

HOPTON CUM KNETTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THE VILLAGE HALL, HOPTON
MONDAY 19th JANUARY 2026 AT 7 PM
(Draft until approved and signed)

PRESENT:

Councillor Su Delve (Vice Chair) (SD)
Councillor Robert Capon (RC)
Councillor Peter Cox (PC)
Councillor David Faiers (DF)
Councillor Jo Hassan (JH)
Councillor Julian Thompson (JT)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Andrea Hanks (Chair) (AH)
District Councillor Carol Bull (CB)

NOT PRESENT:

Councillor Ben Shotbolt (BS)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicholas Spring, Clerk (NS)
County Councillor Joanna Spicer (JS)

Four members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence: AH & CB
2. Members' declarations of interests & requests for dispensations: none
3. Reports from the County and/or District Councillor

JS reported that:

- Following the traffic survey, traffic calming will be progressed (dragons' teeth and roundels)
- She hoped to be able to put £500 towards a new speed indicator device
- She would request the mobile ANPR be used at the north end of the village
- Plans for LG reorganisation and elections had not yet been finalised.

4. Council to consider any matters relating to highways, pavements, footpaths and trees not already considered: locations for speed indicator devices were briefly discussed – a site meeting was needed and would be arranged before the next meeting.
5. Public participation session - none
6. Council approved as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2025
7. Planning
 - a. Council to consider its responses to any planning application consultations - none
 - b. Sarsons Meadow development update if any - none
8. Finances
 - a. Council noted a Bank Reconciliation
 - b. Council received the monthly Budget Report
 - c. Council approved the Payments Schedule
 - d. Council approved the Budget, including salaries, and Precept for 2026/2027
The Precept for 2026/27 would be £9009 compared to £9027 for 2025/26.
This would mean that the Parish Band D Council Tax would be £33.98, unchanged from 2025/26
 - e. The Chair and Clerk signed the Precept Application
9. Information updates from Councillors and the Clerk

JH reported that planting for a hedge to screen the site of the old swimming pool had been undertaken.

JT reported on: 'Save Our Buses'; Community Climate Action; and Parish Social Housing.

DF reported that trees had been planted along the ditch side of the Village Hall
10. Council to review any action points raised at previous meetings and not already considered.

A second quotation for new noticeboards was considered. Cit was suggested that commercial companies should also be looked at.
11. Date of next meeting: Monday 9th March 2026