



HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the FULL COUNCIL MEETING of Hodnet Parish Council held at the Lyon Hall, Hodnet on Thursday 13th February 2025.

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

25/16 Welcome, Apologies and reasons for Absence

Chairman welcomed everyone. No apologies.

25/17 Declaration of Interest - None

25/18 Public Session – One member of the public attended

25/19 Minutes from previous meeting - The Minutes from the parish council meeting on 9th January 2025 were considered for Approval. It was proposed by Cllr Underwood, seconded by Cllr Sherwin and RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes which were then signed by the Chairman.

25/20 Reports

- a) Clerks Report – To note
- b) Unitary councillor report - none
- c) Reports from councillors attending meetings or training – Cllr Rees attended SALC area committee and highlighted information regarding rural crime, wildlife crime, whatsapp crime groups, RAF Shawbury STEM, freedom fibre issues and upcoming elections.

25/21 Finance

a) Payments to note against January bank statements

PAYEE	AMOUNT	METHOD	AUTHORITY
Staff Salary <small>(12/1)</small>	£964.84	BACS	LGA 1972 s112(2)
Lyon Memorial Hall	£20.00	BACS	LGA 1972 S134(4)
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O2	£13.20	DD	LG(FP)A 1963 S5
Poppy appeal	£25.00	BACS	LGA 1972 S111
Xmas tree	£60.00	BACS	LGA 1972 S111
J Charman Expenses	£55.60	BACS	LG(FP)A1963. S5
WJP Software ltd	£496.80	BACS	LGA 1972 S111

HMRC	£248.02	BACS	LGA 1972 S112
Pnet	£26.96	DD	LGA 1972 s112
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TOTAL	£1997.38		

b) Receipts to note against January bank statements

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Interest to 31 st January – 2250	£0.00
Interest to 31 st January- 9243	£26.18
National grid	£65.39
HWMC rent	£56.50
TOTAL	£148.07

c) Bank reconciliations – January – To Approve

Balance brought forward from year end 31 st March 2024	£31264.13
Add: Receipts to date	£46632.19
Less: Payments to date	£33700.45
Closing balance at 31 st January 2025	£44195.87
Bank balances as at 31st January 2025	
Current Account (6712)	£20952.26
Business Reserve Account (2250)	£0.00
CIL Deposit Account (9243)	£23243.61
Less unpresented cheques	£0.00
TOTAL	£44195.87

Councillors considered for Approval the bank reconciliation up to 31st January 2025. It was proposed by Cllr Sherwin, seconded by Cllr Matthews and **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the bank reconciliation up to 31st January 2025.

d) Payments for authorisation and Payment in February 2025

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Staff Salary	Due 12/2/25	£978.84
Staff expenses to (12/2/25)	Expenses/reimbursements	£55.20
O2 (Feb)	Sim only contract (DD)	£13.20
SSE	Electricity (variable DD)	£
PlusNet (Feb)	Broadband	£26.96
TOTAL		£1074.20

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



25/22 Planning Matters

a) To discuss the following planning applications:

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 1 no residential dwelling with all associated works.

Resolved to make no comment

b) Planning Decisions for information:

i). Application Reference: 25/00265/TCA

Address: Bay Tree Cottage, School Lane, Marchamley, SY4 5LD

Proposed: Old fir tree – circa 100m high – was damaged in storm Darragh. Root ball movement evidenced by displacement of concrete fence post and observed tilt by ourselves and neighbours. Want to take down for safety reasons.

Decision: Withdrawn

25/23 Meetings

- Meeting dates for 25/26 parish council meetings were agreed and will be added to the website and noticeboard
- Annual parish meeting – The clerk reminded councillors of the reports required for the annual parish meeting

25/24 Hodnet Recreation Ground

- Quotes/Driveway correspondence- clerk to arrange 2 further quotes with Cllr Powell & Sherwin meeting contractors
- Ground maintenance 25-26 – to be confirmed once further quote has been received.
- Benches – clerk registered interest in benches scheme but had not heard back. Up to date quotes for picnic table and bench.
- Correspondence – Hedge has been cut, clerk to respond to other queries.

25/25 Highways and Environmental

- Clerk to contact Shropshire Council again re dog waste bin for Wollerton
- Complain regarding leaf litter blocking drains – road sweeper required for Hodnet Rd, also paradise

25/26 Street Lighting

- Clerk updated that all reported lights had been fixed, two lights (H56/H13) are on the list for national grid to restore supply, W15 has been fitted with a shield, W1 queried if been on in the day again but has been checked by engineer.



25/27 Correspondence

- a) Lostford bridge closure
- b) On the Beat newsletter
- c) Fraud Bulletin January & February 25
- d) Severn Trent Water Councillor Newsletter
- e) NALC Chief Executives Bulletin
- f) SALC Briefings
- g) North Shropshire Area Committee Minutes
- h) Project Gigabit Update
- i) Buckingham Palace Garden Party
- j) Planning Inspectorate correspondence re Peplow Bridleway
- k) Update on Bridleway claim
- l) Flytipping
- m) Quote re driveway
- n) Ground maintenance 25-26
- o) Correspondence re hedges & pathways

25/28 Parish Matters

- Defibrillator – ongoing to get the fire station defib live on the circuit
- VE Day – look into to what events are happening locally

25/29 Items for future agendas

- Co-option of councillor

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Approval of the Minutes from the meeting held on 13th February 2025.

Minutes accepted and approved by Hodnet Parish Council at a meeting held on Thursday 27th March 2025.

Signed by the Chairman.....

