

# HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of a Meeting of HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 20 November 2025 at 7:30pm in Hordley Village Hall**

**CHAired by:** Cllr Frank Beech

**CLERKED by:** Rosemary Wood

**PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** Cllrs Frank Beech, Bob Thompson, Stephen Jones, Catherine Ford

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Councillor Robert Jones; Cllr Ros Swanston of Ellesmere Rural Parish Council

44.25	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies for absence received: Cllrs Nick Bardsley (unwell), Vicky Kennerley-Bevan (holiday), John Tumelty (work commitments)
45.25	<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>
46.25	<b>MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 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.
47.25	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</b> - <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>  Cllr Ros Swanston of Ellesmere Rural Parish Council gave a presentation concerning a project to improve drainage along the Tetchill Brook/River Perry. Cllrs Jones and Beech volunteered to meet with Cllr Swanston to assist with identifying riparian ownership and drainage issues in the parish.  <i>Cllr Swanston left after giving her presentation.</i>
48.25	<b>REPORTS RECEIVED AND NOTED:</b> a) <b>ABP</b> – no representatives present. Cllr Beech reported that he had been in contact with ABP who are arranging a meeting with Shropshire Council, which Cllr Beech will attend, in an effort to move matters forward. b) <b>Shropshire Council elected councillor</b> – written report <b>NOTED</b> . Cllr Robert Jones reported on enquiries he had made about River Perry management following the September meeting, and Shropshire Council's financial situation. He also answered members' questions. c) <b>Clerk's report</b> – written report <b>NOTED</b> d) <b>Other reports</b> – none
49.25	<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 authorising payment:

	<p>(i) Rosemary Wood, Clerk's net pay November 2025 (£299)</p> <p>(ii) HMRC, income tax November 2025 (£22.60)</p> <p>(iii) Rosemary Wood, Clerk's net pay December 2025 (£298.80)(to be paid on 6 Dec 2026)</p> <p>(iv) HMRC, income tax December 2025 (£22.80) (to be paid on 6 Dec 2025)</p> <p>(v) Rosemary Wood, six monthly payment (Apr to Sept 2025): mileage £33.48, office consumables £6.80, home work allowance £31.92, other £8.40 (total £80.60)</p> <p>(vi) SALC, Fundamentals for Councillors training (Cllrs Kennerley-Bevan and Ford) (£80)</p> <p>c) <b>Unity Bank service charge</b> - the following debits were <b>NOTED</b>:</p> <p>(i) Unity Bank, service charge of £6 for Aug 2025 debited 30 Sept 2025</p> <p>(ii) Unity Bank, service charge of £6 for Sept 2025 debited 31 Oct 2025</p> <p>d) <b>Other income/invoices received after agenda sent out</b> – none</p>
50.25	<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>
51.25	<p><b>HIGHWAYS – Road Closures</b></p> <p>The following road closure was <b>NOTED</b>:</p> <p><u>Chapel Lane, Bagley</u> 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> (as reported at September meeting)</p>
52.25	<p><b>POLICIES, PROCEDURES &amp; SURVEYS</b></p> <p><b>Action Plan</b> – reviewed and <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve amendments.</p>
53.25	<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 15 January 2026 at 7:30pm in Hordley Village Hall.</p>

Meeting closed: 9pm

Chairman's Signature:

Dated: