

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th July 2026 at Doddington Village Hall commencing at 7.01pm.

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

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

195/01 Co-option of new Parish Councilor

Council all agreed to Co-opt Mrs Sara Parry and received her signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office

195/02 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr Steve Chapman and Cllr Barry Buffery

195/03 Declarations of Interest

None.

195/04 Public Participation session

None.

195/05 Unitary Councilors' Reports

Attached.

195/06 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th June 2026 were taken as read and signed.

195/07 Matters' Arising

None.

195/08 Clerk, Lengthsman and Chairperson Reports

i) Clerk's Report

AGAR form submitted at the end of June and is posted on Council website; Clerk has received no direct response by Andy Keyland but has received communication via Unitary Cllr Dave Davies confirming works at Bridge Cottage is scheduled for September 2026; response submitted to Mr Nigel Poyner on 9th June 2026, no response received to date; email received today regarding Shropshire transport (Local Transport Plan – LTP) requested representation from Council at the online meeting on 28th July – Paul Blakeway to attend.

ii) Lengthsman's Report

Has completed hedge work opposite the Mill House and found a previously unknown drain which can be kept clear; the old slip has been strimmed; has been asked to look at the drains by the bridge before Hopton Court – will communicate with the Woodward family.

Lengthsman was asked to remove the branch that has been left in the brick bus stop at Doddington

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195/09 Financial Matters

Council approved the quarterly review and bank reconciliation.

194/10 Payments

Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

i)	Mrs S. Brown - Clerk's Wages (July)	£339.58
ii)	HMRC – PAYE – (July)	£84.80
iii)	Clerk's expenses – IONIS	£28.94
iv)	Clerk's expenses (Printer toner)	£94.90

195/11 Planning Matters

(a) New Planning Applications

Reference – 26/02133/VAR

Development proposed – Variation of condition no. 2 (approved drawings) attached to the planning reference 25/03048/FUL

Location: Proposed dwelling North East of 2 Doddington, Shropshire

Same footprint - support

Reference: 26/02053/OUT (validated 11/06/2026)

Address: Proposed Dwelling East of Rectory Cottage, Hopton Bank, Hopton Wafers, Shropshire

Proposal: Outline application (all matters reserved) for erection of dwelling, garage and office and alterations to vehicular and pedestrian access

Application: Mr L Cooper (Rectory Cottage, Hopton Bank, Hopton Wafers, Shropshire, DY14 0ND)

Object

(b) Planning Decisions – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Reference: 26/01476/FUL (validated: 30/04/2026)

Address: Hunters Rest, 6 Silvington, Hopton Wafers, Kidderminster DY14 0ER

Proposal: Erection of general purpose agricultural storage building on existing hardstanding

Decision: Grant permission

195/12 Parish Plan

No update.

195/13 Seb Elwood – Shropshire Wildlife Trust

Newly in position for this area, however he has been promoted to provide an overview of Shropshire Wildlife Trust work and will be appointing someone to represent this area. Would like to know what the Parish would like in terms of wildlife protection and would like to make connections to work more closely with local communities. Seb is keen to run workshops, walks or talks about their works with local communities.

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195/14 Parish Matters/Highways

- i) New Parish matters – Phone mast update – planning permission has been granted, land owner has signed contracts, however we are still awaiting network providers to sign up. Stuart Anderson, MP has been very supportive and has twice written to mobile network providers; roads around the village are no longer passable by two vehicles due to overhanging hedges.
- ii) New Highways matters

195/15 Future Agenda Items

Risk Assessments review and Hedge Management impacting accessibility.

195/16 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 10th August at 7pm at Hopton Wafers Village Hall.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.02pm.

Signed:

Date:

Print name: