

## HUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Hunnington Parish Council held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007 at 7.30 p.m., at the offices of Solus Garden & Leisure Ltd., Bromsgrove Road, Romsley, West Midlands.**

**Those present:** Cllr. J Peeney (Chmn.) Cllrs., L Gough, C Grove and S Harper  
**Also in Attendance:** District Cllr. D Hancox, County Cllr. E Moore, Clerk and intended new clerk Mrs R Mullett.

1. **Introduction of New Clerk** – The Chairman welcomed the new clerk Mrs R Mullett and introduced her to all attending.
2. **Public Question Time** – One member of the public was present but no questions were asked.
3. **To Receive Apologies** – Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Fitzpatrick and Bayfield both of whom are ill. These were accepted by Councillors. All Councillors present signed the attendance record book.
4. **Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations of Interest
5. **Minutes** – the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2006 were signed as a correct record.
6. **Neighbourhood Watch Report/PACT Meeting** – There was no report available from Neighbourhood Watch. A date had been arranged for the PACT Meeting to be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January but to date none of the advertising leaflets had been delivered to residents. Clerk was instructed to contact police and re-arrange this meeting for the 26<sup>th</sup> February. This will run in conjunction with the meeting to be attended by Pat Edwards of Worcestershire CALC to discuss the future of the Parish Council. Police Service 2007 – Chairman reported on attendance and conversation with the Chief Constable who stated that as crime in this village is low then police presence is likely to be minimal. Also that due to funding it was unlikely that there would be more Community Support Officers in this area. It was further agreed that the Chairman would contact the Chairman of Neighbourhood Watch to discuss its future.
7. **Reports** – Each Councillor was given a copy of the report on Clerk and Chairman's attendance to a Worcs. Highways Scrutiny Seminar on 23<sup>rd</sup> November which showed that compared to other Parish Councils Hunnington seemed to have a lot fewer problems than others. A report on the attendance by Clerk and Chairman to Worcester CALC meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December was given to each Cllr. These were accepted.
8. **Carol Evening** – It was resolved to hold this event again this year in the same venue as last year. Clerk was instructed to book St. Kenelms Church Hall and the Salvation Army Band for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Clerk was also instructed to contact St Kenelms Primary School and ask if they could arrange for their school nativity play to be held on a different day to avoid clashing with the Carol Evening.

## 9. FINANCE MATTERS:-

- a. **It was resolved that the following accounts be paid:-**
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| Mrs L Teese mileage incurred re: Worcs Highways Seminar              | £15.88 |
| Mrs L Teese ¼ yr salary Oct to Dec 2006                              |        |
| Mrs L Teese ¼ yr expenses Oct to Dec 2006                            |        |
| Mrs L Teese hamper prize for Illuminated Frnt of Hse comp.           | £40.00 |
| Mrs L Teese refreshments & sweets for Carol Evening                  | £26.94 |
| Mrs L Teese Thank you gifts (this amount comes from Chmns Allow)     | £41.94 |
| Victorian Flowers Get Well Flrs. For Mrs Bayfield (from Chmns Allow) | £25.00 |
| Salvation Army Band – donation re: Carol Evening                     | £75.00 |
- b. **Precept** - Following discussion and figures provided by clerk in conjunction with Chairman and following advice from District and County Councillors on various issues and figures raised, it was proposed by Cllr. Gough and seconded by Cllr. Harper that the precept for 2007/8 be set at £8009.00. Chairman and clerk signed the precept application form to be sent to Bromsgrove District Council.
- c. **Quarterly Return Figures** – Councillors had been given a copy of the quarterly bank reconciliation together with supporting bank statements sent to internal auditor and these were accepted.
- d. **E-comms Bursary** – clerk reported receiving a bursary of £250.00 from Worcs. CALC and that they stipulated that an audit is connected with this bursary to ascertain the Parish Council's decision whether to apply for Quality Status. In view of change-over of clerks CALC had advised that this could be left until later in the year.
- e. **New Play Equipment Funding** – clerk reported receiving confirmation from Romsley Parish Council of their acceptance of £500.00 donation offered.
- f. **Salvation Army Band** – It was resolved that a donation of £75.00 would be made.

## 10. PLANNING MATTERS:- The following planning applications had been

received, comments sent and decisions received from Bromsgrove DC:-

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| <b>B/2006/1255</b>     | 437 B'grove Rd. Rear dormers to loft conv.   | <b>No objection</b>      |
| <b>B/2006/1235</b>     | Dovehouse Fields Farm. Demolition & Rebuild. | <b>Applic. withdrawn</b> |
| <b>B/2006/1321</b>     | 430 B'grove Rd. New Conserv/ext to frnt gar  | <b>Objections lodged</b> |
| <b>B/2006/1373</b>     | 430 B'grove Rd. Dormer windows to rear roof  | <b>Objections lodged</b> |
| <b>B/2006/1156</b>     | 220 B'grove Rd. Amend. to roof prev. applic. | <b>GRANTED</b>           |
| <b>B/2006/1106</b>     | 437 B'grove Rd. Rear dormers to loft conv.   | <b>REFUSED</b>           |
| <b>Planning Appeal</b> | 334 B'grove Rd.                              | <b>APPEAL GRANTED</b>    |

## 11. District & County Councillors Reports:-

The District Councillor reported that four Parish Councils had applied for a reduction in numbers of Councillors and permission has been granted for them carry their applications forward. Also that it is intended to close the Waste Disposal tip in Qnanry Lane to outsiders from May 2007. It is intended that residents will be issued with entry cards with their annual council tax applications.

The County Councillor reported that he is still waiting for a reply from Worcs. HPU in connection with the Parish Council's request for work to be undertaken following

the provision of certain funding from the HPU, please note item 12. He also reported that the County Council Councillors had recently voted to remain a 'two tier' system.

**12. Urgent Decisions** – County Cllr. Moore had informed clerk that Worcs. HPU had some spare funds available for ground/road maintenance within each Parish. As decision on what these funds should be spent on was needed by the middle of December clerk had contacted Councillors and it was decided to ask for ground work to bus stop opposite The Close to be undertaken, also pot holes in slip road opposite the old Romsley Car Sales to be dealt with and possibly the bus stop area near 153 Bromsgrove Road. The County Councillor is still waiting to hear from HPU on which area will be undertaken.

Following Bromsgrove DC's decision not to provide a Christmas tree to parishes, clerk had tried to ascertain cost of purchase and delivery of a tree. A resident had offered a tree from his land which was accepted. A local contractor had cut the tree down and delivered it to the Solus site for erection. Clerk was instructed to write a thank you letter to resident.

**13. Clerk's Reports and Correspondence not referred to elsewhere:-** Cllrs. had been given a copy of report on attendance to Bromsgrove DC's Partnership Stakeholder meeting and a list of correspondence received which was noted by Councillors.

**14. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda** – Cllr. Gough informed meeting that due to ill health the project of enhancement of grassed areas within the village had not been taken any further but he hoped this would be rectified in the spring. Cllr. Grove produced a copy of a letter he had received concerning a dispute between two neighbouring residents and clerk was instructed to write acknowledging receipt of same.

**15. Date of next meeting** – the Chairman asked if the next meeting could be altered to Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March and this was agreed.

**16. Consideration of exclusion of the public and press to discuss items as on agenda** – at this point clerk let the meeting.

Signed.....  
Chairman – Hunnington Parish Council

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