HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the FULL PARISH COUNCIL meeting of Hodnet Parish Council held at the Lyon Hall, Hodnet on 10th September 2026.

Present: Cllrs Sally Gallivan, Mark Gilbert, John Matthews, Richard Miller, John Parker, John Powell, Lin Sherwin (Chair), Emma Spenser, Jason Watts, Jayne Charman (clerk)
Members of the public: 3

26/115 **Welcome, Apologies and reasons for Absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr Underwood – reason accepted.

26/116 **Appointments –** Cllr Spenser proposed that Christopher Mennan be co-opted as parish Councillor. Cllr Parker seconded and all unanimously agreed. Cllr Mennan completed a Declaration of Acceptance of office.

26/117 **Declaration of Interests to be declared** – Cllr Parker noted a non-pecuniary interest in Item 26/121g and Cllr Gilbert noted a non-pecuniary interest in knowing the individual Seeking confirmation of local connection.

26/118 **Public Session** – Councillors heard from a parishioner requiring confirmation of local Connection to which councillors were able to agree that the clerk could confirm this.

26/124* **Hodnet Hub proposal –** *It was agreed for Item 26/124 to be moved to this point in the Meeting to allow councillors to hear a parishioners proposal.*
Councillors heard about the lack of provision for teenagers and young people. Lack of transport was raised. However, the parish council explained they had been requesting better buses through the village, but this was outside of their control. Suggestions were made for the old BMX area to have outdoor gym equipment and/or basket ball hoop/multisport court. It was also suggested the social club could provide some provision for this age group (although the parish council explained it does not operate the club).Councillors agreed there was a deficiency and that enhanced provision for young people was required. Clerk is going to investigate options, costs and funding options.

26/119 **Minutes to be Approved** – The minutes from the full council meeting on 23rd July 2026 were considered for approval. It was proposed by Cllr Gilbert, seconded by Cllr Parker and RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes which were then signed by the chairman.

26/120 **Reports**

- Clerks report – The clerk gave a brief report and noted that she had complied with advertising the notice of public rights/publication of unaudited AGAR with the dates 23rd June 26 to 3rd August 26.
- Unitary Councillor Report – none received
- Reports from Councillors – Cllr Sherwin gave a report summarising the success of the parish council stand at the Hodnet Extravaganza. He thanked the councillors who gave up their time on the day. He reported positive conversations and listed

several issues that were raised with regard to speeding, road markings and road signs. It was noted that several requests were made including more picnic benches on the recreation ground, a skate park and a basketball hoop.

26/121 Finance

a.) Payments to note against bank statements

July

PAYEE	AMOUNT	METHOD	AUTHORITY
Scribe	£42.00	DD	LGA 1972 s111
O2	£15.28	DD	LG(FP)A 1963 S5
Staff salary (12/7)	£1014.38	BACS	LGA 1972 s112(2)
SSE Energy	£358.41	DD	PCA 1957 s112 (1)
HMRC	£738.95	DD	LGA 1972 s112
Highline Electrical	£655.20	BACS	PCA 1957 ss3(1) & 7
KS Plantscapes	£660.00	BACS	HA 1980 s96
Staff expenses to 22/7/26	£111.00	BACS	LGA 1972 s112
Pnet	£28.99	DD	LGA 1972 s112
TOTAL	**£3624.21**		

August

PAYEE	AMOUNT	METHOD	AUTHORITY
Scribe	£42.00	DD	LGA 1972 s111
O2	£15.28	DD	LG(FP)A 1963 S5
Staff salary (12/8)	£1014.18	BACS	LGA 1972 s112(2)
SSE Energy	£391.81	DD	PCA 1957 s112 (1)
TOTAL	**£1463.27**		

b.) Receipts to note against bank statements

July

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Interest to 31st July – 2250	£0.00
Interest to 31st July - 9243	£51.65
Hodnet Social Club	£62.50
Telereal	£151.58
HMRC Vat	£2906.03
TOTAL	**£3171.76**

August

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Interest to 31st August – 2250	£0.00
Interest to 31st August - 9243	£46.69
CCLA Investment	£387.16
Hodnet Social Club	£62.50
TOTAL	**£496.35**

c.) Bank reconciliations To Approve

July

Balance brought forward from year end 31st March 2026	£73473.60
Add: Receipts to date	£51317.43
Less: Payments to date	£14258.31
Closing balance at 31st July 2026	**£110532.72**
Bank balances as at 31st July 2026	
Current Account (6712)	£38930.18
Business Reserve Account (2250)	£0.00
CIL Deposit Account (9243)	£71602.54
Less unpresented cheques	£0.00
TOTAL	**£110532.72**

August

Balance brought forward from year end 31st March 2026	£73473.60
Add: Receipts to date	£51813.78
Less: Payments to date	£15721.58
Closing balance at 31st August 2026	**£109565.80**
Bank balances as at 31st August 2026	
Current Account (6712)	£37916.57
Business Reserve Account (2250)	£0.00
CIL Deposit Account (9243)	£71649.23
Less unpresented cheques	£0.00
TOTAL	**£109565.80**

Councillors considered for approval the bank reconciliations for July and August 2026. It was proposed by Cllr Watts, seconded by Cllr Powell and RESOLVED that the bank reconciliation up to 31st August 2026 be APPROVED.

d.) Payments for authorisation and Payment in September 2026

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Staff Salary	Due 12/9/26 inc backpay from ¼ due to LGS pay agreement	£1377.06
Staff Expenses	Travel/homeworking	£51.40
O2	Sim only contract (DD)	£15.28
SSE	Electric (streetlights) (DD) (bill not yet received)	£
Scribe	Accounts Subscription (DD)	£42.00
Pnet	Broadband (DD)	£28.99
Nobridge Ltd	Spraying around parish	£441.00
Highline Electrical	M9 Led upgrade	£707.16
SLCC	SLCC annual membership	£200.00
Premier	Tarmac driveway/carpark	£37327.68
TOTAL		**£40190.57**

Councillors considered payments to be authorised in September 2026. It was proposed by Cllr Watts, seconded by Cllr Powell and RESOLVED to APPROVE payments to be made in September.

e.) **Approve Local Government Services Pay Agreement 26/7 –** It was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Miller and RESOLVED to APPROVE the pay agreements new rate of pay and back pay from 1/4/26.

f.) **Natwest banking –** The clerk raised issues with administering the Natwest account due to lack of communication or responses from Natwest and due to the account not being tailored to a parish councils needs. She also raised issues surrounding making larger payments. It was agreed Cllr Powell is to assist with communicating with Natwest and that the clerk is to present the options for moving banking to Unity.

g.) **Grant Application –** An application was received for staging for the Lyon Hall. The grant was approved in principle to be paid when funding is available.

26/122 Planning Matters

a.) Planning – To discuss

i.) Application Reference: 26/03152/FUL
Address: Hillsworth, Lostford, TF9 3LT
Proposed: Construction of a single-storey side extension, a rear infill extension and internal reconfiguration
SUPPORT with no comment

ii.) Application Reference: 26/03270/TCA
Address: Oakenhurst, Marchamley, SY4 5LA
Proposed: Fell 1no. Leylandii within Marchamley Conservation Area
No comment

iii.) Application Reference: 26/03274/TCA
Address: 30 Shrewsbury Street, Hodnet, TF9 3NS
Proposed: Fell all trees of mixed species within site boundary (as per schedule) within Hodnet Conservation Area
No comment

iv.) Application Reference: 26/03218/AG1 (for notification only)
Address: Websters Lane Farm, Websters Lane, Hodnet, TF9 3JH
Proposed: Potato storage shed

v.) Consultation for felling licence – 015/646/2026 – **no comment**

b.) Planning Decisions – For information

i.) Application Reference: 26/02742/OHL
Address: Buildings, Websters Lane, Hodnet, TF9 3JH
Proposed: Upgrading existing single transformer pole to a H transformer pole and 2 x stay wires
Decision: No objection OHL/circular notification

ii.) Application Reference: 26/01159/FUL
Address: Proposed residential conversion of building, Marchamley Farm, Wood Lane, Wollerton, TF9 3NY

Proposed: Conversion of an existing building into a single dwelling along with undercover parking and associated landscaping
Decision: Grant permission

26/123 **Hodnet Recreation Ground**

- Driveway – It was reported that the tarmacing had been completed. Cllr Sherwin is to obtain replacement wooden posts as they are rotten.
- Play area – The clerk showed councillors the floorplan for the play area and the fencing/gates. The current start date for works is 26th October however this may be improved upon.

26/125 **Highways and Environmental**

- VAS – The clerk reported that SWARCO paperwork has been completed and the current estimate for installation of the VAS is between 12-16 weeks.

26/126 **Street Lighting**

- The clerk has received the renewal quote from SSE. However due to the price increase she is to try to obtain further unmetered supply quotes for the October meeting.
- H1 reported as not working and W9 reported as intermittently on during the day. Clerk to liaise with contractor.

26/127 **Correspondence**

- SALC Briefings (emailed)
- Fraud bulletins
- Police newsletters (emailed)
- Shropshire local transport plan pre-consultation
- NJC pay award
- Consultation for felling licence (emailed)
- Correspondence re bus service – clerk to email Shropshire Council/bus provider
- OPCC survey – Cllr Gallivan to complete
- SALC AGM – Cllr Sherwin to attend

26/128 **Parish Matters** - none

26/129 **Items for future agendas**

- Basketball hoop/multicourt/outdoor gym options
- Electricity contract renewal
- Banking/Unity Bank

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.17pm

Approval of the Minutes from the meeting held on 10th September 2026.

Minutes accepted and approved by Hodnet Parish Council at a meeting held on Thursday 15th October 2026 .

Signed by the Chairman.....