) High Ercall**
A competitive renewal for the Insurance had been negotiated.
It was disappointing that there had been damage to the rear of the Village Hall – a message is being sent out with the school children.
A new Book Club is proving popular.
Investigations are taking place regarding solar panels.
The Committee has placed the order for the essential work on the car park. Work will commence soon to be completed during half term.

## 128/10/26.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) The SALC AGM is on 3rd November – everyone welcome.
iii) The WAC Minutes will be circulated.
iv) A SATH invitation has been extended to all Councillors - to receive an update on both hospitals.
v) Consideration should be given to Emergency Planning.

## 129/10/26.C Clerk's Report

**a) Delegated Planning Event**
Councillors Connor, Aston and the Clerk had attended a useful afternoon event to understand more about the introduction of changes to the Delegation of Planning Application determinations.

**b) Telford Flag**
Members discussed the request from the Leader of TWC but agreed not to purchase the new Telford Flag at this time. Members were reminded that Telford Day, is 21st November 2026.

**c) Website**
Members are invited to peruse the additional information provided by a Rowton resident to enhance the Meteorite Page on the council's website.

**130/10/26.C Parish Matters and Councillors Reports**

a) Tree works at The Vicarage will take place in half term – there will be a need for 3-way traffic control at the junction with Park Lane.
b) A liaison meeting with Greenhous Village will be arranged to discuss local matters
c) The Remembrance Poster will be displayed. The Parish Council will lay wreaths at the Memorials in High Ercall and at Osbaston, and at High Ercall and Rowton churches.
d) The website will be checked to ensure that the information is current and up-to-date.

**131/10/26.C Next Meeting**

17th November 2026 7.00pm Full Council Meeting High Ercall Village Hall
Cllr Hartshorn sends his apologies

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting and closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

Signed ……Date ……

The minutes remain draft, until agreed at the next meeting on 17th November 2026.