HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of **HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL** held on Thursday 16 July 2026 at 7:30pm in Hordley & Bagley Village Hall

CHAIRED by: Cllr John Tumelty (in the absence of Chairman Bob Thompson)

CLERKED by: Rosemary Wood

PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Cllrs John Tumelty, Nick Bardsley, Vicky Kennerley-Bevan

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the Public (one)

16.26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

17.26 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

18.26 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Tumelty be elected as Vice Chairman and he was then duly ELECTED by a majority vote and signed an Acceptance of Office Form.

19.26 MINUTES OF MAY ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Bardsley confirmed the accuracy of the May minutes but it was NOTED that as he was the only member present who had attended the May annual meeting of the Parish Council, a majority vote to confirm the minutes was not possible. It was therefore RESOLVED to defer approval of the minutes until the September Parish Council meeting.

20.26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A member of the public reported that he has a collection of old maps that he could make available should the Council need any historical information, as well as some old Parish Council records (not minutes) from when he was Chairman of the Parish Council. He also reported that Hordley Church is struggling for funds to maintain the churchyard opposite the church and would welcome any suggestions for fundraising.

21.26 REPORTS RECEIVED AND NOTED:

a) ABP – no representatives present, but representatives had advised the Clerk about the Queens Head road closures.

b) Shropshire Council elected councillor – a written report from Cllr Robert Jones was NOTED, including Queens Head/Rednall Mill resurfacing; Local Transport Plan

consultation; Commissioning, procurement and contract management; Shropshire Council's next steps towards sustainability; Shropshire Council corporate peer challenge update. Cllr Bardsley advised that he would be attending a meeting about the Local Transport Plan for Baschurch Parish Council and would report back to Hordley Parish Council as well.

c) **Clerk's report –** written report NOTED
d) **Tetchill Brook update –** written report NOTED
e) **Other reports** – none

22.26 PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

It was RESOLVED to nominate Cllr Tumelty as a second councillor to represent the Parish Council on the SALC North Shropshire Area Committee along with Cllr Thompson nominated at the annual meeting of the Parish Council.

23.26 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 July 2026 (£290.60)
   (ii) HMRC, income tax July 2026 (£31)
   (iii) Rosemary Wood, Clerk's net pay August 2026 (£290.60) (to be paid on 6 Aug 2026)
   (iv)HMRC, income tax Aug 2026 (£31)
c) **Other income/invoices received after agenda sent out** – none
d) **Banking** – RESOLVED to replace Cllr Frank Beech with Cllr Kennerley-Bevan as a bank signatory to act with current signatories Cllrs Tumelty, Thompson and Jones.

24.26 PLANNING MATTERS

a) **Planning Applications notified by Shropshire Council** – the following was considered:
   Ref: 26/02312/HHE (validated 23 June 2026)
   Address: Little Bromley, Bagley, Ellesmere, SY12 9BX
   Proposal: Erection of a rear single storey extension to detached dwelling, dimensions 5 metres beyond rear wall, 3.45 metres maximum height, 2.4 metres high to eaves
   NOTED that permission had already been granted
b) **Planning Decisions** – the following decision was NOTED:
   Ref: 26/01649/FUL (validated 5 May 2026)
   Address: Rakes House, Bagley, Ellesmere, SY12 9BU
   Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension
   Decision: Grant Permission
c) **Planning Correspondence or Decisions received after agenda sent out** – the following decision was NOTED:
   Ref: 26/02312/HHE (validated 23 June 2026)
   Address: Little Bromley, Bagley, Ellesmere, SY12 9BX
   Proposal: Erection of a rear single storey extension to detached dwelling, dimensions 5 metres beyond rear wall, 3.45 metres maximum height, 2.4 metres high to eaves
   Decision: Grant Permission

25.26 HIGHWAYS

The following road closure was NOTED: Queens Head, Oswestry
Start Date: 27th July 2026; End Date: 16th August 2026; Purpose: Capital resurfacing;
Road closure weekdays and weekends 08:30-15:30; Road closure nights 10-12/08/26 20:00-06:00; Closure and diversion route by clicking here: https://one.network/?tm=GB150662851
It was NOTED that the Parish council welcomes the resurfacing and considers it to be well overdue.

26.26 POLICIES & PROCEDURES

The following were reviewed:

- **a)** Model Publication Scheme – RESOLVED that no amendments required
- **b)** Defibrillator logs (2025/26) – NOTED that the log had been completed for the year and that the volunteer carrying out maintenance checks is willing to continue.

27.26 CASUAL VACANCY

- **a)** NOTED that confirmation had been received from Shropshire Council that no signatures have been received to call an election following the casual vacancy resulting from the resignation of Cllr Frank Beech, and that the Parish Council is therefore requested to fill the vacancy as soon as practicable by the co-option of an eligible person.
- **b)** NOTED that no applications have been received for co-option onto the Council. Recruitment of a new councillor was considered and it was agreed that an advert should be placed on the noticeboards, and members should take opportunities to invite contacts in the community to apply for co-option.

28.26 NEXT MEETING

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 17 September 2026 at 7:30pm in Hordley & Bagley Village Hall.

Meeting closed: 8:25pm

Chairman's Signature: ***B Thompson*** **Dated:** ***17 September 2026***