



HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the FULL COUNCIL meeting of Hodnet Parish Council held at the Lyon Hall, Hodnet on Thursday 26th March 2026 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Sally Gallivan, Mark Gilbert, John Matthews, Richard Miller, John Parker, John Powell, Lin Sherwin (Chair), Ross Underwood, Jason Watts, Jayne Charman (Clerk)
Members of the public: 2

26/41 Welcome, Apologies and reasons for Absence

Cllr Edmunds sent apologies & sent a written report for the Annual parish meeting.

26/42 Appointments

Cllr Powell proposed Emma Spenser be co-opted as councillor. Cllr Gilbert seconded and all unanimously agreed. Cllr Spenser completed a declaration of Acceptance of Office. This leaves one parish councillor vacancy.

26/43 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Powell declared a pecuniary interest in item 26/47d.

26/44 Public Session – none

26/45 The Minutes from the full council meeting on 12th February 2026 were considered for Approval. It was Proposed by Cllr Gilbert, seconded by Cllr Matthews and RESOLVED to APPROVE the Minutes, which were then signed by the Chairman.

26/46 Reports

- Clerks report – to note
- Unitary Councillor Report – full report given in the previous annual meeting
- Reports from Councillors – Cllr Gilbert updated councillors on the recent coffee morning held in the parish with Mark Pritchard MP

26/47 Finance

a) Payments to note against February bank statements

PAYEE	AMOUNT	METHOD	AUTHORITY
Scribe	£42.00	DD	LGA 1972 s111
O2	£14.18	DD	LG(FP)A 1963 S5
Staff salary (12/2)	£1004.09	BACS	LGA 1972 s112(2)
Clerk expenses to 11/2	£42.60	BACS	LGA 1972 S112
Hodnet PCC (grant)	£1000.00	BACS	LGA 1972 s137
Shropshire Council	£1548.54	BACS	LA1983 s5
SSE Energy	£758.67	DD	PCA 1957 s112(1)

Highline Electrical	£988.80	BACS	PCA 1957 ss3 (1)
TOTAL	£5398.88		

b) Receipts to note against February bank statements

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Interest to 28 th February – 2250	£0.00
Interest to 28 th February - 9243	£46.19
CCLA investment	£379.09
Hodnet Social Club	£62.50
TOTAL	£487.78

c) Bank reconciliation – February – To Approve

Balance brought forward from year end 31 st March 2025	£31779.83
Add: Receipts to date	£90007.54
Less: Payments to date	£45468.68
Closing balance at 28 th February 2026	£76318.69
Bank balances as at 28th February 2026	
Current Account (6712)	£13379.44
Business Reserve Account (2250)	£0.00
CIL Deposit Account (9243)	£62939.25
Less unrepresented cheques	£0.00
TOTAL	£76318.69

Councillors considered for Approval the bank reconciliation up to the 28th February 2026. It was Proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Matthews and RESOLVED that the bank reconciliation up to 28th February 2026 be APPROVED.

d) Payments for authorisation and Payment in March & April 2026

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Staff Salary	Due 12/3/26	£1010.29
Staff Salary	Due 12/4/26	£1010.29
O2	Sim only contract (DD)	£14.18
O2	Sim only contract (DD)	£14.18
SSE	Electric (streetlights) (DD)	£618.42
SSE	Electric (Streetlights) (DD)	£
Scribe	Accounts Subscription (DD)	£42.00
Scribe	Accounts Subscription (DD)	£42.00
Staff expenses	Travel/homeworking	£48.60
K&S Landscapes	Grass cutting Q1	£660.00
Pnet	Broadband (DD)	£24.99
Pnet	Broadband (DD)	£24.99
J Powell	Permissive path	£400.00
TOTAL		£3909.94

Councillors considered for Approval payments for March/April 2026. It was Proposed by Cllr Gallivan, seconded by Cllr Gilbert and RESOLVED that the payments for March/April 2026 be APPROVED.

The Clerk also confirmed that she had paid £56.95 to Simba IT under delegated powers.

26/48 Grant request – Hodnet Seniors lunch club – given the amount request it was decided that the most suitable fund to apply to was Hodnet Charities who would fully support the request.

26/49 Planning Matters

a.) Planning – To discuss

i.) Application Reference: 26/00799/FUL

Address: Ye Old Saddlery, 22 Drayton Rd, Hodnet

Proposed: Change of use from C3 (dwelling house) to C1 (hotel accommodation) in Association with the Bear Hotel

Support (5) Object (4) Pleased that it is restored, disappointed its not being utilised for local people to occupy.

b.) Planning Decisions – For information

i.) Application Reference: 25/03752/LBC

Address: Hodnet Medical Centre, 18 Drayton Rd, Hodnet

Proposed: Proposed thatched roof repairs, replacement of 3no. windows to north gable, timber frame repairs and introduction of pentice board to north gable elevation

Decision: Grant Permission

ii.) Application Reference: 26/00696/CPE

Address: Radmoor Farm, Peplow, Market Drayton

Proposed: Application for a lawful development certificate of existing use to constitute lawful commencement of granted planning permission 23/02231/FUL

Decision: Certificate – Lawful

c.) Planning – For information only

i.) Application Reference: 26/01026/CPL

Address: Wyndhurst, Wollerton, TF9 3NB

Proposed: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed siting of caravan to provide additional accommodation for family of homeowners.

d.) Correspondence regarding refusal of existing lawful use – Clerk to write to Shropshire Council planning with concerns.

26/50 Hodnet Recreation Ground

- Driveway quotes were considered, however due to the amount of the quotes the Clerk needs to take advice on procedure to be followed before proceeding.
- Clerk to correspond with clothing bank company.

26/51 Community Hub – This item was discussed after the public session. A representative from the hub explained to councillors about the groups aims and how it was set up and the covenant created. Cllr Sherwin has agreed to attend meetings as Hodnets representative.

26/52 Lyon Hall carpark – The carpark and front of Lyon Hall needs to be closed on the Friday evening ready for sweeping on 9/5 and line painting on 10/5

26/53 Annual Parish Meeting – none

26/54 Highways and Environmental

- Highways meeting was cancelled by Shropshire Council less than 30 mins beforehand so VAS could not be progressed. The clerk has requested all details in writing including timescales and terms, however has not yet had a response.
- Old Auction Yard surface issue. Clerk has various correspondence attempting to get the issue resolved, but Shropshire Council are not committing to anything other than stating it will be dealt with in their scheduled program of works. Clerk has involved Cllr Edmunds to try to escalate the matter.
- Hawkestone signage is having to be remade due to a sizing error.

26/55 Devolution – Hodnet has asked for a framework from Shropshire Council as not in a position to do anything without this.

26/56 Street Lighting - none

26/57 Correspondence

- a.) On the Beat newsletter & fraud bulletin
- b.) SALC briefings
- c.) NSAC Minutes
- d.) Road Closures
- e.) Ollerton to Peplow
- f.) Notes of highways meeting
- g.) Community Hub
- h.) Asset Transfer Policy
- i.) Neighbourhood Fund 2026
- j.) 340 bus route
- k.) Old Auction Yard Pavement
- l.) Hodnet Seniors Lunch Club
- m.) Existing lawful use refusal
- n.) Driveway quotes

26/58 Parish Matters

- Clerk to email Hodnet Footpath group to thank them for their work with the Ollerton to Peplow route.
- Staff appraisal to be organised for May.

26/59 Items for future agendas – None

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.