

# HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of a Meeting of HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 20 March 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; two members of the public

<b>71.24</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies for absence received: None
<b>72.24</b>	<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>
<b>73.24</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2025</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.
<b>74.24</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</b> The applicant of planning application ref 25/00339/FUL (item 77.24(a)) spoke in support of the application and answered members' question about the development, including making the following points: The bund is used as an acoustic barrier and helps with the wind. The shift pattern is 7am until midnight. There are three refugee employees living on site Monday to Friday, housed in two caravans and employed through Shropshire Council Employment Services. No approvals have been obtained for the caravans.
<b>75.24</b>	<b>REPORTS RECEIVED AND NOTED:</b> a) <b>ABP</b> – no report b) <b>Shropshire Council elected councillor</b> – County Councillor Nick Bardsley had circulated a written report which he expanded on. This included his frustrations over the Park House Farm planning application having been dealt with under delegated power rather than committee as requested by him, and the very delayed implementation of speed mitigation measures agreed by ABP. He reported that he would not be standing in the May elections, that it had been a privilege and pleasure to represent the parishioners for around twelve years, and he thanked members for their hospitality, tolerance, welcome and good humour. c) <b>Clerk's report</b> – written report <b>NOTED</b> d) <b>Other reports</b> – none
<b>76.24</b>	<b>FINANCE</b> a) <b>Income received</b> – none

	<p><b>b) Outstanding Payments - 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 authorising payment:</p> <p><b>(i)</b> Rosemary Wood, Clerk's net pay March 2025 (£294.20)(Chq No 759)</p> <p><b>(ii)</b> Rosemary Wood, Clerk's pay April 2025: The Clerk reported that it was not possible to activate the new financial year on the payroll software until 1 April 2025, so she had been unable to run the April payroll. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to authorise any two of the bank signatories to check the supporting paperwork and authorise payment of salary and income tax when the Clerk had carried out the April payroll.</p> <p><b>(iii)</b> HMRC, income tax March (£17.40) (Chq No 760)</p> <p><b>(iv)</b> Hordley &amp; Bagley Village Hall, room hire 2024/25 (£150) (Chq No 761)</p> <p><b>(v)</b> West Felton Parish Council, use of scanner/ink/copier paper 2024/25 (£20) (Chq No 762)</p> <p><b>c) Other income/invoices received after agenda sent out – none</b></p>
<b>77.24</b>	<p><b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p><b>a) Planning Applications notified by Shropshire Council – the following was considered:</b>  <b>Ref:</b> 25/00339/FUL (validated 14 Feb 2025) (consultation period extended for parish council)  <b>Address:</b> <u>Park House Farm</u>, Hordley, Ellesmere  <b>Proposal:</b> Retrospective application for the installation of extraction plant to existing building, construction of a fire storage lagoon with associated hardstanding, construction of a bund and landscaping.  <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit a representation objecting to the application on the following grounds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Concern that the application, if approved, means the site is vastly larger than that in the original application (which may not have been granted had it included these aspects), which was deemed by officers to be finally balanced, with concerns in particular at the time towards visual impact and rural setting.</li> <li>2. The considerable size of the lagoon and questions over why the planning team had not identified the operational need for this at the time of the original application.</li> <li>3. Concerns over the visual impact of the bunds (which double the size of the site) in the open countryside and whether they serve any purpose that could not be achieved by adequate tree planting, as well as questions over why if they are necessary, they were not identified as needed by the planning team at the time of the original application.</li> <li>4. General concerns over the running of the site, including operational hours, caravans housing employees and waste being burnt regularly.</li> </ol> <p><b>b) Planning Decisions notified by Shropshire Council – none</b></p> <p><b>c) Planning Correspondence or Decisions received after agenda sent out - none</b></p>
<b>78.24</b>	<p><b>CONSULTATIONS</b></p> <p><b>Green GEN Cymru Vyrnwy Frankton Project</b> – the second consultation was considered, with various concerns discussed. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to nominate Cllr Jones to draft a submission for circulation to members for their comments.</p>
<b>79.24</b>	<p><b>POLICIES AND PROCEDURES</b></p> <p>The following were reviewed and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that no amendments were required:</p> <p><b>a)</b> Risk Assessment Schedule</p> <p><b>b)</b> Register of Assets</p>
<b>80.24</b>	<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>It was <b>NOTED</b> that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 15 May 2025 at 7:30pm in Hordley Village Hall.</p>

**Meeting closed: 8.35pm**

**Chairman's Signature:** *F Beech*

**Dated:** 15 May 2025