

Minutes of meeting of Hunnington Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th September 2005, at 7.30 p.m., at the offices of Solus Garden & Leisure, Bromsgrove Road Hunnington

Those present: Councillors L Bayfield, S Fitzpatrick, L Gough, S Harper & J Peeney
In attendance: Clerk and County Councillor E Moore.

1. **Public Question Time** – there were no members of the public present.
2. **Neighbourhood Watch Report** – Councillors received a copy of report received from N. Watch Chairman which stated that there is ongoing improvement in exchange of information with police. Police had informed the N.Watch of a car theft from the highway between 2100 and 0600hrs. The deployment of the mobile CCTV camera systems is now imminent. The NW warning window stickers are available and can be obtained free of charge from N. Watch co-ordinators. Purchase of stickers had been previously agreed and clerk had received a request for payment of 200 at £40.00. The next meeting of NW will be held on the 8th November at Romsley Methodist Church.
3. **To receive apologies** – from Councillor Grove (accepted)
4. **To Receive Declarations of Interest** – No declarations were offered.
5. **Minutes** – It was proposed by Cllr. Peeney and seconded by Cllr. Gough that the minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 19th July be signed as a correct record.
6. **Speed Volume Survey** – Mr M Walton from Bromsgrove HPU had agreed to attend to discuss the results of survey undertaken in March but did not arrive. Clerk was instructed to contact Mr Walton and arrange attendance for November meeting. Cllr. Gough reported having attended the Spotlight Meeting where Bromsgrove representatives stated there had to be three serious accidents involving injuries before they would take action and although there had been three it appeared no-one was seriously hurt. It was suggested that the Parish Council should write to Mr Seddon at BDC to ascertain what needs to be done to get flashing ‘Slow Down’ signs installed and funding availability.
7. **Resignation of Councillor Talbot** – Clerk had informed Councillors of Mr Talbot’s letter of resignation which was accepted. Clerk would write thank you letter. It was resolved that Cllr. Peeney would take over as Chairman until next May. It was proposed by Cllr. Harper and seconded by Cllr. Peeney that Cllr. Bayfield would take the position of Vice-Chairman. Councillors would consider a replacement for vacancy and clerk was instructed to put this on next agenda.
8. **Parish Charter** – Councillors had received a copy of the final draft (5) charter for consideration to sign up to. Cllr. Gough stated at CALC meeting he attended the Executive Officer Pat Edwards had recommended PC’s should sign the Countywide Charter in preference to Bromsgrove’s own charter. Clerk was instructed to contact CALC asking for an outline in differences between the two. This item would be placed on agenda for next meeting.
9. **Grass Verge Strimming** – Following a meeting between Councillors and contractor it was agreed that a full verge trim should be undertaken and clerk had been given permission to instruct work to be commenced. Due to the time factor clerk asked permission to pay contractor on completion of work to Councillors’ satisfaction. This was agreed.
10. **Emergency Power to Clerk** – Clerk explained that following training session it is recommended that powers are delegated to clerk to arrange any emergency work to be undertaken instead of waiting for permission via PC meetings. This would then be reported to Cllrs. at next meeting. Councillors agreed this and it was proposed by Cllr. Peeney and seconded by Cllr. Harper that the ceiling amount be set at £200.00.

- 11. Clerk's New Contract of Employment etc.** – This item had been scheduled for discussion with Chairman following previous meeting but due to resignation of Chairman this item would be deferred until next meeting following discussion with new Chairman Cllr. Peeney.
- 12. Car Boot Sales** – The number of allowed boot sales at Oatenfields Farm stands at eleven at present with residents keeping check on these. A letter of complaint from a resident had been received about the August Bank Holiday boot sale which saw very bad traffic congestion tailing back to the BP garage on Manor Way. Vehicles were also parking along the grass verge on B4551 Bromsgrove Road. Although at some parts near the farm entrance 'no waiting' police bollards were being used. Clerk was instructed to contact police to ascertain if these were used with their permission. It was pointed out that boot sales further along Manor Way had been shut down by Dudley MBC due to traffic problems and Cnty. Cllr. Moore agreed to look into this problem and would contact Paul Jameson at Bromsgrove.
- 13. Standing Orders** – Clerk had been informed at training sessions that standing orders should be in place within the Parish Council and had obtained a copy of suggestions for inclusion. Cllr. Bayfield agreed to read through these to ascertain what could be included and would report back at next meeting.
- 14. Inter-Village Front of House Competition** – The winner put forward to represent Hunnington was number 500 Bromsgrove Road and that this had been judged third place in this competition. The owners Mr & Mrs Spring had been invited to attend the prize-giving at Bromsgrove offices on 6th September and would receive a gift voucher.
- 15. Hanging Basket/Container Competition** – This year's winners were in first place Mr & Mrs Jones 361 Bromsgrove Road, second Mrs B Sifford 3 Redhill Place and third Mr & Mrs Fry 359 Bromsgrove Road. The winners attended the prize giving evening held at the Chairman's home on Friday 29th July with prizes provided by Solus Garden & Leisure. Clerk had placed notification of all winners in the Parish Magazine together with observations received from judge Mrs J Hancox. Clerk would write thank you letter to Gordon Brown of Solus.
- 16. FINANCE MATTERS** – It was proposed by Cllr. Gough and seconded by Cllr. Fitzpatrick that the following accounts be paid:-
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| Worcs. CALC – Clerks Foundation Course | £95.00 |
| Worcs. CALC – Clerks Gathering | £15.00 |
| Mrs L Teese ¼ yr salary | |
| Mrs L Teese ¼ yr expenses | |
| Mrs L Teese – Hng Bskt Comp. refresh(Chmns Allow) | £36.00 |
| Romsley & Hunnington Gardening Soc. (Ann. Show donation) | £80.00 |
| Romsley Meth. Church – N.Watch hire of hall x 2. | £30.00 |
| Worcs. Cnty. Cncl. – hire of hall re: AGM | £10.60 |
| Bromsgrove N.Watch Assoc. – purchase of NW window stickers | £40.00 |
- 17. PLANNING MATTERS** – the following applications had been received, comments sent and decisions made by Bromsgrove District Council:-
- B/2005/0737** 496 B'grove Rd. side ext. – Obj. re: study part, balcony & 40% ruling.
- B/2005/0776** Yew Tree Frm. Add.to prev. appl for barn conv. No objection
- B/2005/0855** 219 B'rove Rd. 2stry rear ext&dormer windows – No objection but concerns re dormer windows in roof space.
- B/2005/0899** Grange Hill N.Home 2 further bedrooms. Site visit to be made
- B/2005/0911** Porch House Farm – Garage In view of concerns re: various applications for this site Cllr. Harper would visit Bromsgrove Planning Dept., to check on all applications made.

B/2005/0557	208 Bromsgrove Road.	REFUSED
B/2005/0638	416 Bromsgrove Road	REFUSED
B/2005/0567	334 Bromsgrove Road	REFUSED
B/2005/0693	220 Bromsgrove Road	GRANTED

The problem of inconsistencies in planning application decisions had been raised at the recent Spotlight Meeting and the Parish Council was advised to contact the Planning Department at BDC to discuss individual cases concerned.

- 18. District Councillors report** – nothing available.
- 19. County Councillor's report** – The County Councillor reported that he is receiving mounds of paperwork since taking office and is still learning about his role. Also that there appeared to have been one or two problems regarding placement of children in schools required and that the question of highways is taking up a lot of his time.
- 20. CALC Meeting report** – Cllr. Gough had attended and reported on several issues discussed including the Countywide Parish Charter reported on in item number 6. Also that CALC is looking at a new approach to subscription charges for 2006/7 and that a subscription rise of £25.00 is a probability. This will be looked at in a special meeting being arranged with NALC and will be put to the AGM on 29th October.
- 21. Clerk's report** – A copy of list of correspondence received by clerk had been issued to each Councillor and was noted. These included the offer from BDC to provide free of charge, a Christmas tree. Cllrs. instructed clerk to write accepting offer. Letter from BDC offering litter picking equipment – Cllrs. instructed clerk to write that the PC is satisfied with work being carried out by them at present. Worcs. CC Pass. Tspt. Grp. indicating minor time changes to 007 service – clerk would obtain clarification.
- 22. Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda** – Cllr. Fitzpatrick raised the closing down of **Dovehousefields Farm** by bailiffs and the subsequent problem of vandals now getting into the property. Cllr. Gough would contact our local police beat manager to ascertain what is being done about this. The farm tenant is now homeless and PC instructed clerk to ascertain from CALC if it would be appropriate for the Parish Council to write to Bromsgrove Housing Trust asking for help to re-house him and family. Clerk would contact BDC to establish if this property is on their preservation list as this property is reported to be some 400 years old in parts.
- New Footpath** – clerk stated there had been no progress on this item and was instructed to contact Worcs. HPU for an update.
- Wheelie Bins** – Cllrs. complained about problem of bins being left in middle of driveways when emptied and clerk was instructed to write to BDC complimenting service but asking for this problem to be rectified.
- Illuminated Front of House Competition** – in view of the time factor with regard to next PC meeting clerk was instructed to advertise this event and giving date when judging will take place. Also to write and ask Mrs Norton and Mrs Hancox if they will act as judges.
- Due to clerk's intended attendance to training sessions it was agreed that the next meeting will be re-scheduled to Tuesday 29th November, 2005 at 7.30 p.m., at the offices of Solus Garden & Leisure, Bromsgrove Road, Hunnington.**

Signed.....
Chairman

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