### HORDLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

## MINUTES of the HORDLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Thursday 20 MAY 2021 at 7:30pm in Hordley Village Hall

CHAIRED by: The Chairman of Hordley Parish Council, Cllr Derek Clifford

MINUTES TAKEN by: The Clerk of Hordley Parish Council, Rosemary Wood

#### PRESENT:

Members of Hordley Parish Council: Cllrs Derek Clifford, Frank Beech, David Jones, David Treloar

Representatives of Parish Groups: One

#### 1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND OPENING MEETING

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

# 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF HORDLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2019 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 March 2019 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 3. REPORTS FROM PARISH GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

The following reports were received:

#### a) Hordley & Bagley Village Hall

A representative reported that the hall had been used very little due to the pandemic. Utility bills had been paid and there was about £3,500 in the bank. Maintenance work was needed but as the jobs are small it had been difficult to get interest from tradespeople. The hall had hired someone to cut the grass and requested a small perimeter be left uncut as an experiment to attract wildlife.

#### b) St Mary's Church Hordley

A representative reported that Reverend Linda Cox is continuing, assisted by Debbie Coatsworth and a curate in training. He explained Covid procedures that had been adopted to keep people safe, including use of larger venues for services such as the harvest festival. He also reported that the church is financially sound, due partly to a 25% rebate on the precepts payable to the Diocese and some very generous giving.

c) Other organisations - none

#### 4. REPORT FROM HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Chairman thanked Members and the Clerk for their work during the year. He reported that although the Annual Parish Meeting was cancelled in 2020, all others had been held using Zoom. All Members had stood uncontested for re-election in May 2021 and it was hoped to co-opt more Members. It had not been possible to distribute the Smartwater kits purchased a year ago due to the pandemic, but the Chairman advised that distribution was planned soon. During the year, Members had represented the parish council at various zoom meetings, including the Helicopter Noise Liaison Group, ABP and SALC North Shropshire Area Committee. The parish council had received considerable community concern about increased traffic from ABP during the year. Submission had been made for five planning applications and in January the council had approved a grant to the church for £500. The Clerk had recently obtained her CiLCA qualification.

#### 5. REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Nick Bardsley had circulated a written report. He commented that there had as usual been a low turnout at the May elections and he expressed thanks for his re-election. He spoke about the key issues during the

year, including planning, progress/timetable of the Shropshire Local Plan and traffic (including issues with the VAS sign and the lack of meetings with ABP). He also reported on new leadership and portfolio holder appointments at Shropshire Council.

#### 5. PARISH MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the public expressed concern about traffic from ABP and postponement of ABP meetings.

Meeting closed: 8pm

SIGNED by the Chairman of the Annual Parish Meeting:  $\mathcal{D}$  Clifford

**DATED:** 17 March 2022