

# HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of a Meeting of HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 18 September 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, Bob Thompson, Vicky Kennerley-Bevan, Stephen Jones, Catherine Ford (from item 35.25)

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Councillor Robert Jones; Members of the Public (two)

<b>32.25</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies for absence received: Cllr Nick Bardsley (unwell) Apologies also received from ABP representatives.
<b>33.25</b>	<b>INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS</b> <b>a)</b> 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>b)</b> Declaration of any Non-Registerable Interests in any matter to be discussed at the meeting. <b>None</b> <b>c)</b> Any applications for dispensation delivered to the Clerk prior to the meeting. <b>None</b>
<b>34.25</b>	<b>CO-OPTION ONTO THE COUNCIL</b> One application for co-option had been received and was considered. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to co-opt the applicant, Catherine Ford, onto the council. Cllr Ford then signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and declared that she had no interests (with reference to item 33.25) in the items on the agenda.
<b>35.25</b>	<b>MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17 JULY 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>36.25</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION - <i>The Chairman advised that issues raised in this session may be recorded in public minutes and the members of the public consented to this.</i></b>  Members of the public raised the following concerns: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Extremely poor 'road closed' signs which are frequently meaningless. County Councillor Jones agreed to take this issue forward and speak to the highways team and highways portfolio holder about it.</li><li>2. Uncontrolled volumes of water released from urban and developed areas into water courses such as the River Perry at periods of high rainfall, with no provision made for the water courses to carry the volumes of water received and no money coming forward to the riparian owners who are being left to fund the maintenance. County Councillor Jones acknowledged the frustration of landowners and stated his belief that society has a collective duty to look after rivers; and that he would raise the matter at Shropshire Council, and with MPs as it is a general problem.</li></ol>
<b>37.25</b>	<b>REPORTS RECEIVED AND NOTED:</b> <b>a)</b> <b>ABP</b> – The following written report was <b>NOTED</b> : <i>"The traffic calming project is at last in the final stages, just waiting for the council to confirm their bank details so we can send the cheque for the</i>

	<p><i>work. We now have a digital map of the approved route to Ellesmere which will be sent to all our suppliers and on our emails very shortly”.</i></p> <p><b>b) Shropshire Council elected councillor</b> – written report <b>NOTED</b>. Cllr Robert Jones highlighted issues around parish and town partnerships, Shropshire Council’s financial emergency, call for sites for the draft Local Plan, public consultation on the draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy, and progress in repairing potholes. He also answered members’ questions.</p> <p><i>The members of the public left during item 37.25(a).</i></p> <p><b>c) Clerk’s report</b> – written report <b>NOTED</b></p> <p><b>d) Other reports</b> – none</p>
<b>38.25</b>	<p><b>FINANCE</b></p> <p><b>a) Income received</b> – none</p> <p><b>b) Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2025/26</b> – implementation of Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2025/26 and back pay due to Clerk from April to August 2025 was <b>NOTED</b>.</p> <p><b>c) 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 September 2025 (incl backpay Apr to Aug 2025)(£338.80)</p> <p><b>(ii)</b> HMRC, income tax September 2025 (£32.80)</p> <p><b>(iii)</b> Rosemary Wood, Clerk’s net pay October 2025 (£299)(to be paid on 6 Oct 2025)</p> <p><b>(iv)</b> HMRC, income tax October 2025 (£22.60) (to be paid on 6 Oct 2025)</p> <p><b>(v)</b> Rosemary Wood, reimburse payment to MedUK for replacement defibrillator pads (£66) (incl £11 VAT)</p> <p><b>d) Unity Bank service charge</b> - the following debits were <b>NOTED</b>:</p> <p><b>(i)</b> Unity Bank, service charge of £6 for June 2025 debited 31 July 2025</p> <p><b>(ii)</b> Unity Bank, service charge of £6 for July 2025 debited 31 Aug 2025</p> <p><b>e) Other income/invoices received after agenda sent out</b> – none</p> <p><b>f) Exercise of rights relating to the annual accounts</b> – <b>NOTED</b> that the accounting records and all documents relating to those records for the financial year ending on 31 March 2025 were made available for inspection by any person interested during the period commencing on 3 June 2025 and ending on 14 July 2025.</p> <p><b>g) Audit 2024-25</b> – <b>NOTED</b> that the auditor had confirmed receipt of exempt status documents and that no review is to be performed and consequently no auditor certificate or report will be issued.</p>
<b>39.25</b>	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS</b></p> <p><b>a) Planning Applications notified by Shropshire Council</b> – none</p> <p><b>b) Planning Decisions</b> – none</p> <p><b>c) Planning Correspondence or Decisions received after agenda sent out</b> - none</p>
<b>40.25</b>	<p><b>HIGHWAYS – Road Closures</b></p> <p>The following road closures were <b>NOTED</b>:</p> <p><b>a) Wycherley Hall junction to Bagley junction The Pop</b> Start Date: 3 Nov 2025; End Date: 4 Nov 2025; Purpose: road closed – remedial works; Works Promoter: Freedom Fibre; Enforcement Pattern: all the time; Diversion route: <a href="https://one.network/?tm=144982836">https://one.network/?tm=144982836</a></p> <p><b>b) Chapel Lane, Bagley</b> Start Date: 28 Nov 2025; End Date: 28 Nov 2025; Purpose: road closure – replace decayed wooden pole; Works promoter: Openreach; Enforcement pattern: 09:00 – 15:00hrs; Diversion route: <a href="https://one.network/?tm=GB145485389">https://one.network/?tm=GB145485389</a></p>
<b>41.25</b>	<p><b>PARISH COUNCIL ASSETS</b></p> <p><b>Defibrillator consumables</b> – <b>NOTED</b> that the defibrillator pads are due to expire on 30 September 2025 and replacement pads have been purchased, and further <b>NOTED</b> that the battery was incorrectly reported (instead of the pads) at the council’s July meeting at item 29.25(c)) as due to reach its use by date.</p>

<b>42.25</b>	<b>POLICIES, PROCEDURES &amp; SURVEYS</b> <b>Shropshire Council Memorandum of Understanding</b> – considered and <b>RESOLVED</b> not to sign the memorandum.
<b>43.25</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING</b> It was <b>NOTED</b> that the next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 20 November 2025 at 7:30pm in Hordley Village Hall.

Meeting closed: 8:45pm

Chairman's Signature: *F Beech*

Dated: *20 November 2025*