

**HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
15TH OCTOBER 2019, 7.00PM**

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

Also Present: Clerk and 1 member of the public

Prior to commencement of the meeting it was noted the sad loss of Len Gough. Len had been a wonderful councillor for many years and our thoughts and condolences go out to his family at this sad time.

1. **CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR AND RESIGNATION OF EXISTING**
 - 1.1 Clerk confirmed the resignation of Dominic Mika.
 - 1.2 Karen Payne was duly co-opted as a councillor and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and filled in her Members Interest Form.

2. **APOLOGIES**
 - 2.1 Cllr. Mrs Teese and Cllr. Bayfield

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**
 - 3.1 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.
Cllr. Harper member of St Kenelms District Church Council

4. **MINUTES**
 - 4.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2019 be signed as a correct record.

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 To confirm receipt of £1,610.00 grant from Cllr. Mrs May's Divisional Fund to purchase the new bench and noticeboard.
 - 5.3 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to add Cllr. Miss Payne to the bank mandate.
 - 5.4 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** not to give a grant to Bromsgrove Citizens Advice Bureau.
 - 5.5 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt the new NALC Financial Regulations 2019 for England.
 - 5.6 It was resolved that the following accounts be paid:-

HMRC	Payroll taxes due x 2	£206.40
Ruth Mullett	Chairman's Allowance	£30.00
Richard Poole	Maintenance	£255.00
Steve Fitzpatrick	Plants for planters	£90.00
Shelley Signs	Oak Noticeboard	£984.00
CPRE	Subscription	£36.00
SLCC	Conference	£218.00
Ed Sheppard	Lengthsman	£959.75

Cheques were signed by Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Harper.

6. **PLANNING MATTERS**

6.1 **District Council Decisions**

None

6.2 **Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments**

None

6.3 **Appeals**

None

7. **ROADS/FOOTPATHS/TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

7.1 Clerk confirmed the new iron bench and noticeboard had arrived and maintenance will install shortly.

7.2 It was noted that Worcestershire County Council had finished replacing the cat's eyes on the Bromsgrove Road.

8. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**

8.1 Lengthsman to clear a blocked drain outside number 404 Bromsgrove Road and remove a fallen tree by the white gates at the entrance to the village.

9. **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

9.1 Nothing to report

10. **TRAINING**

10.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** for Clerk to progress onto level 5 of SLCC Community Governance Course and council agreed to fund a third of the cost over the two year's.

11. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

11.1 Apologies received from Cllr. Mrs Sherrey.

12. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr. Mrs May was in attendance and report is below:-

Open for business – The council is pleased to be supporting a campaign that has been launched to promote Worcestershire as a place to work and to set up a business. The campaign objective is to raise awareness of the benefits of living in Worcestershire and the work/life

balance that people can have in the county. The campaign which is being led by a partnership that includes the LEP, the Worcestershire Ambassadors and the NWEDR is showcasing a range of real-life case studies of people from across the county who are thriving in Worcestershire. For more information and to get involved go to www.oneworcestershire.com.

Work is progressing on the fourth phase of the scheme to fully dual the Worcester Southern Link Road. The site offices and main compound have been established and foundation works are progressing well with three out of the five piers for the viaduct already constructed. The embankment that will support the new carriageway on the south side of Temeside Way is now constructed up to almost 1 metre in height and the drainage system is complete. The next phase of works requires some overnight road closures on Temeside Way and A38 at the start of October. For more details visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/slatestupdates.

Children and families – Worcestershire Children First is launching this week and with it a new way of delivering children’s services in Worcestershire. The new company will be delivering services which include children’s social care, education, early help and foster care on behalf of the council. A launch event is being held from 1pm-2pm in the Council Chamber, County Hall on 1st October and all are welcome to attend.

A new Education and Skills Strategy for the county has been approved. The strategy has been written with input from the newly formed Education and Skills Strategy Group. The group includes head teachers from Worcestershire’s first/primary, middle, secondary and special schools, and representatives from further education colleges, the University of Worcester, the Local Enterprise Partnership and the council.

Health and Wellbeing – Our libraries from across the county will be partnering with Public Health during national libraries week (7 to 12 October) for a local campaign to encourage more people to talk and get support for their mental health. ‘Now We’re Talking’ is a campaign run by Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust and delivered through a series of pop up events in libraries countrywide.

In the same week libraries will be showcasing their digital services as part of a national campaign to ‘Celebrate Libraries in a Digital World’. Promotions will include e-books, e-magazines, and adult learning digital skills courses. Digital champion drop-in sessions will also be run to provide customers with support using technology and accessing digital services.

The Environment – Local volunteers from Redditch came out in force last month to help add the finishing touches to the county’s first Natural Networks Project. The project has been headed up by North Worcestershire’s Water Management to prevent localised flooding. It

received funding from the Natural Networks programme to improve an area of marshy woodland for local people to enjoy and promote wildlife. The council's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions have reduced by over 35% in comparison to levels recorded nine years ago. The council has signed up to the governments voluntary Emissions Reduction Pledge committing us to a minimum of 30% reduction in GHG emissions from 2009/10 levels by 2020/21. The council is now working up a new plan to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 across its estate and operations.

Council News Update

Five new Armed Forces Champions have been named in Worcestershire, with 2 more on the way. The councillors from across Worcestershire have pledged to offer support and promote the needs of veterans in their areas. They will work with the Armed Forces Covenant Partnership to provide a perspective on services like housing that might be accessed by the armed forces community.

We are sad to report of the death of form County Councillor Peter Fallow TD, who served as a councillor for Hagley and Furlongs between 1973 and 2005.

13. TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT

- 13.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt the new NALC Financial Regulations.

14. TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS COUNCILLOR

- 14.1 It was agreed to look at hosting a parish council event next year. Clerk was to talk to the Cricket Club to see if they would be happy to host.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 15.1 Tuesday 19th November 2019, 7.00pm at Romsley Methodist Church

Signed.....
Chairman – Hunnington Parish Council

Dated.....
10th September 2019