

**HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019, 7.30PM**

**Present:** Cllr. Harper, Cllr. Fitzpatrick, Cllr. Mrs Teese, Cllr. Bayfield and Cllr. Smith

**Also Present:** Clerk

**1. APOLOGIES**

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr. Mika and these were agreed by all councillors.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 2.1 Chairman asked all members present to declare any personal or prejudicial interest on any items on the agenda.  
Other Disclosable Interest - 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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 be signed as a correct record.

**4. TO RECEIVE CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT**

- 4.1 **Operation London Bridge** – It was agreed to keep this item on the agenda awaiting further instructions/guidelines from CALC/NALC.  
4.2 Clerk circulated a written update on the elections process to all councillors.  
4.3 Due to the proposed planning application at the Blue Bird Factory and increased workload it was agreed to hold more regularly monthly meetings and review on a monthly basis.

**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 A copy of the Risk Assessment as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 was approved by all councillors in readiness for the internal audit.  
5.3 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to grant £200.00 to Romsley Toddler group.  
5.4 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to grant £100.00 to Hunnington and Romsley Show.  
5.5 It was resolved that the following accounts be paid:-
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| HMRC             | Payroll Taxes Due | £86.80  |
| Ruth Mullett     | Mileage           | £50.05  |
| Romsley Toddlers | Grant             | £200.00 |

- Hunnington & Romsley Grant £100.00  
 Cheques were signed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick and Cllr. Smith
- 5.6 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to revise the Clerk's hours to ten per week with effect from April 2019. Chairman and Clerk duly signed revised contract of employment.
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
- 6.4 All councillors were circulated a report produced by the Clerk on Planning Do's and Don'ts.
7. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN**
- 7.1 Nothing to report
8. **HIGHWAYS/VILLAGE SPACES**
- 8.1 It was agreed to plant small fruit trees along the grass verges. The Chairman agreed to get a quote and bring back to the next meeting.
- 8.2 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to order the new oak noticeboard and iron memorial bench to be sited on the green outside 394/396 Bromsgrove Road. It was also agreed to ask County Cllr. Mrs May whether she would be prepared to fund these items out of her Divisional Fund.
- 8.3 Clerk confirmed that the cat's eyes had started to be installed on the Bromsgrove Road.
- 8.3 It was also agreed for some low level planting in front of the white welcome gates.
- 8.5 **Footpath Officer's Report** – *A public spirited Halesowen resident has recently cleared a path through the brambles on the right of way near the old Hunnington Station. With a bit of help from my brush cutter it is now possible to walk this right of way from its junction with the path that crosses the old railway track by Jack Cherry's bench via what was a cart track, to the top corner (in the wooded area) of the cricket field at Hunnington where the old cart track that was enclosed by wire fences with concrete posts continues along the cricket field edge. The wire has gone now but the posts remain. This is the first time in many years that it has been possible to walk this path along its correct line. The right of way has always been a "cul de sac path", the driveway from the station to the main road being private with no public rights along it, another reason, apart from the closure of the station why the right of way fell into disuse. Although there is no public right of way or official permissive path around the perimeter of the cricket field I understand that local people use it to walk and exercise their dogs and this practise seems to be tolerated. If*

*any of you do walk around the cricket field, take a walk up through the wooded area and find the yellow public footpath waymark from where it is clear to walk southwards along the side of the old railway, explore this little bit of local history and join the many miles of paths beyond. Please respect the private property adjacent to this right of way.*

**10. TRAINING**

- 10.1 It was agreed for Clerk to attend CALC's training on preparation for new councillors and induction training.
- 10.2 Worcestershire CALC Chairman Training – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**11. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

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

**12. COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

- 12.1 Apologies received from Cllr. May. No report given.

**13.1 TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLOR**

Request for more benches in the parish, particular iron.

- 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 7.00pm to be held at Romsley Methodist Church, Bromsgrove Road, Romsley**

Signed.....  
Chairman – Hunnington Parish Council

Dated.....  
9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 m