

# HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 15 January 2026 at 7:30pm in Hordley Village Hall

CHAired by: Cllr Frank Beech

CLERKED by: Rosemary Wood

PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Cllrs Frank Beech, Catherine Ford, Nick Bardsley, Vicky Kennerley-Bevan, John Tumelty

ALSO PRESENT: County Councillor Robert Jones

## 54.25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received: Cllrs Bob Thompson (work commitments), Stephen Jones (no reason given)

Apologies also received from ABP representatives.

## 55.25 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**

## 56.25 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2025

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the above minutes as a true record and the Chairman was instructed to sign the minutes as such.

## 57.25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public present.

## 58.25 REPORTS RECEIVED AND NOTED:

- a) **ABP** – no representatives present. Cllr Beech reported that a planned liaison meeting with ABP to move the traffic calming scheme forward had been cancelled due to a Shropshire Council officer personal issue, and had been rearranged for 21 January.
- b) **Shropshire Council elected councillor** – written report **NOTED**. Cllr Robert Jones reported on Shropshire Council's response to his concerns about river management and waste water capacity, and he gave an update on Shropshire Council's financial situation. He also answered members' questions.
- c) **Clerk's report** – written report **NOTED**
- d) **Other reports** – Cllr Tumelty gave a report of a SALC North Shropshire Area Committee meeting that he had attended.

## 59.25 FINANCE

- a) **Income received** – none
- b) **Outstanding Payments - RESOLVED** to pay the following invoices and two of the authorised signatories were instructed to check the supporting paperwork before authorising payment:
  - (i) Rosemary Wood, Clerk's net pay January 2026 (£299)
  - (ii) HMRC, income tax January 2026 (£22.60)
  - (iii) Rosemary Wood, Clerk's net pay February 2026 (£299) (to be paid on 6 Feb 2026)
  - (iv) HMRC, income tax February 2026 (£22.60) (to be paid on 6 Feb 2026)
  - (v) Shropshire Council, uncontested election charge May 2025 (£125)

- c) **Unity Bank service charge** - the following debits were **NOTED**:
  - (i) Unity Bank, service charge of £6 for Oct 2025 debited 30 Nov 2025
  - (ii) Unity Bank, service charge of £6 for Nov 2025 debited 31 Dec 2025
- d) **Other income/invoices received after agenda sent out** – none
- e) **Unity Bank monthly account fee** – **NOTED** that the monthly fee will increase from £6 to £7 to take effect on 1 February 2026.
- f) **Finance reports** (as at 31 December 2025) – **RESOLVED** to approve the following:
  - (i) Receipts and Payments
  - (ii) Budget Report
  - (iii) Bank Reconciliation
  - (iv) Reserves Statement

#### 60.25 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) **Planning Applications notified by Shropshire Council** – the following application was considered:  
**Ref:** 25/04789/FUL (validated 18 December 2025)  
**Address:** Rakes House, Bagley, Ellesmere, SY12 9BU  
**Proposal:** Two storey rear extension  
**RESOLVED** to submit a comment that the Parish Council has no objection to the application.
- b) **Planning Decisions** – none
- c) **Planning Correspondence or Decisions received after agenda sent out** - none

#### 61.25 GRANT APPLICATIONS 2026/27

**NOTED** that no grant applications had been received from community groups.

#### 62.25 POLICIES & PROCEDURES

- a) **General Reserves Policy** – reviewed and **RESOLVED** that no amendments required
- b) **AGAR Assertion 10 requirements** – considered and **RESOLVED** to secure a council owned domain and .gov.uk emails for the clerk and all councillors through Hugofox.
- c) **IT Policy** – **RESOLVED** to adopt an IT policy based on NALC’s template, with Cllr Kennerley-Bevan to present a proposed version of the template for approval at the March meeting.

#### 63.25 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2026/27

The draft budget as presented by the clerk was considered. **RESOLVED** to approve and publish the agreed budget and to set the precept for 2026/27 at £5,728 being a £213 (3.86%) increase on the 2025/26 precept.

#### 64.25 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2026

**RESOLVED** to hold the Annual Parish Meeting 2026 on Thursday 19 March at 7pm in Hordley Village Hall, immediately prior to the Parish Council meeting.

#### 65.25 NEXT MEETING

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 19 March 2026 at 7:30pm in Hordley Village Hall.

#### 66.25 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

**RESOLVED** 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** – **NOTED**

**Meeting closed: 8:40pm**

**Chairman’s Signature:** *F Beech*

**Dated:** *19 March 2026*