

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th August 2026 at Hopton Wafers Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Mark Humpage (Chair), Cllr Sue Turner, Cllr Maria Cook, Cllr Sara Parry, Cllr Barry Buffrey, Cllr James Hilton, Cllr Steve Chapman, Unitary Cllr Dave Davies and the Clerk Sarah Brown

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

196/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr Tracey Wood and Lengthsman, Anthony Harman

196/02 Declarations of Interest

None.

196/03 Public Participation session

None.

196/04 Unitary Councilors' Reports

Attached. New date for the works at the Bridge on the A4117 is 29th September.

196/05 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th July 2026 were taken as read and signed.

196/06 Matters' Arising

None.

196/07 Clerk, Lengthsman and Chairperson Reports

i) Clerk's Report

Notification of SALC's annual general meeting on 3rd November from 4 until 7pm at Shrewsbury Football Grounds.

Email received from OPCC for their online survey which has gone live and an expectation of completion by PC by 14th October 2026.

Training – Clerk to enroll new Councilor on the Fundamentals for new Parish Councilors online course on 30th September at 6.30.

Email from SALC requesting that residents complete online Adult Social Care Survey - [Shropshire residents urged to take part in national conversation on the future of adult social care - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#) - "In Shropshire, social care already accounts for about two-thirds of everything the council spends. Our ageing population, the size and rural nature of the county, and the rising cost of providing care all make this challenge more acute. These are not abstract figures — they affect real people, real families and the services residents rely on. " This has been shared on the Parish Facebook page.

ALC – Chairman's meeting is on Zoom on 30th September, forwarded to our chair.

Parish Plan – What next, webinar on 16th December 12 noon to 1.15 – Clerk to attend.

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Mobile phone mast - Clerk and Chairman met with Michael Rose of Atlas Tower Group on 10.08.26 to discuss current status and next steps. Difficulties shared are that we are a small community and therefore improving our mobile signal is not financially beneficial to the major network providers. On a positive note, when one Network Provider engages will trigger the erection of the mast. Michael recommended that Council continue to write to the network companies and continue to work with our MP, Stuart Anderson. He also recommended contacting OfCom. Atlas Group will provide a small monthly update moving forward. Cllrs asked Unitary Cllr Dave Davies for support in this process.

Note on Social media about the Cattle Grid at Doddington – needs clearing out. This has been raised on FixMyStreet

ii) Lengthsman's Report

No report from Lengthsman, but noted that strimming on A4117 and drain works completed.

196/08 Financial Matters

None.

196/09 Payments

Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

i)	Mrs S. Brown - Clerk's Wages (August)	£339.38
ii)	HMRC – PAYE – (August)	£85.00
iii)	Clerk's expenses – IONIS	£40.94
iv)	Gallagher – Insurance	£535.40

196/10 Planning Matters

(a) New Planning Applications

Reference: 26/02668/VAR (validated: 15/07/2026)

Address: Proposed Wedding Venue At The Orangery At Hopton Court, Hopton Wafers, Shropshire

Proposal: Variation of Condition 3 attached to Application Reference Number: 21/04133/FUL

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

Support

(b) Planning Decisions – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Reference: 26/00670/FUL (validated: 03/03/2026)

Address: Catherton Cottage, Catherton, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0LJ

Proposal: Fitting an EV charger to a boundary wall

Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 26/01497/FUL (validated: 27/04/2026)

Address: Proposed Residential Development Land Adjacent Ashcroft, Hopton Wafers, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of dwelling and detached garage

Decision: Withdrawn

Reference: 26/01718/FUL (validated: 14/05/2026)

Address: Proposed Dwelling At, Crumps Brook, Hopton Wafers, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 0EP

Proposal: Erection of one self-build dwelling.

Decision: Refuse

196/11 Parish Plan

Volunteers meet prior to Council meeting to receive questionnaires. These will be circulated during the first week of September and collected on week later.

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196/12 Parish Matters/Highways

- i) New Parish matters
- ii) New Highways matters – Concerns have been raised on Social Media regarding sheep on highways; Cllrs will collate a list of local farmers with the colour of markings for Cllrs to alert farmers.

196/13 Risk Assessments Review

Council reviewed and approved Risk Assessment policy.

196/14 Future Agenda Items

OPCC Online Questionnaire

196/15 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 14th September at 7pm at Doddington Village Hall.

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

Signed:

Date:

Print name: