

HOPTON CUM KNETTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

THE VILLAGE HALL, HOPTON

MONDAY 8th DECEMBER 2025 AT 7 PM

(Draft until approved and signed)

PRESENT:

Councillor Andrea Hanks (Chair) (AH)

Councillor Su Delve (Vice Chair) (SD)

Councillor David Faiers (DF)

Councillor Ben Shotbolt (BS)

Councillor Julian Thompson (JT)

ABSENT:

Councillor Robert Capon (RC)

Councillor Peter Cox (PC)

Councillor Jo Hassan (JH)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicholas Spring, Clerk (NS)

District Councillor Carol Bull (CB)

Five members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence: RC, PC, JH and County Councillor Joanna Spicer (JS)
2. Members' declarations of interests & requests for dispensations if any - none
3. Reports from the County and/or District Councillor

CB reported on: the postponement of Mayoral elections; the unitary council consultation; the withdrawal of the planning application for 10 Nethergate Street; the Christmas bins schedule.

JS reported by email: that the results of the village speed survey should be circulated shortly; A143 works; the importance of usage data for the 73/73A bus service if funding was to be maintained.

4. To consider any matters relating to highways, pavements, footpaths and trees not already considered, including next steps regarding speed indicator devices – none

5. Public participation session

CB reported that a decision on the Cross Farm application was still pending.

6. The Council approved as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2025

7. Planning

- a. To consider the Parish Council's responses to any planning consultations received since the last meeting - none
- b. Sarsons Meadow development update, if any – the Clerk reported that the District Council had confirmed that the Section 106 contribution for the Village Hall was index-linked to building costs

8. Finances

- a. Council received the monthly Budget Report
- b. Council approved the Payments Schedule
- c. Council considered the draft budget for 2026/2027

9. Information updates from Councillors and the Clerk

DF would get a quote for the noticeboards to compare with the one already received.

JT reported that the Community Energy Company had received a grant of £40,000 for a feasibility study. If the scheme went ahead, the parish councils belonging to the Green Cluster could benefit in due course. JT also reported that as far as social housing was concerned, a housing needs study would be the next step. CB suggested that CAS was currently offering to fund studies.

SD reported on the planned winter tidy-up of Crooked Corner.

AH reported that the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal had raised £339.66 in the village. She also reported that on 10th January there would be an open morning for the playground project.

The Clerk reported that the SID had been collected.

10. To review any action points raised at previous meetings and not already considered - none

11. Date of the next meeting: Monday 19th January 2026