

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th September 2026 at Doddington Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

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

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

197/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr Sara Parry

197/02 Declarations of Interest

None.

197/03 Public Participation session

None.

197/04 Unitary Councilors' Reports

Attached. Has visited the JCB site to see the new machinery for fixing potholes.

Chairperson asked about the correspondence stated in the report regarding the properties at Doddington. The correspondence refers to a site visit from a member of the public. Unitary Cllr Davies will advise Council when they know more to allow for PC to attend.

197/05 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th August 2026 were taken as read and signed.

197/06 Matters' Arising

None.

197/07 Clerk, Lengthsman and Chairperson Reports

i) Clerk's Report

Email from NALC re Clerk's pay award of 3.3%. Could this be added to the Agenda for October?

New Cllr Sara Parry is booked on to the New Councilors' Course on 30th September.

Correspondence from NALC regarding the **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)** inviting Council to attend webinars either on 24th September and 9th December. Clerk to share link to NPPF webinars.

SALC AGM: Council to decide on voting for nominations for the 2026 President's Award at the next meeting. Report that the speed sign on the outskirts of Hopton Wafers towards Hopton Court needs replacing – Clerk to report this on fixmystreet.

Works on A4117 – listed on Shropshire Highways [Interactive roadwork map - all works | Shropshire Council](#) – listed as “in progress”

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Email received from Laura Howells asking us to promote that fly tipping is reported on FixMyStreet - gave some updates on how fly tipping is dealt with – investigated and fines imposed.

ii) Lengthsman's Report

Some road signs need cutting around now that the hedges are being trimmed. Some saplings need work by the bus stop at Doddington. By the Hopton Crown, turning right, trimming to improve visibility when turning on to the A4117.

Chairperson's Report

Has made a request for permanent community speed watch signs due to road safety of volunteers particularly in Hopton Wafers on the A4117 – no response received yet.

197/08 Financial Matters

None.

197/09 Payments

Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

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| i) | Mrs S. Brown - Clerk's Wages (September) | £339.58 |
| ii) | HMRC – PAYE – (September) | £84.80 |
| iii) | Clerk's Expenses (IONIS) | £28.94 |

197/10 Planning Matters

(a) New Planning Applications

Reference: 26/02972/FUL (validated: 12/08/2026)

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

Proposal: Erection of dwelling and detached garage

Applicant: Mrs Henrietta Prosser (Hillocks, Hopton Wafers, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, DY14 0EB)

Object

Reference: 26/02889/FUL (validated: 26/08/2026)

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

Proposal: Extensions, refurbishment and reconfiguration of existing dwelling, and demolition of existing front extension.

Applicant: Mr Joshua Cartlidge

Neutral – as previous

(b) Planning Decisions – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Variation of condition no.2 (approved drawings) attached to Planning Application Reference Number: 25/03048/FUL - Proposed Dwelling North East Of 2 Doddington Shropshire – Withdrawn

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Reference: 26/02409/FUL (validated: 26/06/2026)

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

Proposal: First floor extension (amended description)

Decision: Grant Permission

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 (self-build) dwelling, garage and office and alterations to vehicular and pedestrian access.

Decision: Refuse

197/11 Parish Plan

All questionnaires have been delivered and some have been collected or left at the telephone box in Hopton Wafers. Thanks to volunteers. Steering group will meet next month to discuss plans to collate the resulting data.

197/12 Parish Matters/Highways

- i) New Parish matters – a member of the Parish has raised concerns about the bus service refusing to drop them off at the official bus stop in Doddington. The driver has said they don't recognize it as an official bus stop as there is no sign. Has asked that they make a note of the date and time and number plate of the bus. Council will write to the bus company to raise this concern.
Would like to promote what our Parish Council do to sign post residents to where to go with concerns.
- ii) New Highways matters - none

197/13 OPCC Online Questionnaire

Council completed the Online questionnaire.

197/14 Future Agenda Items

Nominees for SALC AGM
Clerk's annual pay award 2026-27

197/15 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 12th October at 7pm at Hopton Wafers Village Hall.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.26pm.

Signed:

Date:

Print name: