

**HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 21st July 2025, 7.00PM AT ROMSLEY CHURCH HALL**

Present:

Cllr. Myatt (Chair), Cllr. McGregor and Cllr. Waller

Also Present: Clerk**1. APOLOGIES**

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr. G Goodwin, Cllr. S Goodwin and Cllr. Seeley and reasons for absence accepted by councillors.

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 and Cllr. Nock – report below:-

Bromsgrove Local Plan and the Draft Development Strategy (DDS)

You will recall we have previously talked about the Strategic Planning Steering Group and its purpose regarding the Bromsgrove Local Plan and 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 meet 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 19 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 will run until 22 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 notice 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, B47 5JW

A number of drop-in sessions have been arranged as follows. Anyone one can turn up and discuss any of the sites at any of these events, so if residents cannot make the one closest to them they can turn up to any of the others.

Date	Location	Venue	Time
23 rd July	Hagley	Hagley Community Centre, DY9 0NW	1pm-6pm
29 th July	Stoke Prior	Stoke Prior Village Hall, B60 4DN	4pm-8pm
31 st July	Catshill	Catshill Village Hall, B61 0JZ	4pm-8pm
7 th August	Alvechurch *provisional	Alvechurch Village Hall, B48 7JX	10am-8pm
12 th August	Lickey End	Lickey End Methodist Church, B60 1JX	4pm-8pm
18 th August	Hagley	Hagley Community Centre, DY9 0NW	3pm-8pm
21 st August	Burcot	Burcot Village Hall, B60 1BH	10am-8pm
28 th August	Bromsgrove	Parkside, B61 8DA	10am-8pm

1 st September	Wythall *provisional	Wythall Village Hall, B47 6JL	10am-6pm
2 nd September	Barnt Green	Barnt Green Scouts Centre, B45 8BT	9:30am-8pm
5 th September	Frankley	Reaside Centre, B45 0JD	10am-8pm
6 th September	Bromsgrove	Bromsgrove Market, B61 8EZ	10am-4pm

Shape Worcestershire Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

The survey undertaken in June has now closed.

A staggering 4,600 comments were received as part of the survey. Feedback was also received from several focus groups held across the county.

Initial analysis of the survey results reveals:-

- **48%** backed creating two unitary councils
- **29%** supported one unitary council for the county
- **19%** didn't support any reorganisation of local councils in Worcestershire

Respondents from Bromsgrove District, Malvern Hills District, Redditch Borough and Wychavon were strongly in favour of the two unitary council solution. In Worcester City, 46% favoured creating one unitary council, with 42% supporting the North and South option. In Wyre Forest, opinion was split with 40% backing the one unitary option and 39% supporting creating two unitary councils.

People were asked to consider a range of factors when giving their responses, including how any proposed change would save money, improve local services, simplify local government, support local identity and strengthen community engagement.

The two unitary option was considered better for improving local services, supporting local identity and stronger community engagement. It was felt the one unitary option would be better for saving money/delivering value and making local government simpler.

Staff are now busy analysing the results and further in-depth analysis will be available at a later stage.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR Cllr. May

The Highways Liaison Officer has been removed and a new Liaison Officer installed.

Fly tipping – have been working to come up with a strategy with further investment in more covert cameras.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 5.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 30th June 2025 be signed as a correct record, the Chair duly signed.

6. FINANCE

- 6.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments: -
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| HMRC | Payroll taxes due | £228.65 |
| Ruth Mullett | Expenses | £32.30 |
| Unity Trust | Bank charges | £6.00 |
| Candoo | Email account set-up | £150.00 |
- Cllr. Myatt and Cllr. McGregor to authorise the online payments.
- 6.2 Budget Versus Actual was approved by all councillors.
- 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 – nothing to report.

7.6 BESS Application –

The application will be heard at Planning Committee on 29th July 2025 and is recommended for approval. Cllr. McGregor was speak against on behalf of the Parish Council and District Cllr. Nock against as Ward Councillor. It was agreed to write a bulletin to be send to all members of the Planning Committee with a list of pertinent questions to ask at the Planning Officer at the meeting.

8. ROADS/FOOTPATHS/TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

- 8.1 PCSO's carried out speed checks in June and had been confirmed that speeding fines had been issued.
- 8.2 It was agreed to install a self-watering plastic planter by the VE Day figures.

9. PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE

- 9.1 Nothing to report.

10. CLERKS' REPORT

- 10.1 Clerk confirmed that GOV.UK email addresses had now been set up for all councillors and instructions on how to install were given.

11. TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

Nothing to report.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 23rd September 2025.

Meeting closed at 20.00.

Signed
Chair, Hunnington Parish Council