

**HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 30TH JUNE 2025, 7.00PM AT ROMSLEY CHURCH HALL**

Present:

Cllr. Myatt (Chair), Cllr. G Goodwin, Cllr. S Goodwin, Cllr. Seeley, Cllr. McGregor AND Cllr. Waller

Also Present: Clerk**1. APOLOGIES**

1.1 None

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. G Goodwin – member of Cannon Clay Shooting Club.

3. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S –

Cllr. May – apologies

Cllr. Nock – report below:-

You will recall I have previously talked about the Strategic Planning Steering Group and its purpose regarding the Bromsgrove Local Plan and the Draft Development Strategy (DDS) Consultation.

As Karen and I have explained between now and 2043, in accordance with the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), we need to allocate enough land for circa 12,000 new homes to meeting our Local Housing Need (LHN) and around 28 hectares of employment land for manufacturing and warehousing.

Throughout the development of the DDS various scenarios were prepared and presented to councillors from all political groups for discussion to help demonstrate what possible options might be available, however no firm consensus was reached by councillors on a preferred option from this suite of scenarios. The professional advice from experienced and qualified planning officers in this situation was therefore to consult on an option which in their opinion is best likely to provide the most sustainable pattern of development across Bromsgrove District, and this was the option presented in the Draft Development Strategy.

The extraordinary council meeting took place on 19th June 2025. It was not always the best of tempered of meetings and some councillors tried to put forward an amendment to the recommendation. They tried to make it about specific sites, but this was a vote to continue a process. A process of consultation with residents and interested parties to gain their opinions and knowledge on the Draft Local Plan.

The recommendation was passed by a majority.

The consultation started yesterday and will run until 22nd September 2025.

Residents of Bromsgrove District can now share their views on a new strategy to guide future growth and improve the area for generations to come.

A new online consultation platform makes it easier than ever for residents to provide feedback on all aspects of the strategy and its alternatives, from the vision and supporting evidence to housing locations and infrastructure needs. The address is <https://www.bromsgroveplan.commonplace.is>

Alternatively, to view consultation documents, see upcoming consultation events, and view the privacy note please visit <https://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/bromsgroveplan>

Paper copies can be viewed at:

Alvechurch Library, Birmingham Road, Alvechurch, Birmingham, B48 7TA
 Bromsgrove Library, Parkside, Market Street, Bromsgrove B61 8DA
 Catshill Community Library, The Community Room Catshill, Middle School, Meadow Road, Catshill, Bromsgrove B61 0JW
 Hagley Library, Worcester Road, Hagley, Stourbridge, DY9 0NW
 Wythall Library, Woodrush Community Hub, Shawhurst Lane, Hollywood, Birmingham, B45 5JW

There is a brief for parish councillors/community leaders on 15th July, between 6.00pm-8.00pm at the main hall at the council's Parkside Offices (Market Street, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B61 8DA). The purpose of this meeting is to brief parishes about the consultation and what to expect at the drop in events we will be running throughout the summer. The first drop-in session is on 17th July between 4.00pm – 8.00pm also at Parkside.

4. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**
Cllr. May – as 3 above

5. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

5.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th May 2025 be signed as a correct record, the Chair duly signed.

6. **FINANCE**

6.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments: -

HMRC	Payroll taxes due	£228.65
Ruth Mullett	Expenses	£26.00
Unity Trust	Bank charges	£6.00
Richard Poole	Maintenance	£380.00

Cllr. Myatt and Cllr. McGregor to authorise the online payments.

6.2 To confirm receipt of £388.50 Lengthsman Grant.

6.3 Quarterly Bank Reconciliation Statement approved by all Councillors.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 District Council Decisions

Nothing to report

7.2 Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

Nothing to report.

7.3 Appeals

Nothing to report.

7.4 **Bluebird Factory** – councillor visited the site for an update. Completion is expected 2026 with 50% of homes now complete but only 25-30% have been sold and occupied. They are awaiting installation of 2 x 30mph speed signs and a new bus stop. Stagnant water on the site is being closely monitored.

7.6 BESS Application –

22nd June 2025 - letter sent to the Secretary of State requesting a Cumulative Environmental Impact Assessment.

23rd June – document appears on the planning portal from Paul Lester, BDC Case Officer reasoning why an EIA is not required. The document is dated May 2024.

23rd June – Planning Committee vote to defer decision until the outcome of the letter is known.

24th June – meeting with Dr Hammersley where he presented his empirical analysis of planning applications against government targets for 2023 and 2035 and the following agreed:-

- Dr Hammersley to liaise with parish council regarding revising the submission to accommodate newly acquired empirical data.
- Resident to submit a FOI request around communication around the May 2024 document.
- Meeting to be arranged to visit a representative of HWFRS regarding Grenergy and North Worcestershire's claims of containment of firewater.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to submit an email and revised objection submission document to BDC Planning accommodating newly acquired empirical data.

8. ROADS/FOOTPATHS/TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

8.1 Nothing to report.

9. PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE

9.1 Nothing to report.

10. CLERKS' REPORT

10.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to purchase a planter for by the VE signs after the kind suggestion that Nuyard Nurseries would sponsor and plant up. Cllr. Nock agreed to donate £250.00 towards the planter from his divisional fund.

22. TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

IMcG – speed sign needs reporting as fallen down.

23. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 21st July 2025.

Meeting closed at 19.50.

Signed
Chair, Hunnington Parish Council