

Clerk Report

Highways

- Temporary road closure – Hints Lane, Hints 13th August 2026
- Overgrown hedge on the corner of Syerscote Lane, ref no: 4508906
- Temporary road closure – Syerscote Lane, 5th-16th October
- Temporary road closure – Hints Road, Hopwas. 4th September 2026

Correspondence

- Haunton resident – donation of poppies for remembrance Sunday project
- SPCA - Call for Evidence: Shaping the Future of Local Government in Staffordshire, WMCALC Training Campaign Pack, Checkley Parish Council Motion - Planning System Changes, Local Government Reorganisation in Staffordshire - Government Decision, July bulletin, Local Government Reorganisation Online Briefing, August bulletin, Eighty-seventh Annual General Meeting and Local Council Conference
- Sarah Edwards MP – invitation to meeting of Parish Councils
- LDC - Council responds to Government decision on local government reorganisation
- Hopwas resident – issue with footballs hitting their property, possible netting and securing the goals to a fixed position
- Hopwas Garden Club – Thanks sent for the grant of £200
- Hopwas resident – destruction of walking leaflets at Hopwas bus shelter
- Severn Trent Water – access required to the Hopwas playing field Thursday 10th September to carry out an ecology survey
- HS2 – invites received for upcoming engagement events for the A38 northbound slip road closure
- Severn Trent Water - River Mease Improvement Project – update regarding temporary road closures and traffic management
- Packington resident – email/ letter received regarding Lichfield District Council's emerging consideration of Packington Farm as a potential location for a major new settlement of approximately 3,000 homes
- Two photos of a cracked road in Nursery Lane received. The report it tool link for Staffordshire County Council was provided as road maintenance and repairs are the responsibility of the County Council
- Comberford resident – active wasp nest located in the Millenium Green
- Ground Control – Tree work to be carried on the playing field on behalf of National Grid due to power lines near the Hopwas playing field
- LDC - Anti Social Behaviour, Drug Use, & Broken Glass in Hopwas Woods
- Member of the Public - Fire safety concern – large bonfire-style structure at The Tame Otter, Hopwas – 16 August 2026
- Hopwas resident - Formal road safety concern – dangerous parking and lack of traffic management on Lichfield Road

Maintenance

- Tame otter bus shelter, Hopwas repair required to front panel



- Cherry trees on Hopwas playing field - to support their recovery, decorative bark, water butts, and feed have been purchased, Councillor Pritchard has been watering the trees daily to prevent further decline due to the hot weather
- Hedges on Nursery Lane and by the tame otter bus shelter have been trimmed
- Dog poo fairy signage/ stickers have gone up around the parish
- “Stop,Look,Listen” signage at playing field required repair
- Bookcase installed at Wigginton Bus Shelter – Applied for community grant for books
- Basketball area at HPF has been refurbished
- New chain/ padlock required at HPF

Administration

- License for the parish planters is in process with SCC legal team
- LDC will be awarding £100,000 towards the delivery of Hopwas Community Park – awaiting the grant agreement
- Advised St Chads Hopwas to apply for funding towards the cost of the roof repairs and emergency exit lock upgrade for the St Chads Hall Hopwas
- Advised Hopwas Garden club of the location of the planters and to consider relocating the planter barrel on Hints Road, opposite the Tame Otter
- Asset of Community Value – consultation has begun for the nomination of The Methodist Church Hopwas
- Account set up with the SAAA for the digital AGAR
- NALC have announced the 2026/27 pay award and back pay will be calculated and scheduled for payment in September
- Section 50 license application form submitted for the red telephone box, license fee due to paid 4th September

Training

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

- SLCC – Tips for managing stress
- SLCC – Committees, Sub-Committees, working groups
- SLCC - How to Bring Fresh Air to Toxic Situations

VAT Refund

A VAT refund was actioned for £977.94 from 1/04/2026 – 31/07/2026

