

# HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of a Meeting of HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 17 July 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 (from item 22.25), Nick Bardsley (from item 22.25)

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

<b>18.25</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE</b> – Declaration of Acceptance of Office signed by Cllr Stephen Jones and received prior to commencement of the meeting <b>NOTED</b> .
<b>19.25</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies for absence received: Stephen Jones (work meeting)
<b>20.25</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>21.25</b>	<b>CO-OPTION ONTO THE COUNCIL</b> Two applications for co-option had been received and were considered. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to co-opt the applicants, Vicky Kennerley-Bevan and Nick Bardsley, onto the council. Cllrs Kennerley-Bevan and Bardsley then each signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and declared that they had no interests (with reference to item 20.25) in the items on the agenda.
<b>22.25</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 20 MAY 2025</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to confirm the above minutes as a true record (subject to amending 'she' to 'he' in item 2.25) and the Chairman was instructed to sign the minutes as such.
<b>23.25</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</b> - <i>The Chairman advised that issues raised in this session may be recorded in public minutes and the member of the public consented to this.</i>  Wendy Lowden (councillor at Baschurch Parish Council) gave an update on the progress and aims of the River Perry steering group, set up to monitor the declining water quality in the River Perry, with the aim of providing data to the Environment Agency, and also holding Severn Trent to account. She will send the Parish Council updates every few months.
<b>24.25</b>	<b>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION FOR HORDLEY &amp; BAGLEY VILLAGE HALL</b> It was <b>NOTED</b> that at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Cllr Jones was nominated in his absence to be the Parish Council representative for Hordley & Bagley Village Hall and that Cllr Jones has since agreed to the nomination. <b>RESOLVED</b> to appoint Cllr Jones as the Village Hall representative.
<b>25.25</b>	<b>REPORTS RECEIVED AND NOTED:</b>

	<p>a) <b>ABP</b> – no report</p> <p>b) <b>Shropshire Council elected councillor</b> – written report <b>NOTED</b>. Cllr Robert Jones highlighted issues around the withdrawal of Freedom Fibre from the contract and the likely stopping of the North West relief road project. He also answered members’ questions.</p> <p>c) <b>Clerk’s report</b> – written report <b>NOTED</b></p> <p>d) <b>Other reports</b> – none</p>
<b>26.25</b>	<p><b>FINANCE</b></p> <p>a) <b>Income received</b> – to note the following: Shropshire Council, CIL Neighbourhood Fund (£355.63)</p> <p>b) <b>Outstanding Payments</b> - It was <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 authorising payment:  (i) Rosemary Wood, Clerk’s net pay July 2025 (£291)  (ii) HMRC, income tax July 2025 (£20.60)  (iii) Rosemary Wood, Clerk’s net pay August 2025 (£291)(to be paid on 6 August 2025)  (iv) HMRC, income tax August 2025 (£20.60) (to be paid on 6 August 2025)</p> <p>c) <b>Other payments NOTED:</b>  (i) HugoFox, Bronze subscription website 2025/26 direct debit (£143.86) (incl VAT £23.98)  (ii) Unity Bank, service charge May 2025 (£6)</p> <p>d) <b>Other income/invoices received after agenda sent out</b> – none</p>
<b>27.25</b>	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS</b></p> <p>a) <b>Planning Applications notified by Shropshire Council</b> – none</p> <p>b) <b>Planning Decisions</b> – none</p> <p>c) <b>Planning Correspondence or Decisions received after agenda sent out</b> - none</p>
<b>28.25</b>	<p><b>CONSULTATION</b></p> <p><b>Lower Hordley to Outcast proposed 40mph speed limit</b> – members considered a notice received from Shropshire Council of the following order: Shropshire Council (Borough of Shrewsbury &amp; Atcham) (No.2)(Speed Limits) Order 2006 (Amendment No) Order</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to strongly support</p>
<b>29.25</b>	<p><b>PARISH PROJECTS/ISSUES</b></p> <p>a) <b>CIL Neighbourhood Fund monies</b> – considered potential spending for CIL Neighbourhood Fund received (ref 26.25(a)).</p> <p>b) <b>Tetchill Brook</b> – an update of work carried out into riparian rights by Cllr Ros Swanston of Ellesmere Rural Parish Council was considered and the Clerk was asked to invite Cllr Swanston to give a report at the council’s September meeting.</p> <p>c) <b>Defibrillator battery</b> – <b>RESOLVED</b> to purchase a new battery to replace the battery due to expire.</p>
<b>30.25</b>	<p><b>SURVEYS</b></p> <p>a) <b>Shropshire Council Call for Information</b> – considered and agreed that the Chairman would complete and submit.</p> <p>b) <b>SALC Post Election survey</b> – agreed not to submit.</p>
<b>31.25</b>	<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 18 September 2025 at 7:30pm in Hordley Village Hall.</p>

**Meeting closed: 8:50pm**

**Chairman’s Signature:** *F Beech*

**Dated:** *18 September 2025*