

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th August 2025 at Hopton Wafers Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Mark Humpage (Chair), Cllr Tracey Wood, Cllr Barry Buffrey, Cllr Maria Cook, Cllr James Hinton, Cllr Sue Turner, Lengthsman, Anthony Harman, Unitary Cllrs Dave Davies and Pamela Davies, and the Clerk, Sarah Brown

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

185/01 Co-option of new Councillor

Council all agreed to Co-opt Mr Steve Chapman and received his signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office

185/02 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr Paul Blakeway

185/03 Declarations of Interest

None.

185/04 Public Participation session

None.

185/05 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th July 2025 were taken as read and signed.

185/06 Matters' Arising

None.

185/07 Clerk/Lengthsman and Chairperson Reports

i) Clerk's Report

Clerk has received correspondence from NALC regarding their partnership with Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) to launch a new survey designed to help parish and town councils enhance their flood resilience requesting that all Parish Councils complete their survey.

Clerk has completed the survey requested by Town and Country West Mercia PCC.

Clerk shared email from Milson and Neen Sollars Parish Council, received 23/07/2025 regarding concerns around highways.

Mobile phone mast update - Planning was submitted Thursday, 7th August. Once it has been validated we will receive the planning portal link for tracking. Kelly requests the parish provide a supporting letter on headed paper. It doesn't have to be too long but would be good to include a few sentences noting that you are supportive of the proposal and perhaps reasons why it's needed for the village and surrounding area. Kelly says it can either put this in alongside our application, or it can be sent into the planners by us once the application is live. Council suggested advertising on social media to gain further support from the community..

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ii) Lengthsman Report

The bus shelter at Doddington – cleaned out and works are complete, a lot of sweet wrappers cleared; Lengthsman has cut hedge back on the opposite side of the road to the road sign; Lengthsman has forwarded photographs from works on Stockhall Lane where drains have been unblocked and cleared including below Pound House ditch cleared and drain unblocked; Two drains that end points are unknown on Stockhall Lane have been rodded again; Lengthsman has driven around parish and strimmed around road signs and will strim some of the old slip lane on the A4117. Cllr asked that road sign is repositioned near the Crown pub. Lengthsman confirmed that he will need to put up the rates for his digger and tractor as now has to use white diesel.

Invoice £480 submitted.

185/08 Financial Matters

None.

185/09 Payments

Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

i) Mrs S. Brown - Clerk's Wages (Aug)	£316.95
ii) HMRC – PAYE – (Aug)	£79.20
iii) Hopton Wafers Village Hall	£45.00
iv) AP Supplies (Lengthsman)	£480.00

185/10 Planning Matters

(a) New Planning Applications

Reference: 25/02753/FUL (validated: 31/07/2025)

Address: 33 The Green, Crumps Brook, Hopton Wafers, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0HY

Proposal: Erection of two storey extension to front elevation

Applicant: Mr J Cartlidge

Council resolved to arrange visit to the site prior to agreeing to support or oppose this application.

Reference: 25/02647/ADV (validated: 29/07/2025)

Address: St Johns Church, Doddington, Hopton Wafers, Shropshire

Proposal: Signage

Applicant: Mrs Celia Gibb (8 Whatsill, Hopton Wafers, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0HL, United Kingdom)

Reference: 25/02668/FUL (validated: 28/07/2025)

Address: Lower Birches, Cleeton St Mary, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0QS

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural storage building

Applicant: Mrs Felicity Candogan

Council resolved to support this planning application

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(b) Planning Decisions – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Reference: 25/01800/FUL (validated: 05/06/2025)

Address: Proposed Dwelling West Of Bridge Cottage, Hopton Wafers, Shropshire, DY14 0HH

Proposal: Creation of a residential curtilage and erection of a dwelling. Creation of parking spaces.

Decision: Grant Permission

185/11 Unitary Councilors' Reports

Attached.

Cllrs shared job/project number (U8714) for highways on Earls Ditton Lane with Unitary Councilors.

Cllrs requested information regarding if and how allocated national funds are being spent within Shropshire on Highways.

Unitary Councilors to research if the Neighbourhood Plan is worth considering and if Shropshire will be renewing their Local Plan.

185/12 Parish Matters/Highways

- i) New Parish matters – Cllr James Hilton shared that from research the Neighbourhood plan is a huge undertaking and will be costly as experts will be required to contribute. It may not be worthwhile at the current time as Shropshire do not have a current Local Plan in place.
- ii) New Highways matters – none

185/13 Future Agenda Items

Update on Parish and Neighbourhood Plan.

185/14 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 8th September 2025 at Doddington Village Hall.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

Signed:

Date:

Print name: