

**HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2009 AT 7.30PM**

**Present:** Cllr. J Peeney (Chairman), Cllr. L Bayfield (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Fitzpatrick, Cllr. Chancellor, Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Harper and Cllr. Gough.

**Also in Attendance** T Durrell, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, County Cllr. Moore, P C Lord and Clerk

1. **To Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence/Attendance Register** – none. All Councillors present signed the attendance book.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – There were no Declarations of Interest.
3. **Minutes** – It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr. Fitzpatrick that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting.

**At this point, Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow public participation. Notes are appended to these minutes.**

4. **Progress Reports**
  - a) **Clerk** - confirmed the hedge opposite Dovehouse Farm had now been cut. Also gave Chairman copy of SLCC Practitioner Conference she was interested in attending. Chairman to read through and discuss with other Councillors.
  - b) **Village Enhancement** – It was agreed to defer this item to the March agenda.
  - c) **Illuminated Front of House Competition** – this was won by Mr and Mrs Osbourn of 9 The Crescent. They were presented with their Marks and Spencers hamper before Christmas. It was agreed to hold this event again this year.
  - d) **Carol Service** – The Chairman thanked the Clerk and everyone involved in making this a successful event. It was agreed to hold this event again this year and a date of 9<sup>th</sup> December was agreed. It was discussed that a lot of the carols were not known and suggested having more traditional carols next year. Clerk to talk to the Salvation Army. It was also mentioned whether the School choir could sing on the evening as well. Clerk to talk to the Headmistress.
5. **Up date on Parish Council Forum** – no update was given.
6. **Draft January Newsletter for approval** – the Newsletter was agreed, Clerk to arrange distribution.
7. **Local Neighbourhood Partnerships** – following discussions at Bromsgrove District Council it has been agreed to hold a pilot commencing in April with Hagley, Hunnington, Clent, Belbroughton and Romsley. A Committee will be formed including parish councils and other organisations and we would then have to put in our bid for funds.

- 8. Quality Parish Status** – Clerk and Chairman are to visit Pat Edwards for guidance on filling in the application form and also arranging to visit Belbroughton Parish Council who had recently gained Quality Parish Status.
- 9. Neighbourhood Watch/PACT Meeting** – This item is covered under the public notes, appended to these minutes.
- 10. District and County Councillor's Report** – none.
- 11. Planning Matters** – The following planning applications had been received together with comments from the Council and decisions from BDC and Appeals decisions.

**Bromsgrove District Council Decisions**

08/0913	The Sub Public House Illuminated signage	Granted
08/0542	420 Bromsgrove Road 4 detached homes	Refused

**Parish Council Decisions**

08/1023	167 Bromsgrove Road Two storey side extension	No objections
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**12. Finance Matters –**

- a) PRECEPT 2009/10** – it was Proposed by Cllr. Bayfield, Seconded by Cllr. Fitzpatrick that the Precept requirement for 2009/10 be £8,697.00.
- b) Replacement Fund and Application of Funds** – it was unanimously RESOLVED to accept these documents.
- c) To consider donation to Salvation Army and St Kenelms Church Hall** – it was RESOLVED that the Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure, which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.
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| £85 donation to Salvation Army                        |  |
| £600 donation to St Kenelms Church Hall refurbishment |  |
- e) It was resolved that the following accounts be paid –**
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| R Mullett – mileage, lengthsman sundries, refreshments, prizes and thank you gifts | £181.94 |
| Alan Farnsworth – Lengthsman December  | £176.00 |
| Wor-Lifts – purchase of new strimmer   | £264.49 |
| Salvation Army Donation  | £85.00  |
| St Kenelms Church donation   | £600.00 |

**13. To note correspondence received for information –**

**14. Clerk's report on any urgent decisions since the last meeting** – None.

**15. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda –**

**SH** – None

**LG** – the trees opposite Cllr. Bayfield need staking, Clerk to ask the Lengthsman.

**LB** – could we put the Christmas Tree situation on the March Agenda. Clerk to arrange.

**PS** – none

**SF** – record thanks to the Clerk for our meal at the Swallows Nest. It was a most enjoyable evening by all and was suggested we goo again.

**FC** – none

**JP** - none

**16. Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7.30pm at Solus Garden and Leisure, Bromsgrove Road, Hunnington.

Signed.....  
Chairman – Hunnington Parish Council

Dated.....

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1. PC Lord gave an update on crime in the area over the last two months. He confirmed that Bromsgrove Road seems to be being targeted at the moment. It is a has prestigious houses and cars within easy reach of the motorway network.
2. Tony Durrell, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, confirmed that he is still trying to arrange a meeting with Marcia Cooper, Romsley Neighbourhood Watch Chairman. The Chairman suggested that we take the merger no further, this was unanimously agreed.