

HORDLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES of the HORDLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Thursday 21 MARCH 2019 at 7pm 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 and Jean Duncan

Representatives of Parish Groups: One

Police: PC Paul Crump

1.	CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND OPENING MEETING The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:05pm and welcomed those present.
2.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF HORDLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2018 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 March 2018 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 It was reported that 2018 was not a particularly busy year but was not uneventful. The Treasurer departed during the year and thanks were expressed for all her work during time as Treasurer. A new Treasurer had been appointed and a new committee member had also been recruited. The main event during the year was the weekend of the Fun Day Saturday and Clay Pigeon Shoot Sunday in July which was a success, raising a lot funds, despite coinciding with England's match in the World Cup. The Halloween Party had been well attended, but did not raise much money. It was reported that the Post Office continues to hire the hall at 2pm on Thursdays, but receives very little trade. Regular bookings of the hall continue from the Parish Council and a regular booking is expected from a meditation group. A pub night that was run through the winter cost the village hall rather than raising funds, so has been discontinued. The flood damage caused to the hall by the severe cold weather of winter 2017/18 was repaired very competently. The overcharging of electricity by Scottish Power seems to have been rectified, resulting in the monthly bills being much reduced. Over the coming year, it is hoped to attract more members onto the committee and to increase the hall usage and it is anticipated that the Fun Day weekend and Halloween Party will be run again as well as other events. It is also hoped to replace the external fascia boards. The team members were thanked for helping to put the hall on a sound financial footing, although there is still work to do. Finally, the death during the year of Derek Jones was noted with sadness and it was commented that there was much to thank him for, as he was instrumental in the building of the hall and together with his

	<p>wife gave much time to the hall over the years.</p> <p>b) St Mary's Church Hordley It was reported that the churchyard wall and fence, damaged by a falling bough in the winter of 2017/18, had been repaired in spring 2018. At the end of autumn 2018 the inspection and external maintenance of the church fabric took place.</p> <p>A lot of funerals had taken place during the year, with some of the bereaved families having been very generous to the church.</p> <p>The church wardens and treasurer had received safeguarding training during the year and a safeguarding officer had been appointed.</p> <p>The annual harvest lunch, held in September, was a sell out and was very successful in raising funds.</p> <p>It is hoped to have a loop system installed fairly soon, with a number of quotes having been considered. The retired organist was thanked for her many years of service and it was reported that a new organist is playing once a month which should ensure the organ is kept in a good state of repair. At other services, the church is using its sound system with an occasional organist also helping out.</p> <p>The warden was thanked for his hard work and all of the 'friends' of the church for helping everything to run smoothly. The Parish Council were also thanked for their financial contribution towards the maintenance of the churchyard.</p> <p>c) Other organisations – Police PC Crump explained that he would like to attend Parish Council meetings, but apologised that he had not been able to do so, due to low staffing. He reported that more officers are currently being recruited. The team has two PCSOs, one of whom is just returning from maternity leave. The new Sergeant – Clare Greenaway – who would normally be covering Wem, has had her area significantly increased and it now stretches from Oswestry to Market Drayton.</p> <p>He advised that there are rarely any reported crime incidents in the parish, although last month there had been a report of a theft from a yard, but there were no leads on that.</p>
4.	<p>REPORT FROM HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL The Chairman of Hordley Parish Council reported that the Council continued to meet every second month. During the year, the Council had lost two councillors, one of whom had served for over 50 years. Efforts are currently being made to recruit more councillors, with interest having been received from a possible new councillor. ABP representatives continue to attend Parish Council meetings to update the Council and residents and continues to hold liaison meetings with residents, the Parish Council and the Shropshire Councillor to discuss issues particularly in relation to the s106 agreement and traffic management to and from the site. The Parish Council has commented on a number of planning applications during the year and has made grants to the village hall and church.</p>
5.	<p>PARISH MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None</p>

Meeting closed: 7:30pm

SIGNED by the Chairman of Annual Parish Meeting:

DATED: