

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of HORDLEY PARISH held on Thursday,
19th MAY 2016 at 6.55 in Hordley Village Hall

PRESENT: Members of Hordley Parish Council, Cllrs. F. Beech, Mrs. J Duncan, A Jones, Mrs D Maddocks, P Wright and Locum Clerk to Hordley Parish Council; Cllr N. Bardsley - Shropshire Councillor; Representatives of Parish Groups also Mr. N Stevens and Ms T Wilson representatives from APB.

The Chairman of Hordley Parish Council, Cllr Mrs. J Duncan took the chair. Minutes were taken by the Locum Clerk.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:55 pm and welcomed those present as above.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2015 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman

3. REPORTS FROM PARISH GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

Reports were received from :-

3.1 Hordley and Bagley Village Hall

The new Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee, Mrs D Maddocks, reported that there is a largely new committee. A working party has been arranged for 12th June to carry out maintenance at the Hall as required.

A new management and financial plan is progressing which will put the Hall on track. The next step is to organize events and functions and market those including via the new Village Hall website,
<http://www.hordleyandbagleyvillagehall.co.uk/> .

The Chairman is keen to encourage local participation and welcomes anyone who wishes to get involved or who just wish to support by attending upcoming events.

3.2 Hordley Parish Church

Andrew Thomson retired as church warden, and his position is taken by Colin Aynsbury, who presented this report on behalf of the PCC.

The Church is a listed building with a closed burial ground around; the new burial ground opposite is about 100 years old and includes the garden of remembrance.

The Church has recently welcomed their new vicar, Linda Cox, who has settled into the Parish well. The Church hope that as a dynamic person Linda will appeal to the younger element in the Parish.

David Sheldon continues to carry out maintenance and tidying of the church grounds aided by discretionary funding from the Parish Council.

Specialist works to the fabric of the Church is imminent, the PCC are awaiting the availability of the builders. The yew tree by the gate has been removed as this had become unstable and was causing damage to the adjacent wall.

3.3 Hordley Parish Council

The Chairman of the Parish Council reported that there has been a high turnover in clerks in recent years also Paul Salter retired as a parish councillor in February 2016. The parish councillor vacancy has been advertised but to date there has been no interest.

Two speed limit areas have been approved in the Village and road improvements are ongoing.

The Parish Council took the decision to meet bi-monthly, therefore meetings will now be January, March, May, July, September and November.

The Council applied for and received grant funding from Department of Communities and Local Government to enable the Council to carry out its responsibilities under the new Transparency Code. This has enabled the Council to purchase a new laptop and scanner.

The Parish Council has a new website which can be found at <https://www.hugofox.com/community/hordley-parish-council-12530/about-us/>

All agendas, minutes and financial information will be published on the website.

The Parish Council continues to assist financially with the upkeep of the Church and Village Hall.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

It was reported that the road to Tetchill is in need of repair.

The Meeting closed at 7:20 pm

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Signed ...(signed by the Chairman)

Date: 16th March 2017

Chairman of Annual Parish Meeting