

Minutes of the meeting of Hunnington Parish Council commencing at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 29th November 2005, at the offices of Solus Garden & Leisure, Bromsgrove Road Hunnington.

Those present: Cllr. Peeney (Chmn.) Cllrs. Bayfield, Fitzpatrick, Gough, Grove & Harper

In attendance: Clerk, District Cllr. Hancox, County Cllr. Moore and Mr M Walton of Bromsgrove HPU.

1. **Public Question Time** – There were no members of the public present.
2. **Neighbourhood Watch Report** – There was no report available. However, it was reported that there had been complaints from the public to members of the watch concerning overgrown tree branches at various locations within the village. These were conveyed to Mr Walton who would arrange for a tree inspector to visit these sites. He also agreed to inspect the problem of flood water coming from the lane leading to Breach Farm.
3. **To Receive Apologies** – District Cllr. Hancox would be late attending.
4. **Minutes** – The minutes of the meeting held on 20th Sept. 2005 were approved.
5. **Speed Volume Survey** – Mr Walton attending for B'grove. HPU answered questions about survey carried out earlier in year. The subject of a flashing 'slow down' type sign for the village was discussed and Mr Walton would obtain details of costings and appropriate type of sign available from manufacturer and report on this at January meeting. He would also arrange for Mr Julian Turner the Police Liaison Officer to attend the next meeting to discuss this matter further.
6. **County-wide Parish Charter** – Clerk had received a 'sign up to' scroll for this charter from CALC which they recommend Parish Councils sign to abide by. It was decided that Hunnington Parish Council would defer signing to this until Bromsgrove DC had made clear their intentions. Clerk was instructed to write to Wores. CALC and inform them of this decision.
7. **Grass Verge Strimming** – It was agreed that the next trim would take place immediately after BDC undertake the first grass verge cut next spring. It was also agreed that Cllr. Fitzpatrick would discuss with contractor the problem of grass cuttings left on paths after strimming. Clerk was instructed to write thank you letter to contractor for work carried out.
8. **Standing Orders** – Cllr. Bayfield gave a report on latest model standing orders and it was agreed a copy of these would be given to each Cllr. for consideration of adoption at the next Parish Council meeting.
9. **Vacancy for Parish Councillor** – a resident's name was put forward and it was agreed that Chairman and Cllr. Fitzpatrick would have a preliminary discussion with that person with a view to them being co-opted onto the Parish Council.
10. **Christmas Carol Service** – Clerk reported on arrangements made for this event. It was agreed that clerk would obtain refreshments and sweets for the children at the event. Also agreed that clerk would obtain 'thank you' gifts for Solus, from Chairman's Allowance. Event had been advertised in Parish Magazine and notice boards and leaflet advertising this event would be sent to each residence.
11. **Illuminated Front of House/Garden Competition** – This competition would be judged on the Sunday prior to the Carol Service which is when the winner will be

announced. This event has been advertised on same leaflet as Carol Service. Clerk was given permission to obtain 'thank you' gifts from Chairman's Allowance for the two judges. Purchase of the £50.00 hamper prize was also agreed.

12. Progress Reports:

- a. **Requested New Footway** – Clerk read letter from Worcs. CC that indicated this request had been placed 82nd in the priority table. In view of this it was agreed that for this present this item would be held on file. Clerk was instructed to write to Worcs. CC conveying the Parish Council's disgust with the outcome of this problem.
- b. **Car Boot Sales** – Clerk reported the only the permitted 14 boot sales had taken place at Oatenfields Farm. A letter of complaint had been received from a resident concerning the traffic problem that had occurred on the August Bank Holiday Monday car boot sale. Clerk had been informed by police that 'police no waiting' cones must only be used with their permission. This would be checked on when car boot sales commence next year.
- c. **Dovehousefields Farm** – This farm has been put up for sale in plots and is now sold. With regard to previous tenants being homeless, clerk had established that it was inappropriate for Parish Council to intercede on his behalf to Bromsgrove Housing Trust for re-housing. A Councillor had written privately. The family had now been re-housed due to health issues.
- d. **Wheelie Bins** – Clerk had complained to BDC about empty bins being left in middle of driveways and this would be passed on to the depot manager.
- e. **Bus Timetable** – Following confusion regarding new bus times clerk had obtained new timetables and these were advertised in notice boards.

13. FINANCE MATTERS:

- a. **Concurrent Functions** – Following confusion earlier in year concerning overpayment this had now been clarified and Parish Council had received a refund payment of £900.00 from BDC. A cheque totalling £1600.00 (plus £20.63 interest) for balance of requested precept had been received. This repayment would be allowed for in next year's precept.
- b. **Investment of Capital** – Clerk explained details of bond available from HSBC with a minimum investment. Councillors agreed that Chairman and clerk would check on the feasibility of investing on a 3 month basis.
- c. **Quarterly Return** – Each Cllr. had received a copy of the return and supporting bank statements sent to the internal auditor. Cllr. Peeney had carried out a check on accounts and these were agreed.
- d. Councillors agreed payments of the following accounts:

Mr R Batty – strimming work undertaken	£250.00
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CPRE – annual subscription	£25.00
Worcs. CALC – Clerk's Training x 2 sessions 15&22.11.05	£45.00
Worcs. CALC – Clerks' Gathering 16.11.05	£10.00
Mrs L Teese – Mileage re: Training x 2 to Worcester	£30.96
- e. **Precept 2006/7** – Clerk issued Cllrs. with figures for consideration when setting next year's precept. These would be considered and the precept set at the January 2006 meeting.

14. PLANNING MATTERS:

Planning application comments that had been sent and decisions received:-

B/2005/0911 Porch Hse.Frm.	Garage	No Objection
B/2005/0899 Grange Hill N. Home	2 add. Bedrooms	No Objection
B/2005/0776 Yew Tree Farm		Granted
B/2005/0855 219 B'grove. Rd.		Granted

B/2005/0737 496 B'grove. Rd. Planning Officer informed clerk that this application was likely to be refused and had suggested applicants submit revised plans. Clerk had asked for a copy of these to be sent to her when received.

- 15. **Parish Council Forum Meeting** – Clerk issued a report on her attendance at this meeting which also included the problem of amendments to planning applications
- 16. **District & County Councillors' Reports** – The District Cllr. reported on a new leader at BDC and also that a process of restructuring is taking place. Also that an unqualified audit report was anticipated. The Cnty. Cllr. had attended a meeting in connection with police restructuring. A vote had been taken which indicated that option one would be preferred. The Public Transport Scrutiny Task Group would undertake a review and report next spring. A definitive Map of Rights of Way is available. The Primary Care Trust for this area is looking at possible mergers with other areas.
- 17. **Clerk's Report and Correspondence for Information** – Clerk reported on attendance to training sessions and clerks' gathering. Correspondence noted as attached list.
- 18. **Clerk's Report on Urgent Decisions – Notice Board near The Sun.** Vandals had forced the handles on the door and clerk had instructed the installation contractor to renew these. **Police Restructuring** – Clerk had circulated this document to Cllrs.' for decision on preferred option. This had resulted in a majority decision of four to two in favour of option one. Clerk had sent notification of result to required address.
- 19. **Councillors' Reports and Items for future agenda** – Cllr. Fitzpatrick asked if the purchase of the Cricket Club by the Parish Council could be looked into. It was agreed that he would investigate this matter and clerk was instructed to put this item on agenda for next meeting.
- 20. **Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 17th January 2006.
- 21. **It was resolved to remove the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following item:-**
 Clerk's new contract of employment etc. – Clerk left the meeting before this matter was discussed.

Clerk left meeting at 9.42 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman – Hunnington Parish Council

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