

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026 at Hopton Wafers Village Hall commencing at 7.02pm.

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

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

193/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr Steve Chapman and Cllr Andy Jones

193/02 Declarations of Interest

None.

193/03 Public Participation session

None.

193/04 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Attached.

Cllrs requested an update on the proposed foodwaste collection.

Cllrs raised concern regarding accessibility of Shropshire Highways department, requested that a direct number is shared.

Cllrs requested confirmation of the date for the works at the Bridge on the A4117.

193/05 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th March 2026 were taken as read and signed.

193/06 Matters' Arising

None.

193/07 Clerk, Lengthsman and Chairperson Reports

i) Clerk's Report

Unity Trust Bank application process was started in March, paperwork to be signed by two Councillors and awaiting further paperwork to be completed.

The next meeting of South Shropshire Local Area Committee will take place on Tuesday 2nd June 6.30pm at The Mascall Centre, Ludlow. This will be the AGM where Chair David Mills will be stepping down. Cllr Barry Buffery to attend.

Clerk has received email on 19.03.26 regarding CIL payments for 2026. Hopton Wafers Parish was not listed to receive payment.

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Following instruction at the last meeting, the Clerk has purchased one replacement defib pads pack to replace the pads used at Hopton Bank Garage. Clerk has council to agree to purchasing a further pack, with the intention of keeping one spare set to replace when a defibrillator is used. Council agreed.

Clerk has received correspondence from VodafoneThree following Chairman's email to mobile network providers regarding the proposed Mobile Phone Mast. VodafoneThree have declined their support stating that they have a fully funded and regulated plan to deliver 5G standalone to 99.96% of the UK population by 2034. They further state that they have two existing sites to the East and West of Hopton Wafers along the A4117. These sites will be upgraded in the coming years as part of their wider network investment plan.

Clerk asked Councilors to approve Marilyn Wood to audit the accounts for 2025-26. Council agreed.

Lengthsman's Report

Works completed at Crumpsbrook by the bus stop; work completed by Cleeton Village Hall as requested at previous meeting; Heath Hill Farm down to Sproseley – ditches have been dug out; outstanding work to be completed to build a head wall. Stockhall Lane needs some work clearing.

Council requested that he repoints signs opposite the Crown Pub as they are currently mis-directed.

193/08 Annual Parish Meeting

Council agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 11th May (in place of monthly meeting) at Doddington Village Hall. Presentations from 6pm with the APM commencing at 7pm.

193/09 Payments

Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

i) Mrs S. Brown - Clerk's Wages (Apr)	£339.78
ii) HMRC – PAYE – (Apr)	£84.80
iii) SALC training invoice	£135.00
iv) Doddington Village Hall Hire	£90.00
v) Clerk's expenses - defibrillator pad	£75.98
vi) Clerk's expenses – IONIS	£100.94
vii) Lengthsman - March	£600.00

193/10 Planning Matters

(a) New Planning Applications

Reference: 26/01041/AG1 (validated: 18/03/2026)

Address: Little Shote, Hopton Bank, Hopton Wafers, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0QE

Proposal: Erection of a barn / storage building ancillary to the farmhouse. Barn / Store to be a steel framed clear span portal building with concrete floor. To limit visual impact the proposed building is to be positioned in front of a group of large agricultural storage buildings approx 5m from South East boundary with neighboring farm.

Applicant: Mr Martin Kerrigan

Does not need planning application, no further action

Planning Decisions – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Reference: 25/04349/VAR (validated: 28/11/2025)

Address: Barn 2 Barn Conversions At Earls Ditton Farm, Earls Ditton, Shropshire

Proposal: Variation of conditions no2 (approved plans) pursuant to 18/05835/FUL to allow changes to barn 4

Decision: Grant Permission

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193/11 Parish Plan

Volunteers met with Clerk prior to this meeting. Questions for the questionnaire have been agreed, Clerk will prepare the questionnaire which will be ready to present at the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting. Clerk to look into using a QR Code for the questionnaire as well as providing respondees with paper copies.

193/12 Parish Matters/Highways

- i) New Parish matters
- ii) New Highways matters – resurfacing works will commence at Ditton Mill Road on 5th May, work will take place in two sections; overhanging trees on Stockhall Lane, Clerk to write to land owners to request that this addressed; rubbish from field on A4117, Clerk to write to landowner.

193/13 Future Agenda Items

None.

193/14 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 8th June at 7pm at Hopton Wafers Village Hall.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.58pm.

Signed:

Date:

Print name: