

# 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

<b>44.25</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies for absence received: Cllrs Nick Bardsley (unwell), Vicky Kennerley-Bevan (holiday), John Tumelty (work commitments)
<b>45.25</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>46.25</b>	<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.
<b>47.25</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</b> - <i>The Chairman advised that issues raised in this session may be recorded in public minutes and the 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>
<b>48.25</b>	<b>REPORTS RECEIVED AND NOTED:</b> a) ABP – 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 forward with the traffic calming scheme. 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
<b>49.25</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Rosemary Wood, Clerk's net pay November 2025 (£299)</li> <li>(ii) HMRC, income tax November 2025 (£22.60)</li> <li>(iii) Rosemary Wood, Clerk's net pay December 2025 (£298.80)(to be paid on 6 Dec 2026)</li> <li>(iv) HMRC, income tax December 2025 (£22.80) (to be paid on 6 Dec 2025)</li> <li>(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)</li> <li>(vi) SALC, Fundamentals for Councillors training (Cllrs Kennerley-Bevan and Ford) (£80)</li> </ul> <p><b>c) Unity Bank service charge</b> - the following debits were <b>NOTED</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Unity Bank, service charge of £6 for Aug 2025 debited 30 Sept 2025</li> <li>(ii) Unity Bank, service charge of £6 for Sept 2025 debited 31 Oct 2025</li> </ul> <p><b>d) Other income/invoices received after agenda sent out</b> – none</p>
<b>50.25</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>51.25</b>	<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>
<b>52.25</b>	<p><b>POLICIES, PROCEDURES &amp; SURVEYS</b></p> <p><b>Action Plan</b> – reviewed and <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve amendments.</p>
<b>53.25</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 15 January 2026 at 7:30pm in Hordley Village Hall.</p>

Meeting closed: 9pm

Chairman's Signature: *F Beech*

Dated: 15 January 2026