

**HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 17TH JULY 2018, 7.30PM**

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

Also Present: Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr. Mika and Cllr. Gough

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 be signed as a correct record.

4. TO RECEIVE CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT

4.1 Police reported received and circulated to all Councillors.
The PC Marc Ginder has confirmed they will be carrying out speed enforcement on Bromsgrove Road.

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 resolved that the following accounts be paid:-

HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due x 2	£141.20
St Kenelms DCC	Hire of Hall	£12.50
R M Poole	Maintenance	£285.00
R Batty	Strimming	£528.43
E Sheppard	Lengthsman	£352.25

Cheques were signed by Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Fitzpatrick

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 Chairman asked Clerk to invite the Lengthsman to the next parish council meeting.

8. HIGHWAYS/VILLAGE SPACES

- 8.1 It was agreed for Clerk to chase Highways to ascertain when the speed limit signs will be ready to be installed on the white gates.
- 8.2 It was also asked that Highways please look at the reinstatement of the cats eyes on the Bromsgrove Road. Clerk to chase through the County Councillor.

10. TRAINING

- 10.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** for Clerk to attend SLCC National Conference to be held on 10th and 11th October to be paid three ways between Hunnington, Romsley and Clent Parish Council at a cost of £143.33.

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**

A 1,500 tonne railway bridge extension over Worcester's Southern Link Road has been successfully manoeuvred into place in one of the biggest engineering operations to take place in the County.

Battenhall Bridge on the A4440 was moved into position by a team of engineers as work continues to fully dual the road from the M5 to Powick roundabout in Worcester.

In order for this work to be completed, a full shutdown of the railway line and the A4440 was necessary. After excellent progress, the road was reopened on Wednesday 30th May, fully 36 hours ahead of schedule.

The installation of the bridge follows months of round the clock preparatory works to get the area ready and a 20 second time-lapse video of the project has been produced which can be seen here:

YouTube/P8kitVgZIY

The next phase of the work will see the construction of the highway underneath the bridge and work is in preparation for this.

Children and Families

The Council's children's social care improvement work continues. Ofsted has recently completed another monitoring visit and feedback has been positive. Inspectors were clear that there is more work to do but have recognised the continued progress. Inspectors described the Council's corporate parenting arrangements as a strength. They described the social worker as increasingly enthusiastic and committed, demonstrating a positive culture.

The Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) area inspection by Ofsted and CQC has also recently been published. Although the inspectors recognised recent progress in implementing the 2014 SEND code of practice, they are clear that the local area – which includes the Local Authority, Health Services and Schools – has a lot to do to improve. Partners are now required to produce and submit an action plan to Ofsted.

Health and Wellbeing

Worcestershire's businesses and residents are being encouraged to help raise awareness about mental health. There are several ways businesses and residents can do this, one of which is by signing the Time to Change Employer Pledge.

Signing the Employer Pledge allows businesses across the country to demonstrate their commitment to change how we think and act about mental health in the workplace.

Additionally, Worcestershire has been chosen as one of a handful of areas in England to change how we all think and act about mental health locally by becoming a Time to Change Hub.

Time to Change is a national campaign run by charities Mind and Rethink Mental Illness. Time to Change hubs are local partnerships which demonstrate their commitment to:

- *Putting people with personal experience of mental health problems at the heart of their work.*
- *Embedding anti-stigma and discrimination work locally, whether that be local schools, workplaces or other community settings.*
- *Proactively campaigning to improve people's attitudes and behaviours towards mental health.*

For more information on getting involved with the Time to Change Pledge please visit: <http://www.time-to-change.org.uk/get-involved/get-your-workplace-involved>

The Environment

Work has started to ease congestion at Worcestershire's worst traffic hotspots.

Worcestershire County Council has pledged £5m over the next 2 years to identify, investigate and deliver solutions to tackle congestion sites across the country.

Work has now been completed on the A442 Worcester Road just outside Kidderminster where there can be long tailbacks at peak times. An additional lane off the Hoobrook roundabout has improved traffic flows considerably.

The council's list of hotspots to improve includes the A44 through Worcester where junctions will be upgraded as well as a complete redesign of the major City Walls Road/Sidbury/Commandery Road interchange, including new pedestrian crossings. The Croft Road zebra crossing is also on the list to improve.

In Redditch, improvements will be made to the junction of Ickniel Street Drive and Warwick Highway where a section of the carriageway will be widened this summer.

In Bromsgrove, work to improve the free flow of traffic along a section of Worcester Road where parked cars currently cause pinch point congestion, which has resulted in an air quality issue for residents.

The council is also working with Wychavon District Council to develop an Evesham Transport Strategy, to explore and pursue options to alleviate congestion in the town.

Council News Update

Councillor Brandon Clayton, one of the County Councillors representing Redditch North has been elected to the new Chairman of Worcestershire County Council for the civic year 2018/19.

He becomes the first councillor from a Redditch Division to serve as Chairman since the County Council was reorganised twenty years ago. Born in Birmingham the 63 year old has lived with his wife Anita in Redditch for 37 years.

Peter Tomlinson the County Councillor for Ombersley has been elected to be Worcestershire County Council's Vice Chairman.

The council is once again supporting the Worcestershire Education Awards. The shortlist for Teacher of the Year 2018, which the council is sponsoring, has been announced. Those shortlisted are:

Wes Davis of Worcester Sixth Form

Greg Satterley of Beneworth CE Academy in Evesham & David Green Pitmason Primary School

13.1 TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Nothing to report

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 19th September 2018, 7.30pm to be held at St Kenelms Church Hall, Bromsgrove Road, Romsley

Signed.....
Chairman – Hunnington Parish Council

Dated.....
12th September 2018