

# HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of a Meeting of HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 16 January 2025 at 7:30pm in Hordley Village Hall**

**CHAired by:** Cllr Frank Beech

**CLERKED by:** Rosemary Wood

**PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** Cllrs Frank Beech, John Tumelty, Robert Thompson, Stephen Jones

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Councillor Nick Bardsley

57.24	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies for absence received: None Other apologies received from ABP representatives
58.24	<b>INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS</b> 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). <b>None</b> b) Declaration of any Non-Registerable Interests in any matter to be discussed at the meeting. <b>None</b> c) Any applications for dispensation delivered to the Clerk prior to the meeting. <b>None</b>
59.24	<b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2024</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to confirm the above minutes as a true record and the Chairman was instructed to sign the minutes as such.
60.24	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</b> No members of the public present.
61.24	<b>REPORTS RECEIVED AND NOTED:</b> a) <b>ABP</b> – no report b) <b>Shropshire Council elected councillor</b> – written and verbal report <b>NOTED</b> , including an update on communications with Shropshire Council regarding speed mitigation measures; government plans regarding planning committees; Shropshire's five year land supply; plans for reorganisation of local government c) <b>Clerk's report</b> – written report <b>NOTED</b> d) <b>Other reports</b> – none
62.24	<b>SPEED MITIGATION MEASURES</b> It was noted that the project was now to be taken forward by Andy Wilde (Assistant Director Infrastructure Place Directorate), who had proposed a meeting. It was agreed that this should be through the ABP Liaison meeting. The Clerk was asked to contact Andy Wilde's PA to state that the Parish Council would welcome discussions with Andy at the ABP Liaison meeting and this should be arranged through County Councillor Nick Bardsley.
63.24	<b>FINANCE</b> a) <b>Income received</b> – none b) <b>Outstanding Payments</b> - <b>RESOLVED</b> to pay the following invoices and two of the authorised signatories were instructed to check the supporting paperwork for the cheques raised before

	<p>authorising payment:</p> <p>(i) Rosemary Wood, Clerk's net pay January 2025 (£294.40)(Chq No755)</p> <p>(ii) Rosemary Wood, Clerk's net pay February 2025 (£294.20) (cheque postdated 6 February)(Chq No 756)</p> <p>(iii) HMRC, income tax January (£17.20) and February (£17.40) (total £34.60)(Chq No 757)</p> <p>(iv) Rosemary Wood, Clerk's six monthly payment: mileage (£39.06), office consumables (£6.80), home work allowance (£31.92) (total £77.78)(Chq No 758)</p> <p>c) <b>Other income/invoices received after agenda sent out</b> – none</p> <p>d) <b>Finance reports</b> (as at 31 December 2024) – considered and <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the following:</p> <p>(i) Receipts and Payments</p> <p>(ii) Budget Report</p> <p>(iii) Bank Reconciliation</p> <p>(iv) Reserves Statement</p> <p>e) <b>Banking</b> – the Clerk reported on her investigations regarding new banking arrangements and advised that it seemed that all banks are now charging a fee. Options were considered and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to close the Lloyds Treasurer's account and open a new current account with Unity Trust Bank, to be operated online with all four members on the mandate and two signatures required.</p>
64.24	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS</b></p> <p>a) <b>Planning Applications notified by Shropshire Council</b> – none</p> <p>b) <b>Planning Decisions notified by Shropshire Council</b> – none</p> <p>c) <b>Planning Correspondence or Decisions received after agenda sent out</b> - none</p>
65.24	<p><b>GRANT APPLICATIONS 2025/26</b></p> <p><b>NOTED</b> that no grant applications had been received from community groups.</p>
66.24	<p><b>POLICIES &amp; PROCEDURES</b></p> <p><b>General Reserves Policy</b> – reviewed and <b>RESOLVED</b> to continue unamended.</p>
67.24	<p><b>BUDGET &amp; PRECEPT 2025/26</b></p> <p>The draft budget as presented by the clerk was considered. <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve and publish the agreed budget and to set the precept for 2025/26 at £5,515 being a £468 (9.27%) increase on the 2024/25 precept.</p>
68.24	<p><b>RESIGNATION OF CLLR CARA HOLDING</b></p> <p><b>NOTED</b> that the Chairman received written notice of resignation from Cllr Cara Holding on 9 January 2025 and that a Notice of Casual Vacancy has been published.</p>
69.24	<p><b>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2025</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to hold the Annual Parish Meeting 2025 on Thursday 20 March at 7pm in Hordley Village Hall, immediately prior to the Parish Council meeting.</p>
70.24	<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>It was <b>NOTED</b> that the next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 20 March 2025 at 7:30pm in Hordley Village Hall.</p>

Meeting closed: 9:05pm

Chairman's Signature: *F Beech*

Dated: *20 March 2025*