

Hopesay Parish Council

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A MEETING of HOPESAY PARISH COUNCIL will be held at
Aston on Clun Village Hall at 7:30 pm on MONDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2026

Signed by Clerk: *Mrs Meg Gwilliam* CiLCA

A G E N D A

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** (*Attendance Register will be passed round*)
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and written requests for dispensations:** to receive a) declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests; b) declarations of personal interests; c) to note outcome of any written dispensation requests
3. **MINUTES OF MEETINGS:** To **resolve** that the minutes of the parish council meetings held on 26th January and on 9th February 2026 are accurate records.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** To allow members of the public to address the meeting in relation to business to be transacted at the meeting (total session up to 15 minutes, up to 3 minutes per person)
5. **UNITARY COUNCILLOR REPORT:** To receive a report from Unitary Councillor
6. **PLANNING:** No new applications:
GRANTED: 25/04032/FUL, Proposed Dwelling West of Blacksmiths Cottage, Broome.
25/04761/FUL, 1 Brook Cottage, School Bank, Aston, erection of detached domestic outbuilding.
7. **HOPESAY to ASTON ROAD RESURFACING:** To receive latest updates
8. **HOPESAY PARISH PLAY AREA CONSULTATION:** To receive the analysis of the consultation results. To consider the outcome of the consultation.
To **resolve** to go forward with installing play equipment at Aston Green provided sufficient volunteer helpers come forward. **OR**
to **resolve** that the play equipment project will not go ahead as there is insufficient parish support for it.
9. **CHAIR'S REPORT / CLERK'S REPORT:** To receive reports
10. **CORRESPONDENCE:** various bulletins, newsletters, information sheets including Shropshire Hills Forum invitation, Saker Consultancy ongoing flooding work on private land 2/2/26, Community Shop's formal acceptance of Council's offer and conditions on a PWLB loan 5/2/2026.
Temporary parish road closures: Hopesay Aston road, 26th February, replacing BT pole; Long Lane 2nd – 3rd March, Severn Trent; Hopesay Aston road 24th – 30th March, resurfacing & drainage works.
11. **SHROPSHIRE HILLS FORUM:** To **resolve** to join the Shropshire Hills Forum. No cost involved.
12. **COMMUNITY SHOP REPLACEMENT:** To discuss consultation – format, process, the benefits vs drawbacks of calling a poll, where to receive responses, etc. A preliminary discussion.

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13. **ASTON GREEN**: To receive any updates
Standing item: To receive, record, and consider any reports of anti-social behaviour or concerning situations occurring at Aston Green / Village Hall car park, in the evenings or at other times.
14. **FINANCE**: To receive and accept the Finance report. To receive and accept a Bank Reconciliation. To receive and accept a Budget Monitoring Report.

To **resolve** to vire £125 from Earmarked Reserves to the Budget, creating a new Election budget to cover the election re-charge.

To **resolve** to approve invoices to pay: staffing costs £767.55p, Ditton Services grass cutting £340.99p, SLCC annual subscription £158, Vision ICT 2 invoices £30 new councillor email, & £343.76p website and email hosting, Cllr Hartas consultation etc expenses £131.77p.
15. **EARMARKED RESERVES, policy and levels**: To **review** Council's Reserves Policy. To **review** Council's Earmarked Reserves levels and reasons.
16. **ANNUAL REVIEW of RISKS**: To assess and review Council's Risks, procedures, and Internal Controls – annual review as required by Financial Regulations, Accounts and Audit Regulations, and Annual Governance assertions.
17. **DOT GOV WEBSITE**: To receive an update on progress.
18. **POLICY**: To **resolve** to adopt the draft IT Policy as circulated
19. **SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE GRANT**: To consider putting together a grant application for 2026 2027 in in readiness if Shropshire Council offers this in 2026, **or** to agree that it is not feasible for 2026.
20. **TRAINING**: To **resolve** to approve training costs for Cllr Campion's attendance at 'Fundamentals' on 19 February (£45) and 'Code of Conduct/Standards' 13 May (£30).
21. **MEETINGS ATTENDED**: To receive brief reports if not already given, of meetings and/or training attended.
22. **REPORTS of PARISHIONERS ISSUES, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**: For information or routine action by the clerk only. Matters requiring a Council decision will be added to a future agenda.
23. **NEXT MEETINGS**: Mondays 30th March, 27th April, 1st June, 29th June 2026.