

**HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2018, 7.30PM**

Present: Cllr. Harper, Cllr. Fitzpatrick and Cllr. Mrs Teese

Also Present: Clerk

Sadly prior to commencement of the meeting the Chairman confirmed he had received the resignation of Cllr. Len Gough who had served as a parish councillor for over nineteen years. Cllr. Gough was applauded for his hard work and dedication of service. Clerk will report the necessary vacancy to Bromsgrove District Council.

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr. Mika, Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Bayfield

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 Cllr. Harper and Cllr. Bayfield – member of Hunnington and Romsley History Society.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2018 be signed as a correct record.

4. TO RECEIVE CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT

4.1 To confirm Bromsgrove District Council will be holding a District Council Plan Review and Options Consultation on Monday 15th October, 6.30pm at Clent Parish Hall.

4.2 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve and adopt Data Protection Policy, Email Contact Privacy Notice, General Privacy Notice and Privacy Notice for Staff, Councillors and Role Holders. Copies will be placed on our website.

5. FINANCE

5.1 **Quarterly Bank Reconciliation and Bank Statements** – Cllrs had been given a copy of the Bank Reconciliation together with supporting bank statements and these figures were accepted.

5.2 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** not to give a grant to Bromsgrove Citizens Advice.

5.3 It was resolved that the following accounts be paid:-

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| HMRC | Payroll Taxes Due | £70.60 |
| Romsley & Hunnington | Grant paid to us in error | £750.00 |
| R M Poole | Maintenance | £210.00 |
| Came and Co | Insurance | £423.39 |
| R Batty | Strimming | £475.00 |

Shelley Signs Noticeboard £1098.00
 Cheques were signed by Cllr. Harper and Cllr. Mrs Teese

6. PLANNING MATTERS

6.1 District Council Decisions

Nothing to report

6.2 Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

Nothing to report

6.3 Appeals/Enforcement

Nothing to report

7. PARISH LENGTHSMAN

7.1 The Lengthsman attended the meeting and Council looked at ways to systematically work through the parish.

8. HIGHWAYS/VILLAGE SPACES

8.1 Clerk is still chasing Highways as to when the speed limit signs will be ready to be installed on the white gates.

8.2 Clerk is also chasing Highways as to the reinstatement of the cats eyes on the Bromsgrove Road.

10. TRAINING

10.1 Nothing to report

11. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

11.1 Apologies received from Cllr. Mrs Sherrey and Cllr. Allen-Jones. No report given.

12. COUNTY COUNCILLOR

12.1 Open for *Business*

Plans to improve traffic in Evesham are picking up pace. The team in charge of the project has 20 options now that will be tested in a computer-based traffic model.

The overall Evesham Town Transport Strategy will address the town's transport challenges with a package of schemes that will consider all modes of transport.

Options being looked at include improvements to junctions and traffic signals together with improved facilities for cycling and walking.

Plans for much needed improvements to Bromsgrove's walking and cycling network have been unveiled. The £3.4m improvements, which have been funded through a Department for Transport initiative, will introduce an additional six recognised walking and cycling pathways in the town over the next two years.

This scheme is part of the 3 point plan for congestion in Bromsgrove which also includes major improvements to the A38 and town centre related junction improvements to make the network more efficient.

Children and Families

The latest monitoring visit to our children's services by Ofsted inspectors found a 'positive trajectory of change' as progress continues to be made to improve services for Worcestershire's children and young people.

Inspectors have found evidence of improvement in each of their four monitoring visits. During their latest visit which was at the end of July, inspectors reviewed children subject to children protection along with child in need assessments and plans. Inspectors described how management structures have been enhanced and social workers' caseloads have been reduced.

A large number of social workers have been recruited by the Council in recent months and children are now experiencing more stability, with fewer changes of social workers, enabling them to build positive relationships.

Health and Wellbeing

The first ever Millennium Way walking festival is happening this month. The Millennium Way team from 41 Club will host the walking festival in association with Worcestershire County Council.

The festival will take place between 7th and 10th September in Wychavon and will feature 9 circular walks ranging from 3 to 7.5 miles. The walks will all cover a stretch of the Millennium Way linear route and give walkers a taste of Worcestershire's beautiful countryside views.

The Millennium Way was originally set up in 2000. Since then, 44 circular walks have been created along the route as shorter walks, encompassing a stretch of the linear trail.

Visit the Time to Change Worcestershire website for further updates including details about champions fund information sessions:

<http://www.comfirst.org.uk/worcestershiretimetochange1>

The Environment

Cheaper energy tariffs could soon be available to Worcestershire residents following the launch of the County Council's annual Collective Energy scheme.

Launched last month, Worcestershire Energy Switch negotiates competitive prices with energy companies on behalf of local residents with group buying expert iChoosr. Last year saw 550 residents sign up to the scheme and they went on to see average savings of £182 per year on energy bills.

Residents should visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/energyswitch with their latest energy bill handy as details are needed during the registration process.

Registration is open until midnight 8th October 2018 with individual offers emailed to residents from 22nd October 2018.

The council has presented the first of its Plastic Pledge Certificates to a business based on Bromsgrove.

The Plastic Pledge Scheme has been introduced to recognise local businesses and people within their local communities who have committed

to reducing their single use plastics. The first certificate has gone to Andy Taylor and his business GreenApe, which hires its pedal powered smoothie bike to organisers of various events.

To nominate a business, organisation or individual for a Plastic Pledge Certificate, email sustainability@worcestershire.gov.uk

Council News Update

Our most recent Residents' Roadshow in Pershore was unfortunately curtailed due to poor weather, but that's not detracted from a great summer series that has seen us attend events in Redditch, Bewdley, Tenbury and Worcester.

So far we've engaged with 754 local residents who have shared with us their thoughts on how council tax is spent, as well as their views on quality of life in Worcestershire. Meanwhile, our colourful hula hoops to encourage people to live a more active life have proved popular with visitors to the stand.

Our final event takes place on Sunday 16th September, as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations at Bromsgrove's Sanders Park.

For more information or if any member would like to attend the roadshow please contact Tom Parker in the Comms Team:

Tparker@worcestershire.gov.uk

13.1 **TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLOR**

Nothing to report

14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 20th November 2018, 7.30pm to be held at Romsley Methodist Church, Bromsgrove Road, Romsley

Signed.....
Chairman – Hunnington Parish Council

Dated.....
13th November 2018