

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th July 2025 at Doddington Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Mark Humpage (Chair), Cllr Tracey Wood, Cllr Barry Buffrey, Cllr Paul Blakeway, Cllr James Hinton, Cllr Sue Turner, Unitary Cllr Dave Davies and the Clerk, Sarah Brown

Chairman, Cllr Mark Humpage welcomed everyone to the July meeting.

184/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members
Cllr Maria Cook (personal), Cllr Andy Jones (personal) and Lengthsman Anthony Harman

184/02 Declarations of Interest

None.

184/03 Public Participation session

None.

184/04 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025 were taken as read and signed.

184/05 Matters' Arising

None.

184/06 Clerk/Lengthsman and Chairperson Reports

i) Clerk's Report

Following site visit regarding Bridge Cottage, Hopton Wafers (25/01800/FUL) planning application, Clerk has submitted support for this planning application

Following site visit for proposed residential development land North East of Hopton Wafers (25/01816/FUL)

Clerk has updated the spreadsheet database for planning applications. To summarise, since 2009 there has been approval for 21 market houses within the parish, 4 affordable properties with local connections, 8 barn/stable or office conversions and 2 agricultural dwellings.

Email received on 19.06.25 to notify council that Sergeant Dougal Bell will be taking charge of the Ludlow and Cleobury & Highley SNT's, based from out of Ludlow police station. Clerk to invite Sergeant Bell to a future council meeting.

Noise complaint received from resident of Ditton Mill resolved on 17.06.25

Payment received from HMRC for VAT return of £822.16 on 18.16.25, CIL Neighbourhood Fund of £946.38 on 26.06.25 and EMG funding £750 on 02.07.25.

Clerk has received correspondence regarding notice of pre planning notice, reference 25/01816/FUL (validated 16/05/25).

Email received from Unitary Cllr Dave Davies regarding the potholes at the bottom of Hopton Bank – matter is with FixMyStreet and acknowledgement of this has been received.

One application from Parish that meets criteria received from Mr Steve Chapman. Clerk to arrange for Councillors to meet with applicant.

AGAR – form page 3 to be signed to confirm our exception from audit.

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ii) Lengthsman Report

The Lengthsman has completed works at the Bus shelter, cutting back the hedge at Doddington and cleaned out a number of drains on Stockhall Lane.

184/07 Financial Matters

- i. Council approved the quarterly review and bank reconciliation.

184/08 Payments

Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

i) Mrs S. Brown - Clerk's Wages (July)	£316.95
ii) HMRC – PAYE – (July)	£79.20
iii) Cllr's expenses	£13.50

184/09 Planning Matters

(a) New Planning Applications

PREAPM/25/00284 - Erection of an affordable dwelling - Land To The South Of, Hopton Wafers

Cllrs agreed to wait for the full planning application notice before discussing

(b) Planning Decisions

Reference: 25/01816/FUL (validated: 16/05/2025)

Address: Proposed Residential Development Land North East Of, Hopton Wafers, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of three self-build dwellings with garages and formation of vehicular accesses

Decision: Refuse

184/10 Swallows' Nest

Upon review the build has some adjustments to plans which include new windows that overlook the neighbours, positioning of gates does not agree with plans and goes directly onto the road, though this could be temporary and the property is now three storey whilst the plans were for a two storey property. There is also a balcony with a room underneath but again this is incomplete. Enforcement have sent a notice saying that the window under the balcony needs to be changed. Cllrs agree that this needs to be monitored until the building works are complete.

184/11 Unitary Councilors' Reports

Attached.

Cllrs and Unitary Cllr made introductions.

Unitary Cllr has put in a complaint regarding the ongoing issues around waiting for road repair work in Earls Ditton Lane. This was initially rejected and has been resubmitted via FixMyStreet.

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184/12 Parish Matters/Highways

- i) New Parish matters - none
- ii) New Highways matters – none

184/13 Future Agenda Items

Update on Parish and Neighbourhood Plan.

184/14 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 11th August 2025 at Hopton Wafers Village Hall.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Signed:

Date:

Print name: