

Clerk Report

Highways

- SCC HLO advised a drainage engineer is investigating the culvert blocks on Dunstall Lane
- Temporary road closure – Syerscote Lane, Haunton 31st August – 4th September 2026 due to highway repair work
- License to Plant Application for Flowered pathway Planters - Section 115e - Planters have been agreed by the SCC Roads adoption team – the one off license fee of £210 will be sent shortly and then the planters can be rented and distributed. The Main Road, Wigginton planter will need to be placed beneath the Wigginton noticeboard

Correspondence

- Resident sent email regarding the usability and condition of public footpath 16. Details were forwarded to SCC PROW team
- Email received from resident of Haunton regarding donation of poppies for remembrance Sunday display
- HMRC mileage rate increase
- Email received from St Chads Church Hopwas team regarding funding towards some projects
- Hopwas Graden Club sent a thank you email for the donation of £200
- Wigginton Parish Church Centre sent a thank you email for the donation of £450 for the car park re-painting
- SPCA – June bulletin

Maintenance

- The signage at HPF has been replaced
- The bird deterrents have been removed off the swings at HPF and replaced with long cable ties
- The step at Comberford Millenium Green has been replaced and the picnic bench has been anchored as this had been moved to the basketball area
- LDC Annual play area inspection has been booked for September 2026
- The Comberford bus shelter has been repaired
- The hedge around the Wigginton village sign on Main Road has been trimmed by the ground's maintenance contractor, so the signage is fully visible
- The grass around the Hopwas bus shelter has been strimmed by the ground's maintenance contractor
- Key cut for the Dunstall Lane dog waste station

Administration

- The AGAR form 3 was sent to the external auditor in May
- Supporting statements for the application for funding for Hopwas Community Park refurbishment were received from Hopwas Garden Club, St Chads Church Hopwas, District Cllr Holland, District Cllr Booker, District Cllr Rushton and Wigginton Parish Church Centre
- Residents provided feedback expressing strong support for a refurbishment of Hopwas Community Park that delivers a more inclusive, varied and sports-focused space. Suggestions included more bench seating, picnic tables and social areas for families; sensory and accessible play equipment; a wider range of equipment for different age groups with clearly defined areas; and enhanced sports facilities such as sport-themed play items, a second football goal, improved basketball surfacing or markings, table tennis and outdoor gym equipment. Residents also proposed creative and social features including a chess mat and other interactive



elements. Overall, the community wishes to see the park developed into a modern, accessible, multi-use recreational space that strengthens sports provision, broadens age suitability, improves family-friendly facilities and supports inclusive play for all.

- Insurance has been renewed on a long-term plan agreement with Zurich (3 years)
- Awaiting decision from SCC regarding the License to plant
- Summer Newsletter has been printed, and deliveries will be going out shortly
- Planning permission is not required for the Hopwas defibrillator project. Permission has been requested to the SCC Highways Liaison Officer

Training

The Clerk has attended the following courses/ meetings since the last Parish Council meeting:

- Scribe – Pigs, Ponies and the National Forest
- SLCC – Branch meeting at Uttoxeter Town Hall
- Scribe – unlock the power of the big yellow book
- SLCC – The Recovery Room
- LDC – Parish Network

