

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Tuesday, 21st April 2026 in Ellerdine Village Hall at 8.25pm. after the Annual Parish Meeting.

PRESENT:

Cllr K Connor	Cllr S Noyes-Thomas
Cllr S Bentley	Cllr C Purves
Cllr R Wickson	Cllr R Bruckshaw
Cllr E Aston	Cllr R Higgins
Cllr S Walker	Cllr S Taylor
Cllr A Priest	

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

012/4/26.C Welcome & Introductions

Councillor Connor opened the meeting,

Public Session

There was no public session as this meeting followed the Annual Parish Meeting.

013/4/26.C Apologies for Absence

Cllr L Hughes	Personal Commitments
Cllr R Hartshorn	Work Commitments

014/4/26.C Resignation

The Chairman informed members of the resignation of Councillor Hughes due to her re-location to Shrewsbury. This will be effective at the end of the Annual Meeting in May. Louise, and her knowledge and experience, will be sadly missed, especially as she has served on this council for 34 years.

The vacancy can be filled by co-option as there were no calls for an election following the recent advertisement.

The vacancy will be considered at the May monthly meeting. Anyone interested in being considered for the position, can contact the Clerk for more information and an application form. The closing date will be 5pm on Friday 15th May 2026.

015/4/26.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 Bentley	TWC/2026/0264

016/4/26.C Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th March 2026

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2026 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

017/4/26.C Finance & Governance

a) Financial Report

The financial report had been presented to the Annual Parish Meeting.

b) Financial Support – All Hallows Churchyard

Members were asked to confirm that the payment, as included in the 2026/27 budget, for churchyard maintenance be paid to the Parochial Church Council in one payment. It was proposed by Councillor Wickson, seconded by Councillor Higgins, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED to pay the £900 to All Hallows PCC for churchyard maintenance.

c) Payments

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

Accounts Package	Scribe	LGA 1972 s 112	£532.80
Street Light Energy	NPower	PCA 1957 ss 3(1) & 7	£1816.45
Salary	K Baker	LGA 1972 s 112 (2)	£688.00
PAYE	HMRC	LGA 1972 s 112 (2)	£238.45
Dog Poo Gloves	JRB Enterprises	LA 2011 s1	£69.90

d) 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.

018/4/26C

Planning

a) Report

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th April had been circulated for information.

Councillor Bruckshaw took the opportunity to explain to the meeting why the application for the RAF Sick Quarters site had been withdrawn, for information only.

b) New Planning Applications for consideration

i) TWC/2026/0264 Hilbrae Pets Hotel and Kennels
Erection of a single-storey building to house 5 kennels
Councillor Bentley declared an interest and took no part in the consideration

Members considered this application and a discussion followed regarding the parking by staff and visitors to the site throughout the week and also at weekends. The owners of the site continue to raise concerns with the highways department regarding the effects of parking outside of the bell-mouth of their access lane. This is of particular concern when vehicles are parked on the bridge – this causes a visibility and access issue for road users.

RESOLVED that Ercall Magna Parish Council would support the application with the addition and subject to the authorities supporting the owners with appropriate actions taken to address the ongoing concerns regarding parking on the highway and over the bridge. Members are aware of the importance of the service which Hilbrae provides to TWC and SC, as Dog Warden. It is essential that the highways, enforcement and police officers assist to address the concerns.

c) Other Planning Matters

None

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Environmental Matters

a) Updates

The Clerk continues to put pressure on TWC Highways regarding the need for footpath sweeping around the parish. Maintenance is also required at the entrance to The Ridgeway.

- b) **High Ercall Churchyard**
The Parish Council is waiting to hear from the PCC regarding their decisions relating to reduced grass cutting in accordance with the God's Green Acre initiative.
- c) **Other Matters**
High Ercall Churchyard
A tree surgeon visited the churchyard to assess the work needed on the trees near to the entrance from Church Road.
The quotation received also included work to remove overgrown trees and hedges that were affecting street lights.
Members agreed that the work in the churchyard must go ahead as soon as possible, due to health and safety. The Clerk was instructed to request this work be done and to confirm the cost for this work on its own.

020/4/26.C Highways, Transport & Street Lighting Matters

- a) **Shrewsbury Road Street Lights**
A report had been received confirming that these lights were working, but on investigation at 10pm it was found that they have still not been repaired. This will be escalated to a complaint.
- b) **Walton to Shawbury Road**
Work has continued and is nearing completion – there has been a delay as more work was required than originally planned.
The result has been much appreciated and thanks should be extended to TWC and the contractors when the work is completed and the road fully open.
- c) **Potholes**
Many of the potholes reported have now been identified for repair. A new programme of repairs is continuing and the quality of them is much improved. Further reports of those not yet identified must be submitted on My Telford.
- d) **Roden SIDs**
As discussed within the budget consideration, the upgrade of the SIDs to those which can report data will be important and would prove more effective.
The success of the solar SIDs elsewhere in the Parish could mean that a solar SID in Roden is possible. It can be used in both directions and would mean that one SID with solar panel and fittings could be purchased.
We are awaiting authorization to do this from TWC – it will appear on the May agenda for a decision.
- e) **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.
- f) **Overgrown trees and hedges – affecting street lighting**
The quotation for the work required in High Ercall included £1051 plus VAT for a mobile road closure. It was agreed to return to EON to get a quotation from them to cut back the trees as required. When all the information is available, this will appear on an agenda for consideration.
- g) **New Issues**
Potholes and Road Surface concerns
B5062 Woodlands
Walton to Oak Cottage

021/4/26.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.

b) Roden

No Issues have been reported.

Details relating to the emptying of the litter bin are awaited. This may need to be added to the May agenda for consideration.

022/3/26.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) Councillor Wickson has provided additional information following a request regarding a Bomber Memorial in the Parish.
- c) TWC has requested that the Parish Council promote the extension of the recycling scheme to include drink and food cartons now acceptable in the purple top bins.

023/4/26.C Clerk and Councillor Reports

- a) The Cleveland Arms
An FOI request has been received for all communications and correspondence mentioning The Cleveland Arms from November 2022 until current. Thank you to all members who have confirmed their files – the response will be submitted by 1st May 2026.

024/4/26.C Parish Matters

The 103 bus has been seen to turn right from Rodington and miss Marlbrook Way – this happened at 11am one Saturday.

025/4/26.C Next Meeting

19 th May 2026	7.00pm	Annual Council Meeting	High Ercall Village Hall
	7.30pm	Full Council	

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting and closed the meeting at 9.10pm. Thanks were extended to Cherie for the light refreshments provided. E & O E. The Minutes remain draft until confirmed at the next meeting.

SignedDate