

Chairman's Report for Huncote Parish Council

May 2016 to April 2017

I would like to start as always by giving my thanks to all the Parish Councillors for their continued support. The Council has co-opted two parishioners, Mrs Fay Pittam and Mr Roy Bailey onto the Council and I am sure they will enjoy being part of the Council.

I would like to thank our Clerk, Mr Stuart Bacon for his conscientious work and his valued commitment to Huncote. Minor handyman duties and general maintenance work is carried out by our handymen Bruce Smith, David Strange and Keith Baum. They do a fantastic job keeping Huncote clean and tidy.

The new houses off Narborough Road; Daultrey Road, Peers Way, Preston Way and Haines Road are now all fully occupied and I wish a warm welcome to all the new residents. The small park there has been provided by Jelson's and I would like to thank them for this great little area. The children are already getting benefit from this amenity.

The Westleigh Development of 60 dwellings has been granted by the inspectorate and detailed planning has been approved by Blaby District Council this means work may possibly commence later this year. I am expecting improvements to the footpath between Huncote and Narborough to be carried out as part of the planning conditions.

The Fosse Village Neighbourhood Plan was put out for consultation to all 10 parishes and we are presently awaiting the results of the consultation responses. We will update parishioners via the village newsletter and the Huncote Parish Council web pages. The Plan will eventually form part of the Statutory Development Plan for the area alongside the Blaby Core Strategy.

The recreation ground has proved a success with the young people of the village and you will have noticed the planting of young trees on the Den. The Scouts helped plant some hedging saplings alongside the wooden barrier that skirts Critchlow Road. This will eventually form a substantial hedge alleviating the need for the wooden safety barrier. I would like to thank the children of Huncote for taking care of the apparatus in the park and hope they continue to enjoy the benefits of the equipment there.

The recreation ground, footpaths and other local routes are still suffering from dog fouling. There are plenty of dog waste bins around the village so there can be no excuse; it is not the dogs' fault. I ask those with dogs to please make sure they pick the fouling up, as required by law. The fines are quite substantial so take care. I still fail to understand why dog owners bag their dogs waste and abandon it in weird and wonderful places; trees, hedges etc. If there isn't a dog waste bin nearby when you dog has to go, please place it in a nearby litter bin.

We supported The Lion Roars event based at the Red Lion pub in their efforts to raise funds for Rainbows charity. This was a very successful and well supported event for our village and my thanks go to everybody concerned.

The village is well catered for by various groups for all ages within the village, which are all run by volunteers and I would like to give them all a big thank you. It is you that make the community what it is. Groups can always apply to the Council for grants to help with their activities and forms are available from the parish council website or the

Clerk, Stuart Bacon. For information, the community library is now based at the Methodist Church and the volunteers continue to work tirelessly to provide this asset for the villagers.

The handymen and Stuart worked really hard to source and decorate the Christmas trees on The Green and opposite the Church. They were a great success and a lovely sight as you entered the village. The summer hanging baskets improve the appearance of the village and are looked after voluntarily by the local shopkeepers and businesses, thank you to them too.

Traffic everywhere continues to be a problem, Huncote being no exception. I ask everyone to try to be considerate when parking and driving throughout the village. Despite continued persistence in requesting a pedestrian crossing in the centre of the village we have still not been able to achieve our aim.

The recently changed bus service has added new destinations possible from Huncote. It now travels from Leicester to Rugby via Croft, Broughton Astley, Lutterworth among many other villages. This route also includes a stop at the Leicester Royal Infirmary. I hope it proves to be a benefit to all public transport users.

I hope most of you have discovered the nature walk adjacent to the quarry and have managed to complete the circular route via Croft. This is a permissive route, maintained by the Aggregate Industries. It would be most appreciated if people could kindly take their litter home with them and try to keep the route a pleasurable experience.

The various liaison groups are still working hard to represent the village interests regarding the quarry works and related issues.

Huncote Parish Council requested a tour of the Anaerobic Bio-digester at Green Lodge Farm following complaints from residents regarding smells and odours around the village. I am pleased to say that the owners have strict guidelines to adhere to and are constantly monitored. The smell that we have been suffering from in the village is definitely not arising from this facility and is probably due to local farmers ploughing and fertilising their fields with manure and the like. I would like to add that farmers too are regulated during this process.

Maggie Wright, our District Councillor and Ernie White our County Councillor still provide excellent support and advice to the Parish Council.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to mention the passing of Mrs Barbara Kilby earlier this year. She did a great deal both for the community and our council and is sadly missed. My thoughts go to her family and friends. There are also a few valued members of our community who are no longer with us and my thoughts are with their friends and family too. Time can be a great healer although we will never forget.

Huncote remains a great village to live in. I will continue to do my best to keep positive and provide the best I can for Huncote. I enjoy working with the councillors to try to enhance the village whichever way we can. With the general election and Brexit on the horizon the year ahead will certainly be interesting.

Alec Knight

Chairman's Report for Huncote Parish Council May 2016 to April 2017

I would like to start as always by giving my thanks to all the Parish Councillors for their continued support. The Council has co-opted two parishioners, Mrs Fay Pittam and Mr Roy Bailey onto the Council and I am sure they will enjoy being part of the Council.

I would like to thank our Clerk, Mr Stuart Bacon for his conscientious work and his valued commitment to Huncote. Minor handyman duties and general maintenance work is carried out by our handymen Bruce Smith, David Strange and Keith Baum. They do a fantastic job keeping Huncote clean and tidy.

The new houses off Narborough Road; Daultrey Road, Peers Way, Preston Way and Haines Road are now all fully occupied and I wish a warm welcome to all the new residents. The small park there has been provided by Jelson's and I would like to thank them for this great little area. The children are already getting benefit from this amenity.

The Westleigh Development of 60 dwellings has been granted by the inspectorate and detailed planning has been approved by Blaby District Council this means work may possibly commence later this year. I am expecting improvements to the footpath between Huncote and Narborough to be carried out as part of the planning conditions.

The Fosse Village Neighbourhood Plan was put out for consultation to all 10 parishes and we are presently awaiting the results of the consultation responses. We will update parishioners via the village newsletter and the Huncote Parish Council web pages. The Plan will eventually form part of the Statutory Development Plan for the area alongside the Blaby Core Strategy.

The recreation ground has proved a success with the young people of the village and you will have noticed the planting of young trees on the Den. The Scouts helped plant some hedging saplings alongside the wooden barrier that skirts Critchlow Road. This will eventually form a substantial hedge alleviating the need for the wooden safety barrier. I would like to thank the children of Huncote for taking care of the apparatus in the park and hope they continue to enjoy the benefits of the equipment there.

The recreation ground, footpaths and other local routes are still suffering from dog fouling. There are plenty of dog waste bins around the village so there can be no excuse; it is not the dogs' fault. I ask those with dogs to please make sure they pick the fouling up, as required by law. The fines are quite substantial so take care. I still fail to understand why dog owners bag their dogs waste and abandon it in weird and wonderful places; trees, hedges etc. If there isn't a dog waste bin nearby when you dog has to go, please place it in a nearby litter bin.

We supported The Lion Roars event based at the Red Lion pub in their efforts to raise funds for Rainbows charity. This was a very successful and well supported event for our village and my thanks go to everybody concerned.

The village is well catered for by various groups for all ages within the village, which are all run by volunteers and I would like to give them all a big thank you. It is you that make the community what it is. Groups can always apply to the Council for grants to help with their activities and forms are available from the parish council website or the

Clerk, Stuart Bacon. For information, the community library is now based at the Methodist Church and the volunteers continue to work tirelessly to provide this asset for the villagers.

The handymen and Stuart worked really hard to source and decorate the Christmas trees on The Green and opposite the Church. They were a great success and a lovely sight as you entered the village. The summer hanging baskets improve the appearance of the village and are looked after voluntarily by the local shopkeepers and businesses, thank you to them too.

Traffic everywhere continues to be a problem, Huncote being no exception. I ask everyone to try to be considerate when parking and driving throughout the village. Despite continued persistence in requesting a pedestrian crossing in the centre of the village we have still not been able to achieve our aim.

The recently changed bus service has added new destinations possible from Huncote. It now travels from Leicester to Rugby via Croft, Broughton Astley, Lutterworth among many other villages. This route also includes a stop at the Leicester Royal Infirmary. I hope it proves to be a benefit to all public transport users.

I hope most of you have discovered the nature walk adjacent to the quarry and have managed to complete the circular route via Croft. This is a permissive route, maintained by the Aggregate Industries. It would be most appreciated if people could kindly take their litter home with them and try to keep the route a pleasurable experience.

The various liaison groups are still working hard to represent the village interests regarding the quarry works and related issues.

Huncote Parish Council requested a tour of the Anaerobic Bio-digester at Green Lodge Farm following complaints from residents regarding smells and odours around the village. I am pleased to say that the owners have strict guidelines to adhere to and are constantly monitored. The smell that we have been suffering from in the village is definitely not arising from this facility and is probably due to local farmers ploughing and fertilising their fields with manure and the like. I would like to add that farmers too are regulated during this process.

Maggie Wright, our District Councillor and Ernie White our County Councillor still provide excellent support and advice to the Parish Council.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to mention the passing of Mrs Barbara Kilby earlier this year. She did a great deal both for the community and our council and is sadly missed. My thoughts go to her family and friends. There are also a few valued members of our community who are no longer with us and my thoughts are with their friends and family too. Time can be a great healer although we will never forget.

Huncote remains a great village to live in. I will continue to do my best to keep positive and provide the best I can for Huncote. I enjoy working with the councillors to try to enhance the village whichever way we can. With the general election and Brexit on the horizon the year ahead will certainly be interesting.

Alec Knight