

HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 30TH MARCH 2026, 7.00PM AT ROMSLEY CHURCH HALL

Present:

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

Also Present: Clerk**1. APOLOGIES**

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr. Hosking and Cllr. Seeley and reasons given duly approved by council.

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 –

- 3.1 **Cllr. May** - apologies given.

Cllr Nock –

- Cllr. Nock confirmed he had delivered his first budget as Finance Portfolio Holder which was unanimously agreed with a 2.99% increase.
- £1.25m has been budgeted for a Community Investment Fund.
- It was also agreed to increase the District Councillor Divisional Fund to £5,000 per ward councillor.
- Fly-tipping – 24 cameras have now been deployed throughout Bromsgrove with 33 prosecutions.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr. May – as 3.1 above

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 5.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2026 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 | £237.81 |
| Ruth Mullett | Expenses | £26.00 |
| Unity Trust | Bank charges | £6.00 |
| E Sheppard | Lengthsman | £4433.25 |
| R Poole | Maintenance | £340.00 |

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

- 6.2 To confirm receipt of £1,079.25 Lengthsman Grant from Worcestershire County Council.
- 6.3 Quarterly Bank Reconciliation Statement approved by all Councillors.

6.4 Internal financial control check was approved by council.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 District Council Decisions

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| Application Type: | Permission in Principle |
| Planning Ref: | 26/00054/PIP |
| Proposal: | Demolition of existing garage and erection of up to three dwellings |
| Location: | Land at Hunnington Station, Bromsgrove Road |
| Decision: | No objections |

7.2 Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

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| Application Type: | Full Application |
| Planning Ref: | 26/00206/FUL |
| Proposal: | One proposed new detached annex accommodation within domestic curtilage of existing domestic dwelling and in place of extant planning permission for one detached garage and home gym (see planning approval ref. 25//00863/FUL) |
| Location: | 361 Bromsgrove Road, Hunnington |
| Decision: | No objections |

7.3 Appeals

Nothing to report

7.4 **Bluebird Factory** – the last quarter of the final build is expected to be completed by February 2027.

7.5 BESS Application

Further response from Grenergy

Following our letter to Grenergy outlining the NESO situation from our perspective, Grenergy have responded as follows:

“As the project holds planning consent and is ready-to-build, it will receive a protected status in the upcoming connection window. As per my previous message, when we are in a position to take the next steps, we will continue our dialogue.”

In our letter we pointed out that NESO have indicated that projects which can prove they are “ready” (land rights and planning approval) and ‘strategic’ may be accelerated into phase 2 (connection up to 2035) if capacity is available. It is important to note that:

- A significant number of the Gate 2 protected projects are delayed ***because of network related issues.***
- There are other BESS sites in the Kitwell queue that are in front of Grenergy, including Illey Brook Farm and Lowlands Farm.

Further Response from NGED

After a further query about the queue positions NGED have provided clarification:

“Due to limitations in the digital architecture of Clearview, we have allocated all Gate 1 customers a queue position over 9000 or above. This is a transitional step to ensure customers can have visibility of all pre-reform projects in the queue data, **ahead of the Gate 1 projects being removed**. Further developments will be made on our website to correctly display all Gate 1 projects in their own pool, which conveys no queue position or default expectation of queue entry.”

Letter to Bradley Thomas

Following our letter to Bradley Thomas regarding the current Connections Reform and the lack of clear guidance with the Planning Authorities, he has had a response from Government:

“It is a matter for planning authorities whether to grant permission to proposed battery developments in line with existing planning guidance. Government does not plan to issue additional guidance on this matter.”

Considering that NGED are about to remove all Gate 1 projects from the connection queue, this shows a complete disconnect between Government, NESO and the planning process.

8. ROADS/FOOTPATHS/TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

- 8.1 **Village Green Enhancement Bid** – council met with Chris Millward (Team for Nature) and Glen Kirby (Together Green) to prepare a bid to enhance the two village greens in the parish. This would involve the creation of two shaped flowerbeds with a central tree and planting of native shrubs and flowers to attract wildlife. Two planters with species of plants that are known to attract pollinators, spring flowering bulbs and wildflowers. The bid was submitted to District Councillors Nock and May, and they have agreed to grant the parish council £1,000.00 towards the project. The council agreed to meet with Romsley and Hunnington Gardening Club to see if they would be interested in being involved in the project.
- 8.2 **Tractor damage on the verge on the top of the village** – the council has ascertained which farmer has created the damage to the verge and they have been asked to refrain from driving on the verge. The matter has been reported to Worcestershire Highways who will take the matter further.
- 8.3 **Garage sale** – a community garage sale will take place over the weekend of 23rd – 25th May entitled “Sell it Don’t Tip it” and will cover Romsley, Hunnington, Blakedown, Belbroughton, Churchill and Pedmore. Although the council would not be involved, they agreed that they would promote the event.
- 8.4 **Community Litter Pick** – a community litter pick has been organised for 10th May 2026 and the Chair agreed to arrange the promotion and obtaining litter picks and bags.
- 8.5 **HPC Response/Action Plan for Severe Weather** – discussion was had around whether we could formulise a plan for dealing with severe weather. The council agreed this was something they would be interested in and the chair agreed to research further and report to next meeting.

9. PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE

- 9.1 Nothing to report.

10. CLERKS’ REPORT

10.1 **Policing Issues and Priorities –**

1. Fly tipping
2. Speeding
3. Burglaries

10.2 To confirm a presentation at our next meeting in April from National Trust 8 Hills Project.

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

KM – problem with rats from empty house – will report to Cllr. May.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 27th April 2026.

13. **CLOSE OF MEETING** - Meeting closed at 19.50.

Signed

Chair, Hunnington Parish Council