

HOPTON CUM KNETTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Date and time: Monday 13th July 2026 at 7pm
Venue: Hopton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Councillor Andrea Hanks (Chair) (AH)
Councillor Su Delve (Vice Chair) (SD)
Councillor Peter Cox (PC)
Councillor David Faiers (DF)
Councillor Jo Hassan (JH)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Robert Capon (RC)
Councillor Julian Thompson (JT)

NOT PRESENT:

Councillor Ben Shotbolt (BS)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicholas Spring, Clerk (NS)
County Councillor Harry Richardson (HR)
District Councillor Carol Bull (CB)

Five members of the public were present.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence: RC & JT
2. Members' declarations of interests & requests for dispensations if any - none
3. Reports from the County and/or District Councillor

CB reported on food waste recycling, glass recycling, the District Council holiday activities programme and the revising of the Local Plan to include new housing numbers which was to be undertaken.

HR reported on the CC's applying for a Judicial Review of the Local Government reorganisation and on the A143. The junction at the shop was discussed and also speeding in Fen Street. HR would be visiting the village with the Highways Engineer to look at current issues and would report back in due course.

4. Council to consider any matters relating to highways, pavements, footpaths and trees not already considered, including SIDs

It was agreed to order a Westcotec SID with Slow Down legend in dual colour with Bluetooth data collection for £3824 + VAT. Grants of £2500 had been received towards the purchase.

The County Council had not yet reported back on the bus stop which was to be funded by Section 106 funds.

5. Public participation session

The recycling changes were raised and discussed.

6. Village Hall – report back on CAS Village Halls Conference

Confirmation of the Village Hall plans from the District Council was expected on 17th July. Planning permission had been given as part of the Sarsons Meadow development. Costs for the works would then be obtained.

The Village Hall Management Committee reported that they had discussed the idea of the Parish Council becoming the Sole Trustee and would like to proceed with this. They would also like to accept the Parish Council's offer of engaging a funding consultancy.

7. Council approved as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2026

8. Planning

- a. Council to consider its responses to any planning application consultations - none
- b. Sarsons Meadow development update if any - none

9. Finances

- a. Council to receive the monthly Budget Report: software issues meant that the Budget Report had not been circulated.
- b. Council approved the Payments Schedule
- c. Council agreed the expenditure on two new man-made wood noticeboards from Greenbarnes

10. Information updates from Councillors and the Clerk

JH reported on the VH Working Party

SD reported she had sent the letter of support for the SWT felling on Knettishall Heath and also updated on the Crooked Garden.

AH reported on proposals for how the cemetery could be maintained prior to tender, on collating village maintenance tasks and possible locations of two new dog bins

11. To review any action points raised at previous meetings and not already considered - none
12. Date of the next meeting: Monday 14th September 2026