

# Hopton Wafers Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at Doddington Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Sue Turner (Chair), Cllr Barry Buffrey, Cllr Andy Jones, Cllr Steve Chapman, Cllr Maria Cook, Cllr James Hinton, Unitary Cllr David Davies and the Clerk, Sarah Brown

Chairman, Cllr Sue Turner welcomed everyone to the November meeting.

188/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr Mark Humpage, Cllr Paul Blakeway, Cllr Tracey Wood and Lengthsman, Anthony Harman

188/02 Declarations of Interest

None.

188/03 Public Participation session

Members of the public raised planning application reference 25/03969/FUL which has been resubmitted. The planning has been resubmitted with the change from self-build properties to market housing. Concerns raised were that the buildings remain outside of the village boundary, there has already been a lot of building development within the village, the proposed buildings are for three large houses on 3 small plots, no consideration has been made for the hedgerows where there is abundance of wildlife, and no provision has been made for privacy of the existing properties next to the plot.

188/04 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Attached.

Cllr Barry Buffrey met with Andy Keyland from Highways and the meeting was positive regarding resurfacing Earls Ditton Lane. The funds for this has been "ring fenced". Works we projected to commence in February 2025. Cllr Barry Buffrey suggested completing the works in two parts, which Andy Keyland thought was a good idea and will take this idea back to his team. It was felt that due to potential weather issues in February it would be preferable for the works to commence in April 2026.

188/05 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025 were taken as read and signed.

188/06 Matters' Arising

None.

188/07 Clerk/Lengthsman and Chairperson Reports

i) Clerk's Report

Clerk has received thanks for Council's donation to Cleobury Mortimer Foodbank.

Clerk has received correspondence regarding £125 charge for elections. This will be charged in January 2026.

Clerk has received email from Shropshire Together regarding Digital Switch over, advising two dates for briefings on this. Clerk to forward this email to Councillors who will advance their attendance.

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Clerk has put up signage in the wooden bus shelter at Doddington asking patrons to not leave litter. The bus shelter had a lot of litter at the time which the Clerk cleared.

## Lengthsman Report

The Lengthsman advised prior to meeting that he has unblocked two drains on Stockhall Lane and dug out grips from Cleeton junction to Hopton Bank Garage.

## 188/08 Financial Matters

None.

## 188/09 Payments

Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

i) Mrs S. Brown - Clerk's Wages (Nov)	£316.95
ii) HMRC – PAYE – (Nov)	£79.20
iii) Friends of Cleobury Mortimer Leisure Centre	£500.00
iv) Clerk's expenses (IONIS)	£77.88

## 188/10 Planning Matters

### (a) New Planning Applications

Reference: 25/03969/FUL (validated: 29/10/2025)

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

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

Applicant: Ms Charlotte Woodward (Hopton Court, Hopton Wafers, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, DY14 0EF)

Council resolved to oppose

### (b) Planning Decisions – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Reference: 25/03519/FUL (validated: 22/09/2025)

Address: Fairview Cottage, Cleeton St Mary, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0QT

Proposal: Erection of rear and side single storey extensions, formation of retaining wall and change of use of land to domestic garden with associated works

Decision: Grant Permission

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

Decision: Refuse

## 188/11 Parish Plan

Council resolved to advertise and recruit members of the community to form a working party. This will be shared at the next meeting.

## 188/12 VAS Data

Council to discuss VAS data at the next meeting.

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## 188/13 Clerk's salary

Council resolved to increase by 6.4% Clerk's salary to £5059 p.a.

## 188/14 Parish Matters/Highways

- i) New Parish matters
- ii) New Highways matters – sign at the bottom of Stockhall Lane has been damaged, Lengthsman to look at clearing out the bus shelter at the top of Stockhall Lane. The Lengthsman has cut back around the hedgerow on the A4117 VAS sign coming towards the village.

## 188/15 Future Agenda Items

None.

## 188/16 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at Hopton Wafers Village Hall.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.52pm.

Signed:

Date:

Print name: