Minutes of meeting held at 7:00 pm on Thursday 9th November 2017 
at St James the Greater Church Hall, Narborough Road, Huncote

Present:  Cllr A. Knight (Chairman)  Cllr S. Crane (Vice Chair)  Cllr C. Meadows  
          Cllr J. Cheesman  Cllr C. Brown  Cllr F. Pittam  
          Cllr R. Bailey

In attendance:  Cllr M. Wright (District Councillor)  
                6x Parishioners  
                Stuart Bacon (Clerk)

7468 To receive apologies for absence
Members noted no apologies had been received from Cllr E.F. White (County Councillor) and PC Chris Gutteridge (343).

7469 Declarations by Members of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests (In relation to Agenda items)
None.

7470 Chairman’s opening remarks
The Chairman noted a very busy agenda and welcomed all those Members and parishioners present.

7471 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meetings held on 5th October 2017 (HunPCNov17/2)
Members reviewed the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 5th October 2017.
RESOLVED: To accept and to sign as a true and accurate record.
          Cllr A. Knight proposes, Cllr C. Meadows seconds, all agree.

7472 Status report arising from these minutes on items not covered within the agenda
7457/4 Cllr Bailey explained he did not attend the site meeting, as he forgot.

7473 Parishioners’ time (15 minutes are set aside for Parishioners’ to raise issues and ask questions)
Parishioners explained they had started a collection for additional defibrillators in the village, and had approached the owner of Main Street Garage who had agreed to host a defibrillator on the front of his office.
The Chairman explained that at the previous meeting (7459/7) Members had agreed to purchase a defibrillator for the centre of the village.
The parishioners explained they would also like to install one at the school. Parishioners agreed to speak to the school about possible locations for a defibrillator to be installed.

A parishioner queried recent work seen being carried out on Croft hill. Cllr Knight explained the quarry were carrying out exploratory work on the water table around their site for 9-12 months. Large equipment had been temporarily brought in to drill holes to test.

Parishioners queried if the 7.5ton weight limit was still in effect through the village. The Chairman explained he had redirected a vehicle earlier that day contravening the limit.

Parishioners thanked the council for letting them put their points across and thanked the council for installing poppies on lampposts throughout the village for Remembrance. The Chairman confirmed with one of the parishioners that Huncote Primary School would be represented at the Remembrance Day parade in Croft.
To Review Policing Report

To receive a report on recent crime statistics

The Clerk explained that the September 2017 crime statistics according to www.police.uk, were still to be uploaded.

The BT Phone Box outside The Red Lion had been smashed. The glass has been repaired after being reported by the Clerk.

To Receive Reports from County and District Councillors (10 minutes on items relating to Huncote)

Leicestershire C.C. – Cllr E.F. White

None.

Blaby D.C. – Cllr M. Wright

LOTTERY

The Blaby Lottery launch for good causes took place on Wednesday 1st November 2017. The new online weekly lottery will launch to the public in January 2018. The Jackpot is £25,000 and tickets for players will cost just £1 with 60p from each ticket going direct to local charities or non-profit groups and organisations.

RESOLVED: Cllr Wright to check on emails publicising the new lottery, to ensure they are forwarded to the Clerk.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING

The Refuse and Recycling consultation is underway and closes on Thursday 16 November 2017.

In the coming year 2018/19 the Council is facing significant reductions in external funding specifically relating to refuse and recycling with a reduction of £740,000.

The Council is considering options to change the refuse and recycling service by:-

1. Moving to alternate weekly collections. Refuse one week. Recycling the next.
2. All households with 4 persons or more will be eligible to request a replacement 240 Ltr refuse bin and recycling bin free of charge.
3. Any households with 1 to 3 persons can request a replacement 240 ltr recycling bin and a 240 ltr refuse bin for a one off charge.

I refer residents to Blaby DC website for answers to frequently asked questions. Any other queries please contact the Council or myself and I will try and find the answer.

Members queried loss of weekly collections. Cllr Wright explained Blaby is one of very few districts nationally still with weekly collections. Some areas are trialling 3-weekly collections.

RESOLVED: Cllr Wright to check prices for bins under new scheme.

LIGHTBULB PROJECT

“Lightbulb” housing support service went live across Leicestershire on Monday 2nd October 2017.

Lightbulb will provide one contact point for a range of services including” -

1. Access to help and advice with affordable warmth.
2. Technology to keep residents safe around the home.
3. Home adaptations and Occupational Therapy support.
4. Other help and advice to live well and safely at home.

Lightbulb is a partnership between LCC and 7 Districts and Borough Councils across Leicestershire bringing together a range of practical housing support into a single service.

GROWTH PROSPECTUS

LCC Prospectus for Growth in Leicester Sept 2017 is now out in print. It is a useful document to get an idea of planned development in the County over forth coming years. For example:-

National and Regional Projects include the A46 Express way including Leicester Southern and Eastern by Pass.

Leicestershire Projects - Desford Crossroads A47

New roads will open up development potential of 117,000 extra, much needed homes.

Trying to establish information surgeries after Lunch Club meetings and in the Community Library 1.30 to 2.30pm

Cllr Wright explained luminous collars are available for dogs from Blaby District Council.
To receive updates on activities and information received since October meeting

RESOLVED: Members acknowledge the letter.

Finalists honoured at fourteenth Blaby District Outstanding Achievement Awards
RESOLVED: Members acknowledge the finalists.

Blaby District Youth Council Hate Awareness event
No Members had attended the event.

Blaby DC Halloween Spooktacular event – 30 October 3:30-5:30pm
The Clerk updated Members that the sports field pitch had been used for the event, without any reported issues.

Update on Comm Bus use of land at Huncote Pavilion
The Clerk advised he had been made aware that the Comm Bus would be relocating to be housed at Huncote Pavilion in a new secure area. Members reviewed draft diagram of proposal.
RESOLVED: Members had no objection to the proposal, allowing for the area to be used for additional car parking during major events.

Leicestershire Police Intercultural Evening – 7th November
The Clerk explained the event had been attended by a reported 350 people. No Members had attended the event.

To Review Planning Applications including:

1. To review applications received since last meeting for consideration
   - 17/1129/HH - Single storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing rear extension at Mill House Farm Croft Hill Road Huncote Leicestershire (Revised Scheme)
   RESOLVED: No comment.
   - 17/1389/CC - Variation of condition 32 of planning permission 2017/0749/01 (Variation of Condition 30 of Planning Permission 2015/1488/01 to amend the prescribed hours of operation related to asphalt production (County Council Identity No. 2017/VOCM/0307/LCC) at Croft Quarry Coventry Road Croft Leicester
   RESOLVED: No comment.

2. To receive results of earlier comments from Blaby District Council
   - 17/0952/DOC - Discharge of conditions 9 and 14 attached to planning permission 15/0115/OUT for Land Off Denman Lane Huncote Leicestershire
   The Clerk updated Members that Ian Davies was now the Case Officer for the application, and no revised plans had been received.

3. To receive update on gas extraction report from Blaby DC
   Cllr Cheesman noted the distinct lack of detail found in the report, stating 5-years data would be needed for comparison, with more detail on gasses found and individual concentrations.
   RESOLVED: Members agreed that with no concerns raised by Blaby DC and with the implication of relatively low levels of methane, no action needed to be taken currently. A greater review of the data in 12 months was recommended for comparison.

4. To receive parish governance review for Lubbesthorpe, Stoney Stanton and Sapcote
   RESOLVED: Members supported the establishment of a Parish Council in Lubbesthorpe and had no objection to a boundary change, if necessary, between Stoney Stanton and Sapcote.

5. To receive Leicestershire County Council Prospectus for Growth
   The Clerk presented the Prospectus for Growth, highlighting local projects and their impact on reducing some traffic levels locally and noted the dispersal of potential new housing developments within the district.
   The Clerk also updated Members on the information he had received regarding NEXT potentially moving their headquarters to Gloucester.

6. To review areas of planning concern within Huncote
   None.

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07/12/2017
To acknowledge Huncote Hash 2017 preparations
RESOLVED: Members acknowledged the event would be taking place at Huncote Pavilion on 31st December, with no expectation of needing the sports field.
RESOLVED: Details to be publicised via village Facebook Page.

To consider impact of BMX National Championships at Huncote Pavilion in April 2018
Members discussed the impact of the event on the local community.
RESOLVED: The Clerk and Cllr Knight to meet with Jon Wells at Blaby DC. To review preparations for the event.
RESOLVED: Members noted the need for potential parking sites/camping locally and prepared some ideas for discussion with Jon Wells.
RESOLVED: Clerk to request footpath heading north from Pavilion field through woods to bridleway at Acresford is cut back.

To receive an update from the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan Joint Working Board
- To consider pre-submission version of Neighbourhood Plan
No further meetings had taken place since the last parish council meeting. The Clerk explained the requested additional documents/photographs/maps relating to Huncote had been passed to the consultant for adding to the overall project.

To Review Financial Report including:
7478/1 To review quotes received for new fitness equipment fencing and signage
The Clerk explained the double-sided sign had been ordered from AM Signs for £235+VAT.

7478/2 To approve application for Blaby District Council Capital Grant for fitness equipment fencing
RESOLVED: Members agreed not to purchase a fence for the equipment, meaning a grant would not be required.

7478/3 To approve renewal of Parish Online mapping
RESOLVED: Members approved the annual renewal of Parish Online mapping.

7478/4 To approve renewal of Sage Cover for Annual Payroll
RESOLVED: Members approved the annual renewal of Sage Cover for Annual Payroll.

7478/5 To acknowledge changes to ICO fee and registration changes next year
The Clerk explained the projected increase in cost of ICO registration and the change in requirements under Data Protection Regulations.

7478/6 To approve Accounts for Payment (Doc HunPCNov17/3)
Members reviewed accounts for payment.
RESOLVED: To accept and to sign as a true and accurate record.
Cllr A. Knight proposes, Cllr C. Brown seconds, all agree

7478/7 Summary of Income & Expenditure and analysis to date (Doc HunPCNov17/4)
Members reviewed summary of Income & Expenditure and analysis to date.
RESOLVED: To accept and to sign as a true and accurate record.
Cllr A. Knight proposes, Cllr C. Meadows seconds, all agree

7478/8 To review response to 2018/19 precept consultation
The Clerk explained a response had been submitted, requesting precepts not be capped, to allow for parishes to continue to take on devolved services, where required by local residents.

7478/9 To consider draft version of 2018/19 budget and any additional items and projects for inclusion
Members reviewed the draft budget, and discussed projects for inclusion.
RESOLVED: Members agreed to bring purchase of defibrillator forward to current fiscal year.
RESOLVED: Clerk to organise purchase of video display defibrillator from Community Heartbeat Trust.

7478/10 To acknowledge changes to bank/building society terms and conditions and change in Bank of England Base Rate
RESOLVED: Members acknowledged the base rate increase, though did not expect to see an instant increase in interest rates. Changes in terms and conditions were noted.
To Review Huncote Enhancement
7479/1 To receive update on BB19 bus visiting Huncote
Cllr Brown updated Members the BB19 was now off the road, and would be looking for local venues to be based from. The Clerk had given booking details of Huncote venues to the service.
**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to support venue hire costs if the service remained in Huncote.

7479/2 To review install of lamppost poppies and determine attendance at Croft war memorial
The Clerk updated Members that 54 lamppost poppies had been installed around the village, and noted one had already been stolen and one damaged. Cllr Knight to read the names of the fallen at Croft Remembrance service. Clerk and Cllr Bailey to attend.
**RESOLVED:** Clerk to lay wreath on Armistice Day at flagpole in Huncote.

7479/3 To review preparations for Christmas lighting decorations
The Clerk updated Members on the Christmas tree installation and explained changes with Licensing at Leicestershire County Council.
**RESOLVED:** Members approved purchase of two trees from Oakberry Trees.

To Receive Cemetery Update
7480/1 To advise Members of request for exhumation of body buried in Huncote Cemetery
The Clerk and Cllr Crane updated Members on a request for exhumation. Following initial request, family of deceased have been unavailable to contact and failed to meet with Funeral Director as arranged.
**RESOLVED:** Clerk to stay aware of events in the cemetery.

To Review Highways & Footpaths Issues
7481/1 To acknowledge Leicestershire County Council’s decision to disband Highway Forums
**RESOLVED:** Members noted the Highways forums would be disbanded.

7481/2 A review of Highways and Footpaths Issues within Huncote
Members noted Blue Skoda parked opposite newsagents which had previously had flat tyre and left for number of weeks had returned.

To Review Recently Received Consultations
7482/1 Blaby District Council - Consultation on waste collection changes
**RESOLVED:** No comment.

7482/2 Blaby District Council – Consultation on rough sleeping
**RESOLVED:** No known rough sleepers in Huncote.

7482/3 Government – Data Protection Bill
**RESOLVED:** No comment.

7482/4 Government – Councillor Disqualification
**RESOLVED:** No comment.

To Receive and Review Quarries Updates
7483/1 Acresford Sand & Gravel
None.

7483/2 Sita
None.

7483/3 Croft Quarry
Site liaison meeting - Monday 16 April at 5.30pm meet outside Croft offices for site visit

To Review Publicity & Public Relations Issues including:
7484/1 Huncote Community Awards – Determine winners from nominees
Members reviewed candidates for consideration.
**RESOLVED:** Members agreed 13 Duncan Avenue would win Best Kept Front Garden, 16 Denman Lane and 33 Forest Road commended. Community Award to be given to Keith McAteer. Environment Award to be given to 1st Huncote & Croft Scouts.
To Receive Clerks Report
➢ Community Cinema returns at Huncote Pavilion
   IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE Tuesday 28th November 2:00pm
   THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS Saturday 2nd December 2.00pm
   THE ARTIST Tuesday 16th January 2.00pm
   SING Wednesday 14th February 10.30am
   PETE’S DRAGON Saturday 10th March 2.00pm
➢ Huncote Community Library planning to submit grant request at December meeting
➢ BT to increase charges from 7 January 2018

Any other business
(It should be noted that no substantive issues can be raised under this item (i.e. those requiring decisions or with a financial implication). It should be used only to register items for a future Agenda or items that are solely for information only)
Cllr Crane announced he would be retiring from the parish council following the meeting. Members asked him to reconsider but his mind was made up. Members thanked Cllr Crane for all his work for the parish council and serving on liaison groups.

TO MOVE INTO PRIVATE SESSION
Under the Local Government Act 1972 s100A (4) to resolve to exclude the public and press from this item in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed and further under Standing Order 9 on the basis that discussions may disclose or otherwise undermine confidential or sensitive information which for special reasons would not be in the public interest.

Staffing Matters (agenda will move to Private Session for duration of this item)
7487/1 Update on staffing
   The Clerk updated Members on current staffing.

7487/2 Annual Handymen's review
   RESOLVED: Members agreed with the recommendations as laid out in the supporting report.

Date of next meeting
Thursday 7th December 2017 – St James the Greater Church Hall, Narborough Road, Huncote @ 7:00pm.