

**HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF HUNNINGTON PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 27TH MAY 2026, 7.00PM AT ST KENELMS
CHURCH HALL**

Present:

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

Also Present: Clerk and one member of the public

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

- 1.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr. Myatt as Chairman for the pursuing year, who duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. APOLOGIES

- 2.1 Apologies were received from Cllr. Waller and reason for absence approved by all councillors.
Cllr. Seeley no apologies received.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

- 3.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr. McGregor as Vice Chairman.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 4.1 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.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S –

- 5.1 **Cllr. May** - apologies given and no report.
Cllr Nock – apologies given and no report.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- 6.1 **Cllr. May** – as 5.1 above

7. INSURANCE

- 7.1 It was confirmed that arrangements for insurance cover are in place in respect of all insurable risks.

8. ASSET REGISTER

- 8.1 Council reviewed the Asset Register, and it was agreed to include the Tommy Figures as well.

9. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- 9.1 All council policies, procedures and practices were reviewed with no amendments.

10. STANDING ORDERS

10.1 Standing Orders were noted with no amendments.

11. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

11.1 Council noted continual adherence to the Code of Conduct.

12. **FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

12.1 Financial Regulations were noted with no amendments.

13. **RISK ASSESSMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL POLICY**

13.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the Parish Council Risk Assessment for 2026/27 and Internal Control Policy for 2026-27.

14. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

14.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2026 be signed as a correct record, the Chair duly signed.

15. **FINANCE**

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

HMRC	Payroll taxes due	£237.81
Ruth Mullett	Expenses	£25.97
Unity Trust	Bank charges	£7.00
Richard Poole	Maintenance	£340.00

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

15.2 Quarterly Bank Reconciliation Statement approved by all Councillors.

15.3 **Internal Auditor** – the report from the Internal Auditor was approved with no actions arising from the report.

15.4 **Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26** – To approve Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, the Annual Governance Statement for financial year to 31/03/2026. - Councillors reviewed S1 AGAR, the Annual Governance Statement which had been issued in advance of the meeting and responded 'YES' to each of the assertions, apart from 'N/A' to the ninth assertion. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Chair and Clerk sign.

15.5 To approve Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, the Annual Accounting Statements for the financial year to 31/03/2026. Councillors reviewed S2 AGAR, the Accounting Statements 2025/26 which had been circulated as part of the agenda. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Chair and Clerk/RFO sign.

15.6 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to agree the dates for the Public Inspection of the Accounts commencing on 3rd June 2026 to 14th July 2026. Clerk to place a copy on the noticeboard and website.

15.7 As the council's higher gross income did not exceed £25,000.00 in the year to 31st March 2026 it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities Regulations 2015).

16. **PLANNING MATTERS**

16.1 **District Council Decisions**

Nothing to report.

16.2 **Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments**

Nothing to report.

16.3 Appeals

Nothing to report.

16.4 Bluebird Factory

- Kiwi - will be focusing on the Welfare Block first with completion expected late summer early autumn. Three apartments have already sold.
- Bellway – 60% of homes are now completed and 70% are sold.
- There is a final 15 to build and should be completed early March.
- No proposed roadworks but tarmacking the roads on the site is due to be completed and the site would not be accessible by car for a few days.
- Rumour is the Administration Offices will be converted to office accommodation as opposed to the original planning application of private residential accommodation. This will be confirmed with the developers prior to the next meeting.

16.5 Grenergy Update

As it stands, there is still no sign of Grenergy being given a connection offer for Goodrest Farm. Although Grenergy are currently Gate 1 with an indicated connection date of 2037, they have stated that they expect to be awarded protected status. The NESO timeframe for sending out protected offers is as follows:

- **Protected distribution offers that are protected under Clause 1 or Clause 2a additional protections:** between early March 2026 and end May 2026

The NESO TEC register is mainly for the larger high voltage national schemes which connect at 275-400kV, whereas the smaller schemes (such as Goodrest Farm) are connected by District Network Operators (DNO's), and are shown in the National Grid (NGED) datasets (tables 1 and 2 overleaf). As stated in the April update, the TEC register alone accounts for more than double the Midlands national targets.

Information is scattered between NGED/NESO datasets and can be confusing, specific sites can be identified by cross referencing but it's also guesswork. The tables overleaf are taken from the NGED "Connections Reforms Outcomes dataset" and the NGED "Kitwell Connections Queue" dataset. Table 1 shows the status of all the sites in the connection queue and Table 2 shows all the sites that have had a connection offer i.e. accepted (all are Gate 2). Table 1 also shows 3 of the sites having protected status, but not Grenergy, which is gate 1 (the 70MW entry).

I've identified the sites by the output capacity, so is an assumption. NGED refuse to identify the specific sites, but a search via AI identifies that the 99.8MW Gate 1 site is Illey Brook Farm. Note that for the last two projects in Table 2, the queue positions are different than in Table 1. In the NGED Existing Agreements Register, sites are identified as "Illey Lane", "Illey Lane Bess" and "Goodrest Farm Bess". As Illey Lane is identified as 49.9 MW (not

50) accurate identification is confusing. The 50MW site is identified as “Kitwell BESS”.

If correct, the Lowlands Farm site is Gate 2 Phase 1, with a connection date of end 2026. Illey Brook farm has been included within Gate 2 Phase 2 and has a connection date of October 2033. We can assume that any Gate 1 sites which are subsequently accepted (such as Goodrest Farm) will have a connection date beyond 2033. The two CMP446-T1 sites listed under Phase Outcome are “fast track”. For information Phase 1 relates to connections up to 2030, and Phase 2 is connections between 2031 and 2035.

A reminder that NGED have stated that at some point all Gate 1 schemes with a queue position of 9000+ will be removed from the register.

As protected status offers are being made up to the end of May, and information must feed through to the data sets, we should know by early/mid-June whether Grenergy have a connection offer and appear in table 2. Conversely, Grenergy may contact us directly on receiving an offer.

Table 1 - NGED Kitwell Connections Reform Outcomes Dataset (All Sites in Queue)

GSP	Technology	Installed Capacity (MW)	Firm Connection Date	Protections Outcome	Phase Outcome	NGED Queue Position	Gate
KITWELL 132kV S STN	Batteries	49.9 Lowlands?	04/09/2025	Protection Clause 1: Projects contracted to connect by end 2026 (CMP435)	Phase 1	284	2
KITWELL 132kV S STN	Batteries	4			CMP446-T1	424	2
KITWELL 132kV S STN	Solar	1.1			CMP446-T1	813	2
KITWELL 132kV S STN	Batteries	25	31/10/2033	Protection Clause 2a: Projects which are significantly progressed (CMP435)	Phase 2	1130	2
KITWELL 132kV S STN	Batteries	99.8 Illey Brook	30/10/2033	Protection Clause 2a: Projects which are significantly progressed (CMP435)	Phase 2	1131	2
KITWELL 132kV S STN	Solar	50	31/10/2033			9539	1
KITWELL 132kV S STN	Batteries	50 Lowlands?	31/10/2033			9539	1
KITWELL 132kV S STN	Batteries	49.9	31/10/2033			9614	1
KITWELL 132kV S STN	Batteries	49.5	30/10/2037			9708	1
KITWELL 132kV S STN	Batteries	70 Goodrest	30/10/2037			9749	1
KITWELL 132kV S STN	Batteries	99.9	30/10/2037			9861	1
KITWELL 132kV S STN	Batteries	100	30/10/2037			9921	1

Table 2 - NGED Kitwell Connections Queue Dataset (Connection Offers Made)

Licence Area	GSP	Status	Site ID	Export Capacity (MW)	Fuel type	Position	Gate	Phase Outcome
West Midlands	KITWELL 132kV S STN	Accepted not yet Connected	319	49.9 Lowlands Farm?	BESS	284	2	Phase 1
West Midlands	KITWELL 132kV S STN	Accepted not yet Connected	400	4.0	BESS	424	2	CMP446-T1
West Midlands	KITWELL 132kV S STN	Accepted not yet Connected	582	1.1	Solar	813	2	CMP446-T1
West Midlands	KITWELL 132kV S STN	Accepted not yet Connected	245	25.0	BESS	1635	2	Phase 2
West Midlands	KITWELL 132kV S STN	Accepted not yet Connected	320	99.8 Illey Brook Farm	BESS	1636	2	Phase 2

17. ROADS/FOOTPATHS/TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

17.1 **Village Green Enhancement Bid** – we are awaiting funding from District Councillors Nock and May, who have agreed to grant the parish council £1,000.00 towards the project. Council are to attend the next Romsley and Hunnington Gardening Club to see if they would be interested in being involved in the project.

17.2 **Community Litter Pick** – chair to circulate a poll to agree a date.

17.3 **HPC Response/Action Plan for Severe Weather** – nothing to report.

18. PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE

18.1 Nothing to report.

19. CLERKS' REPORT

19.1 Nothing to report.

20. TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

20.1 Nothing to report.

21. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 29th June 2026.

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

Signed

Chair, Hunnington Parish Council