

HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 18 July 2024 at 7:30pm in Hordley Village Hall

CHAired by: Cllr Frank Beech

CLERKED by: Rosemary Wood

PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Cllrs Frank Beech, John Tumelty, Cara Holding, Stephen Jones

ALSO PRESENT: County Councillor Nick Bardsley

21.24	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence received: Chris Marland (medical appointment) Apologies also received from ABP representatives
22.24	INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS a) Declaration of any matter to be discussed at the meeting relating to anything included in a Member's Register (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Registerable Interests). None b) Declaration of any Non-Registerable Interests in any matter to be discussed at the meeting. None c) Any applications for dispensation delivered to the Clerk prior to the meeting. None
23.24	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 MAY 2024 It was RESOLVED to confirm the above minutes as a true record and the Chairman was instructed to sign the minutes as such.
24.24	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION No members of the public present.
25.24	REPORTS RECEIVED AND NOTED: a) ABP – no report b) Shropshire Council elected councillor – written report NOTED . Discussions followed about how to progress the speed mitigation measures with Shropshire Council and it was agreed that Cllr Beech would write to Mark Barrow (Director of Place) and if a satisfactory reply was not received would write again advising that the Parish Council would have to consider other options to ensure the agreed measures were put in place. c) Clerk's report – written report NOTED d) Other reports – Cllr Tumelty reported on his attendance at the SALC North Shropshire Area Committee meeting, advising that the booked Shropshire Council enforcement officers failed to attend but that discussions took place over planning matters and there was a high level of grievance across parish councils.
26.24	FINANCE a) Income received – none b) Outstanding Payments - It was RESOLVED to pay the following invoices and two of the authorised signatories were instructed to check the supporting paperwork for the cheques raised before authorising payment: (i) Rosemary Wood, Clerk's net pay June 2024 (£299) (Chq No 742) (ii) Rosemary Wood, Clerk's net pay July 2024 (cheque postdated 1 Aug 2024) (£299) (Chq No 743) (iii) St Mary's Church, Hordley, grant award for grass cutting (£250) (Chq No 744)

	c) Other income/invoices received after agenda sent out – none
27.24	PLANNING MATTERS a) Planning Applications notified by Shropshire Council – none b) Planning Decisions – none c) Planning Correspondence or Decisions received after agenda sent out - none
28.24	HIGHWAYS a) Potholes - Discussions took place over the state of the roads in the parish, with concerns particularly over the deteriorating state of the highways, with numerous potholes that have been there for years, painted but not dealt with. RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to Andy Wilde (Assistant Director for Highways and Transport) to express the Parish Council's dissatisfaction. b) Drainage by Hordley Grange - Cllr Jones reported concerns regarding inadequate drainage by Hordley Grange, such that the road always floods when there is heavy rain leading to safety issues. He advised that he had reported the issue a number of times to Shropshire Council, suggesting that the drain be moved to a more suitable location.
29.24	FREEDOM FIBRE – new poles Proposals to install new poles in the parish were considered and concern was raised about three poles to be positioned directly outside the church. Cllr Beech advised that he had established that the telegraph poles opposite the church could be used, and he had then contacted Freedom Fibre to request that they use those existing poles or place the fibre underground. He was awaiting a response. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Beech should continue pursuing this with Freedom Fibre, and also speak to Shropshire Council's Conservation Officer to make her aware of the concerns.
30.24	POLICIES AND PROCEDURES The following GDPR policies were reviewed and it was RESOLVED that no amendments were required: a) Privacy Policy b) Personal Data Management Policy & Audit Log c) Privacy Notice (basic & detailed)
31.24	WEST MERCIA POLICE The Town & Parish Council Survey 2024 was considered. RESOLVED to agree speeding as the Parish Council's policing priority and to delegate Cllr Holding to complete the remainder of the survey.
32.24	NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY NOTED that following publication on 29 April 2024 of a notice of casual vacancy (following the resignation of Cllr Derek Clifford) no request was made to hold an election, so the council is requested to fill the vacancy, as soon as practicable, by the co-option of a person eligible for membership of the council.
33.24	NEXT MEETING It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 19 September 2024 at 7:30pm in Hordley Village Hall.
34.24	EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC To resolve that in accordance with s1(2) Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the following item to be considered involves the likely disclosure of confidential information: Planning Enforcement case – an update from the Clerk was NOTED and further reports were considered and agreed.

Meeting closed: 8:50pm

Chairman's Signature:

Dated: