

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of HORDLEY PARISH

held on

Thursday, 15th MARCH 2018 at 7:00 pm in Hordley Village Hall

PRESENT: Members of Hordley Parish Council, Cllrs. Frank Beech, Jean Duncan, Adrian Jones, Deborah Maddocks, Derek Clifford and Clerk to Hordley Parish Council; Cllr Nick Bardsley - Shropshire Councillor; Representatives of Parish Groups.

ABSENT: Cllr. David Jones

The Chairman of Hordley Parish Council, Cllr Derek Clifford took the chair. Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and welcomed those present as above.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2017 were approved as a true and accurate record, subject to amending the date of the meeting to Thursday 18th May 2017. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

3. REPORTS FROM PARISH GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

Reports were received from:

3.1 Hordley and Bagley Village Hall

It was reported that a new committee had been formed in 2017, with a chairman, secretary and treasurer plus others. A summer fun day and clay pigeon shoot had been held during the year in an effort to revive interest in the village hall and raise funds. These had been well supported and had raised over £1,000, helping the village hall to get out of debt. It is hoped to repeat these events in 2018.

A pipe had burst in the recent cold weather, causing significant damage to the kitchen and disabled toilet. The water damage is covered by insurance, but not the pipe itself.

Financially, the village hall is no longer in debt, having benefited from the fund raising events and financial support from parishioners, as well as a local business that has offered to pay the village hall's electricity bills from the next financial year. However, the building needs substantial money spending on it in order to get it into a good state of repair and to upgrade the interior, so that it is more attractive for hiring out. A schedule of works is being compiled, so that jobs can be prioritised.

3.2 Hordley Parish Church

It was reported that the church is financially stable, with some reserves. One of the church walls has recently been damaged and needs repairing. It is costing £700 to keep the church yard over the road

maintained and tidy and the church would therefore appreciate financial assistance for this from the Parish Council. The church was asked to make a written request for this for the Parish Council to consider. The congregation is generally about 18-20 per service. The organist of many years has recently stepped down, due to her age and the church is now using a sound system and occasional organist.

3.3 Other organisations

None represented

4. REPORT FROM HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman reported that during the year the Parish Council had moved to meeting every other month. A new councillor had been co-opted and a new clerk had been appointed in November 2017. ABP continues 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 have commented on four planning applications during the year.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

The Meeting closed at 7:30pm

Signed *D Clifford* Date: *21 March 2019*

Chairman of Annual Parish Meeting