

**HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
11TH JUNE 2019, 7.00PM**

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

Also Present: Cllr. Mrs May, Clerk and five members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Cllr. Mika and Cllr. Bayfield and reasons were accepted by all councillors present.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

3.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held of 21st May 2019 be signed as a correct record.

4. FINANCE

4.1 **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.

4.2 To approve Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, the Annual Governance Statement for financial year to 31/03/2019 – councillors reviewed S1 AGAR, the Annual Governance Statement which had been issued in advance of the meeting and responded 'YES' to each of the eight assertions, 'N/A' to the ninth assertion. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Chairman and RFO sign.

4.3 To approve Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, the Annual Accounting Statements for the financial year to 31/03/2019. Councillors reviewed S2 AGAR, the Accounting Statements 2018/19 which had been circulated as part of the agenda. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Chairman and Clerk/RFO sign. As the council's higher of gross income did not exceed £25,000 in the year to 31st March 2019 it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015.

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

HMRC	Payroll taxes due	£103.20
John Benner	Internal Audit	£95.00

Cheques were signed by Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Mrs Teese.

5. **PLANNING MATTERS**

5.1 **District Council Decisions**

Nothing to report

5.2 **Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments**

19/00515 – Bluebird Confectionary Ltd, Blue Bird Park, Bromsgrove Road – part demolition and site clearance of the former Blue Bird Factory site for its redevelopment to provide 116 residential dwellings (Use Class C3), consisting of both new dwellings and conversion of Welfare and Administration buildings, along with associated landscaping, drainage, engineering, highways and access works - Working **party set up to agree response**

19/00515 – 439 Bromsgrove Road, Hunnington – proposed alterations to front and rear elevations – **No objections**

5.3 **Appeals**

None

6. **ROADS/FOOTPATHS/TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

6.1 Clerk confirmed the new iron bench had arrived but we were still awaiting the replacement oak noticeboard. They will then be installed together.

6.2 Clerk confirmed that the layby for a speed enforcement vehicle and speed camera signs had been installed.

7. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**

7.1 Nothing to report

8. **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

8.1 Nothing to report

9. **TRAINING**

9.1 Nothing to report

10. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

10.1 No report given

11. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Open for Business

Works to install two bridges across Worcester Southern Link Road are in progress, however a problem with a crane postponed the creation of a farm access bridge just to the east of the railway bridge this weekend. The works will now be rescheduled for later this month. There will also be a further closure later this summer for the creation of a new pedestrian/cycle/bridleway access bridge to the west of the railway bridge.

EE announced that Worcester will be one of ten towns and cities to launch as initial 5G locations for 2020. This announcement builds on the work already taking place in the county, with the UK's first ever 5G live factory trials.

Furthermore, Mettis Aerospace, based in Redditch, is now involved in testing several applications on a Wi-Fi 6 network at its 27 acre facility. The company is working with Wire Broadband Alliance (WBA) to test applications.

Children and Families

Rob Morrison has been appointed Chairman of Worcestershire Children First. Rob has wide ranging senior leadership experience having worked in a number of local authorities, including nearly ten years as Chief Executive Officer of Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council.

Last month over 100 foster carers from all over Worcestershire gathered for the annual foster care conference organised by Worcestershire Fostering.

Worcestershire Fostering will be moving to an independent fostering agency called Worcestershire Children's First Fostering from 1 October. The service will remain the same, only the name will change. The team will still be working with foster and kinship carers as closely as ever to make sure they are aware of and understand the changes coming on 1st October.

Health and Wellbeing

Becoming unable to carry out simple tasks like cutting your toenails could be a sign that you are losing your mobility. However, that doesn't mean it's too late to make changes and regain some of these abilities. The Council is encouraging people to make decisions about their future now, and to ensure they can live independently for longer. Find out more at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/makingadecision

The Council has been awarded a national prize for its research into adult social care. The Council secured the 'best use of social care or health research' award at this year's Local Area Research and Intelligence Awards. Supported by NHS Digital, the council was highly praised for its analysis to predict people most at risk of needing council-funded care after initially funding their own care.

The Environment

The surface dressing programme is now in full swing and over 250 sites will be treated during the works throughout the summer. The programme started in and around the Evesham area, then moved onto Pershore and Malvern before heading to Wyre Forest, where works are currently taking place.

You can find out more about surface dressing at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/surfacedressing and stay up to date with the surface dressing schedule on Twitter @WorcsTravel.

Last month saw national elite cycling race, The Tour Series, visit Redditch for the eighth year running. The Council used this event to help promote cycling as a way to stay fit and healthy as well as promoting the county's network of cycle routes on bridleways and public rights of way.

All of the dedicated cycling routes and a map can be found on the county council's website:

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20209/cyclingandwalking/1416/worcestershirecyclerroutes>

Council News Update

Hartlebury Castle has won an award for its outstanding contribution to tourism and leisure facilities. The castle has been awarded the West Midlands RICS award and was also shortlisted for the Buildings Conservation Award. The castle was nominated following the extensive work carried out on the site transforming it into a visitor attraction which opened in May 2018.

Director of Public Health, Frances Howie, will be leaving the council at the end of July in order to take up a full-time post with the University of Worcester.

Frances who has had a leadership role in public health in Worcestershire since 2008 has been working part-time fulfilling the Director of Public Health Post are now being reviewed and announcements will be made as soon as they are confirmed.

12. TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT

12.1 Nothing to report

13. TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS COUNCILLOR

13.1 Each councillor is required to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

14.1 Tuesday 16th July 2019, 7.00pm at Romsley Methodist Church

Signed.....
Chairman – Hunnington Parish Council

Dated.....
16th July 2019