



HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the FULL COUNCIL MEETING of Hodnet Parish Council held at the Lyon Hall, Hodnet on Thursday 27th March 2025.

Present: Cllrs Alan Cope, John Matthews, Nigel Newitt, John Parker, John Powell, Maryjayne Rees, Lin Sherwin, Ross Underwood, Jason Watts, Jayne Charman (Clerk), 1 member of public

25/30 Welcome, Apologies and reasons for Absence

Chairman welcomed everyone. Apologies received from Cllr Freeman – accepted.

25/31 Appointments

Cllr Powell proposed, Cllr Parker seconded and was unanimously agreed to Co-opt Sally Gallivan on to the council following which the Declaration of Acceptance was signed.

25/32 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Powell declared a pecuniary interest in item 25/36d.

25/33 Public Session

One member of the public attended.

25/34 Minutes from previous meeting

The Minutes from the parish council meeting on 13th February 2025 were considered for Approval. It was proposed by Cllr Matthews, seconded by Cllr Sherwin and RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes which were then signed by the Chairman.

25/35 Reports

- a) Clerks Report – Clerk updated councillors on communication from Shropshire Council and updates with SSE and lighting – to note
- b) Unitary councillor report – none received
- c) Reports from councillors attending meetings or training - none

25/36 Finance

a) Payments to note against February bank statements

PAYEE	AMOUNT	METHOD	AUTHORITY
Staff Salary (12/2)	£964.84	BACS	LGA 1972 s112(2)

O2	£13.20	DD	LG(FP)A 1963 S5
Wollerton Club grant	£2000.00	BACS	LA(MP)A 1976s19
TOTAL	£2978.04		

b) Receipts to note against February bank statements

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Interest to 28 th February- 2250	£0.00
Interest to 28 th February- 9243	£20.85
National grid	£365.82
HWMC rent	£56.50
TOTAL	£443.17

c) Bank reconciliations – February – To Approve

Balance brought forward from year end 31 st March 2024	£31264.13
Add: Receipts to date	£47075.36
Less: Payments to date	£36678.49
Closing balance at 28 th February 2025	£41661.00
Bank balances as at 28th February 2025	
Current Account (6712)	£20396.54
Business Reserve Account (2250)	£0.00
CIL Deposit Account (9243)	£21264.46
Less unrepresented cheques	£0.00
TOTAL	£41661.00

Councillors considered for Approval the bank reconciliation up to 28th February 2025. It was proposed by Cllr Cope, seconded by Cllr Sherwin and RESOLVED to APPROVE the bank reconciliation up to 28th February 2025.

d) Payments for authorisation and Payment in March 2025

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Staff Salary	Due 12/3/25	£964.84
Staff expenses to (26/3/25)	Expenses/reimbursements	£61.20
O2 (March)	Sim only contract (DD)	£13.20
ICO	ICO fee	£47.00
PlusNet (March)	Broadband	£26.96
SSE	July 24-Jan25	£4471.85
SSE	July 24-Jan25	£241.75
SSE	Feb 25	£653.91
SSE	Feb 25	£35.35
Highline	LED upgrades	£1867.20

Highline	Light repairs	£637.68
Rooted in nature	Hedge cutting	£400.00
J Powell	Permissive Path	£400.00
TOTAL		£9820.94

The Clerk added that she had paid £56.95 to Simba IT Services for the Hodnet.org website webhosting under delegated powers.

Councillors considered for Approval the payments for March 2025. It was Proposed by Cllr Sherwin, seconded by Cllr Matthews and RESOLVED that the payments for March 2025 be APPROVED.

25/37 Grants to consider

Hodnet & Peplow Cricket Club – Cllr Underwood proposed and Cllr Cope Seconded awarding a grant of £825.00

25/38 Training

Cllr Matthews proposed and Cllr Parker seconded authorising Policy & risk management online SALC training for clerk at a cost of £40.00

25/39 Planning Matters

a) Planning Decisions for information:

i). Application Reference: 25/00510/PMBPA

Address: Barns at Heathbrook Farm, Wollerton

Proposed: Application for prior approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use from agricultural to 1no residential dwelling with all associated works.

Decision: Prior Approval Required & Approved

25/40 Annual Parish Meeting

No matters arising.

25/41 Defibrillators

The Clerk explained that the parish council is now the guardian of the firestation AED and was now dealing with GDPR issue to ensure it is viewable on the Circuit.

The Marchamley AED has been repaired and should be back in situ soon, when the guardianship can be updated.

25/42 Hodnet Recreation Ground

- Quarterly play equipment inspection to be carried out by Cllr Newitt and brought to May meeting.

- Further quote discussed from Glasdon. Proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Cope to accept quote for one bench and one picnic table to situate on the recreation ground.

25/43 Highways and Environmental

- Cllr Parker told councillors about the litter pick which had been undertaken by the WI. It was agreed the clerk would write to thank them on behalf of the parish council.

25/44 Street Lighting

- The clerk updated that the SSE bills had now been received and were up to date. In light of the issues from SSE they had agreed to pay the parish council £200 compensation.
- All streetlights with power supply issues have been reported to National Grid. All should be completed by the end of April.

25/45 Correspondence

- a.) NALC and SALC weekly briefings
- b.) Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter
- c.) Fraud Bulletins
- d.) Helicopter Liaison Group Newsletter
- e.) Surface dressing works
- f.) Local nature recovery
- g.) Freedom fibre updates
- h.) VE Day
- i.) Devolution
- j.) Correspondence re hedge – Cllr Parker to liaise with the resident and inspect hedge
- k.) Correspondence re speeding - clerk has responded to resident and will keep correspondence to discuss with police on next concerns form

25/46 Parish Matters

- Cllr Sherwin has used Fix My Street to report issues on Wood Lane.
- Litter on the bypass was discussed – Clerk will report on Fix My Street.

25/47 Items for future agendas

None

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm.