

# HORDLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**MINUTES of the HORDLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Thursday 17 MARCH 2022 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

Shropshire County Councillor Nick Bardsley

Representatives of Parish Groups: One

Apologies received from parish councillor Cara Holding

1.	<b>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND OPENING MEETING</b> The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
2.	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF HORDLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20 MAY 2021</b> Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 May 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
3.	<b>REPORTS FROM PARISH GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS</b> The following reports were received: <b>a) Hordley &amp; Bagley Village Hall</b> A representative reported that the hall had not been used much due to the pandemic; that the hall is financially viable, with a surplus of about £2,000, although repairs externally on the entrance and installation of curtain rails would be carried out soon; that a street party with 'bring your own food' is being organised for the jubilee; that most of the committee wish to resign or reduce their duties and unless other volunteers come forward it would seem appropriate to close the hall, particularly as there are hardly enough people using it to make it economically viable and there is a reliance financially on funds from some time ago that are slowly depleting. <b>b) St Mary's Church Hordley</b> A representative reported that this had been a better year due to easing of Covid restriction, with the church usually open the second and fourth Sundays of the month and having held two weddings and one funeral; that a new person had been hired to maintain the Churchyard over the road, due to ill health of the usual person; that the churchyard surrounding the church had been grazed by two sheep and a new fence had been erected to replace the existing one which was in a poor state of repair; that the church was financially sound due to various fundraising efforts; that the congregation is dwindling (usually about 16 people) and getting older; that the church had forgotten to submit an application to the parish council for funds to tidy the churchyard over the road, but would be appreciative of funds. <b>c) Other organisations - none</b>
4.	<b>REPORT FROM HORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL</b> The Parish Council Chairman thanked Members and the Clerk for their work during the year. He reported another difficult year due to the pandemic, but that the council had continued to meet; that a new councillor had been co-opted, bringing the total councillors to five, but that ideally more councillors would be co-opted but there had been no interest in the vacancies when they had been promoted during the Smartwater rollout; that the delayed Smartwater rollout had taken place at the end of 2021 which was quite time consuming due to the scattered nature of the community, and that signs had now been fixed around

	the parish; that fundraising (with limited success) had been sought for a defibrillator during the Smartwater rollout, but that together with a donation from ABP, CIL Neighbourhood Fund and council reserves the council is now in a position to proceed with purchase of a defibrillator; that Members had represented the parish council at various zoom meetings, including the Helicopter Noise Liaison Group, ABP, SALC North Shropshire Area Committee and Chairs' Network Meeting; that as in previous years concern had been raised about increased traffic and HGVs using non-designated routes to and from ABP and that some progress had been made in recent meetings with ABP and it is hoped that speed mitigation measures will be installed in the not too distant future; that no planning applications were received during the year but one considered on several occasions previously had recently been approved.
<b>5.</b>	<b>REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR</b> Cllr Nick Bardsley had circulated a written report. He commented on planning, traffic issues and the review of town and parish councils and electoral divisions.
<b>6.</b>	<b>PARISH MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</b> None

**Meeting closed: 7:30pm**

**SIGNED by the Chairman of the Annual Parish Meeting:** *D Clifford*

**DATED:** *16 March 2023*