

**HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2024, 7.00PM AT ROMSLEY CHURCH HALL**

Present:

Cllr. Myatt (Chair), Cllr. G Goodwin, Cllr. S Goodwin, Cllr. Payne and Cllr. McGregor

Also Present: Clerk, Police Community Support Officer and 8 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr. Seeley and reason for absence approved.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 Chair asked all members present to declare any personal or prejudicial interest on any items on the agenda.

Other Disclosable Interest

Cllr. Myatt – has a development business in Redhill Place.

Cllr. Payne – member of Romsley and Hunnington Cricket Club.

Cllr. G Goodwin – member of Cannon Clay Shooting Club.

3. DISPENSATIONS

3.1 None received.

4. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

4.1 Cllr. May: -

The main issue to raise with councillors is that the housing numbers for Bromsgrove District have increased from 386 to 704 per year as part of the Government's drive to build more homes. This is the figure per year to build in our district up to 2040. In late autumn we anticipate we will receive the confirmed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework including the Government's definition of greybelt.

Regular meetings are being held regarding fly-tipping in this ward and I am pleased to report that further covert cameras have been deployed. I am keen to see the prosecution of those individuals who conduct fly-tipping to deter others from doing it.

The 61 properties that have been constructed on the previous council building site, now have new residents moving into them which is great to see. The demolition of the old fire service building/library site has commenced and will be completed by the start of 2025. The new community hub and office facilities work should commence in late autumn and the play audit findings will be published by December.

4.2 Cllr. Nock – apologies received.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR

5.1 Cllr. May: -

The long-awaited resurfacing of the M5 motorway with a noise reduction surface, is happening. Highways England have notified partners that they will be working overnight from the 30th September 2024 until Friday 11th October between 10.00pm – 4.00am Monday to Friday to conduct the work. This work is between junction 4 and 4a, the section that we have raised historically and requested to be resurfaced with a noise resistant service.

30th September – 7th October the northbound carriageway will be closed between junction 4a and 4 at the stated times and the 8th October – 11th October the M5 southbound carriageway will be closed between junction 4 and junction 4a at the stated times. During the closures there will be a fully signed diversion route in place via the M42 and A38 Birmingham/Halesowen Road.

We have a new Highways Liaison Officer, Tony Dallison, he started at the beginning of the month,

Work has commenced on the budget for next year for both district and county councils.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 6.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2024 be signed as a correct record, the Chair duly signed.
- 6.2 Updates were received on the Action List.

7. FINANCE

7.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to ratify payments made in July and August.

Ruth Mullett	Expenses	£55.00
HMRC	Payroll taxes	£167.50
Richard Poole	Maintenance	£340.00
HMRC	Payroll taxes	£167.50
Ruth Mullett	Expenses	£55.00

7.2 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve payments: -

Ruth Mullett	Expenses	£55.00
HMRC	Payroll taxes	£167.50
Richard Poole	Maintenance	£340.00
Zurich Municipal	Insurance	£300.00
Ed Sheppard	Lengthsman	£734.25

7.3 Quarterly Bank Reconciliation Statement approved by all Councillors.

7.4 Councillor confirmed a monthly internal financial control check had taken place.

7.5 Budget vs Actual Report as of 31st July 2024 agreed by all councillors.

7.6 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt the NALC new Model Financial Regulations.

7.7 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** not to donate to Bromsgrove and Redditch Citizens Advice Bureau.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

8.1 District Council Decisions

Nothing to report.

8.2 **Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments**

Nothing to report.

8.3 **Appeals**

Appeal Ref No:	APP/P1805/W/23/3335104
Location:	263 Bromsgrove Road, Hunnington
Proposal:	Permission in Principle – erection of minimum/maximum two dwellings
Decision:	Appeal dismissed

8.4 **Bluebird Factory –**

- Residents have started to move in.
- There is still stagnant water at the front of the dwelling, KP to chase a meeting with Cllr. May.

8.5 **Balmoral** – the development is programmed to finish November 2024.

8.6 **Grenenergy Goodrest Farm Battery Storage Project Introduction –**

Nothing to report awaiting planning application submission.

9. **ROADS/FOOTPATHS/TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

9.1 KM conducted a speed data gathering exercise.

A large amount of data from the VAS sign was started installed in April till 16th September. Due to the huge amount of data from this period with over half a million cars travelling to Halesowen and approximately the same amount together with Romsley, I have briefly looked at the data from 16th August to 16th September.

The largest recorded speed was 92mph recorded at between 20.00 and 20.30 on the 16th August with other vehicles travelling in both directions to and from Halesowen at 60/70mph early evening to the early hours of the morning.

The average speed recorded was between 28mph and 35mph however this was largely between 8.00am and 6.00pm on the weekdays where it looks like most are within the speed limit or just over. While after this time the speed goes up considerably to cover 45/50mph especially between the hours of 11pm and 3am wherein becomes basically a raceway and similar speeds increasing on weekends.

The two main areas of concern are firstly with the early evening hours especially in the spring and summer months when there are more people walking within the area due to the lighter/nicer evening.

Secondly and the more concerning aspect of late night/early morning racing down the Bromsgrove Road at speeds of double the speed limit there is always a possibility of it ending very badly for those involved. It only takes that split second for it all to go horribly wrong.

10. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**

10.1 Lengthsman to clear overhanging trees at the school bus stop by Bluebird and revarnish the bus stop.

11. **CLERKS' REPORT**

11.1 Nothing to report.

12. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Nothing to report.

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 28th October 2024, 7.00pm at St Kenelms Church Hall.

Meeting closed at 20.34pm.

Signed

Chair, Hunnington Parish Council