ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Chairman’s Summons and Public Notice of meeting to be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 7th May 2019 at Meeting Room, Huncote Pavilion, Sportsfield Lane, Huncote

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

In attendance: Stuart Bacon (Clerk)

1900 To receive apologies for absence
Apologies had been received from Cllr M. Wright (County & District Councillor) which were accepted.

1901 Chairman’s opening remarks
The Chairman exclaimed that it was an honour to continue to serve the community of Huncote.

1902 Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting, 17th May 2018
Members reviewed the minutes of the meeting, and noted Minutes were checked in June 2018.
RESOLVED: To accept and to sign as a true and accurate record.
Cllr J. Cheesman proposes, Cllr F. Pittam seconds, all agree.

1903 Report of the Parish Council Chairman for 2018/19
I would like to thank all parish councillors for your continued support. I have to say that I am slightly disappointed that there were not more members of the parish who felt that they could put themselves forward for election to the parish council. Maggie Wright is our local County Councillor and has been re-elected as District Councillor. Maggie has always been of considerable help to the council and villagers and holds regular surgeries at Huncote library and my thanks go to her.

It is with regret that Christine Meadows resigned as a councillor and Cliff Brown decided to stand down at the end of his term of office. All of the other councillors have been re-elected councillors for the next 4 years without contest and we now have four councillor vacancies. If any parishioner feels they are able to come forward and offer their services, they would be seriously considered for co-option onto the Council.

Mr Stuart Bacon is the parish council clerk and he liaises with the handy men. Bruce Smith, Dave Strange and Keith Baum remain as the local handymen and between them all, they carry out maintenance at the park of all the play equipment amongst their other duties.

The development at the top of Denman Lane is continuing to grow with some properties already being occupied. I would like to welcome all the new residents to the village. As part of the planning permission for the development there will be improvements to the footpath along Narborough Road towards Narborough. The council is closely monitoring this to ensure improvement happens.

The Fosse Village Neighbourhood plan is now out for consultation and will then be considered for inclusion in the Blaby District Council local plan. Once the consultation period has been completed public views will be considered and the plan can only then be accepted as part of the local plan.

Despite several reminders around the village dog fouling continues to be an issue and the fines for allowing this to continue are quite substantial. I must stress again, protect your children and pick it up.

The Huncote Hornets BMX Club held the National BMX Championships at the Pavilion hosting over 3,000 people over a weekend in September, including on-site camping, facilities and attractions. The weekend was a great success and hopefully may be repeated this year. The village benefitted from the extra business and the opportunity to join in with the fun. I have received nothing but positive reports on the organisation of the weekend. The Huncote Hornets were awarded the Community Cup for their positive contribution to village life.

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Remembrance Day this year was a centenary year for the end of WW1. Red poppies were again posted on lamp posts around the village. Everyone I spoke to seemed to appreciate the symbol of remembrance and recognition of the village participation and losses suffered during the two world wars and other conflicts. I represented the Parish at the memorial service in Croft, and proudly read out all the names of those who lost their lives serving their country from Huncote village. I was very proud of all the children from Huncote; the brownies, guides, cubs, beavers and scouts, and the children from Huncote Primary School. The children presented their group poppy wreaths at the service and showed great respect and behaved impeccably. Tony Curly has provided the sound system for the service for a great many years and his efforts are always appreciated.

Tony Curly once again provided music and the sound system for the Parish Council award presentation at the Community Day in the autumn. The hours and effort you give to Huncote village does not go unnoticed and I always enjoy the entertainment you provide.

The Community Library is providing an excellent facility in pleasant surroundings and the Parish Council is happy to continue to support the library. The Parish Council will always consider groups who would like to provide any benefit to the village and will try to support any grant application for assistance. Stuart Bacon, the Parish Clerk has all the necessary application forms and is happy to advise any applicants on how to complete them. The local voluntary groups provide a great and varied choice of activities for the community to engage in. It is wonderful that so many people give up their free time to organise and support the things that make a village a community.

There are now two new defibrillators in the village, one at Main Street Garage and one by Huncote Primary school gates and these supplement the original one sited at the Pavilion Leisure Centre. The defibrillator at the primary school was funded with funds raised by the community. Thanks go to Brian Earp for orchestrating the fundraising for this defibrillator. A training course was held at St James’ church hall which was well attended. Clear verbal and written instructions on usage are included with each defibrillator and access is available at all times.

This year along with the usual village Christmas trees we lit up parts of the Den outside the Community Centre. Thanks go to the school for allowing us the use of a power supply. We will continue to build on the Christmas lights display in a hope to make the village look festive over the Christmas period. Thanks go to Konrad Skubala for arranging the necessary legal electrical requirements for these colourful displays.

You may all be aware that Aggregate Industries (Croft Quarry) are about to submit an application to extend the quarrying operation. The company held an open day in December at both Huncote and Croft Community Centres and were taking residents views and comments away for consideration. They will be sending information out to all residents shortly. You will be able to make comments and views on their application to Leicestershire County Council planning department. The parish council will make comments to Leicestershire County Council when we receive and review their planning application. I await the formal application with interest as I am sure we all do.

Parking within the village continues to be an issue, and drivers are reminded that they need to be considerate and should park sensibly, without blocking pavements. Traffic everywhere continues to be a problem. I must also stress once again that there is a 50-mph speed limit on the road towards Narborough. If you treat the road and other road users with respect traffic incidents could be radically reduced.

The bus service has proved a relative success although there are minor problems with its reliability and punctuality. With access now available to Broughton Astley, Dunton Bassett, Lutterworth, Magna Park and Rugby. It is a shame this service is not available bank holidays, Sundays or evenings. There is a need for better public transport in rural areas to encourage us to cut down on our car journeys.

The permissive nature walk around Croft Hill is an asset for all villagers to use. The parish council continue to liaise with Aggregate Industries as they are responsible for its maintenance. I would appreciate all dog walkers to use the dog waste bins and not leave the bags in ridiculous places. Fly tipping is illegal and is becoming an issue around the nature walk. If you see anyone fly tipping please report it to Aggregate Industries or to either Huncote or Croft parish councils. Everyone should take all their litter and picnic waste to a suitable disposal bin or their own refuse bins.

I will continue to do my best to serve the village. Once again, I would like to offer my thanks to all the councillors for their support.

Alec Knight
1907 Issues raised by Parishioners
This is an opportunity for all Parishioners to ask questions and raise any matter of interest to them.

A discussion over the local bus service took place.

A query was raised about the frequency of grass cutting. The Clerk explained that grass cutting of parish council owned facilities; the cemetery, sports field and Denman Lane/Critchlow Road recreation ground takes place 13 times between March and October, other areas such as The Green and highway verges are the responsibility of County Highways, schedules were available via the parish council website under Highways > Highways Grass Cutting.