NOVEMBER MINUTES

Minutes of meeting held at 7:00 pm on Thursday 7th November 2019
at St James the Greater Church Hall, Narborough Road, Huncote

Present: Cllr A. Knight (Chairman)  Cllr J. Cheesman (Vice Chair)  Cllr R. Bailey
Cllr L. McEntee  Cllr M. Jones

In attendance: Cllr M. Wright (County/District Councillor)
Stuart Bacon (Clerk)

7912 To receive apologies for absence
Apologies had been received from Cllr F. Pittam, due to illness, which were accepted.

7913 Declarations by Members of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests (In relation to Agenda items)
None.
Cllr Jones indicated he would like to join the Community Association, and queried if this would cause any issues.
RESOLVED: The Chairman and Clerk confirmed that this was unlikely to cause any conflict of interest, noting this would be a good opportunity to meet new people, and all Members supported Cllr Jones in his endeavour.

7914 Consider candidates for co-option
None.
Members noted there had been no comments or apologies from those parishioners who had expressed an interest in being co-opted.

7915 Chairman’s opening remarks
The Chairman welcomed all those present and noted that it would be beneficial for the parish council and the community association if other younger people in the village followed Cllr Jones’ example and wished to join groups which help enhance the local community.

7916 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meetings held on 3rd October 2019 (HunPCNov19/2)

7917 Status report arising from these minutes on items not covered within the agenda
7899 Cllr Knight explained the meeting with Alberto Costa MP had been arranged to discuss the footpath to Narborough with Countryside Properties, but had had to be cancelled due to him being required in Parliament that day.

7918 Parishioners’ time (15 minutes are set aside for Parishioners’ to raise issues and ask questions)
None.

7919 To Receive Reports from County and District Councillors (10 minutes on items relating to Huncote)
7919/1 Leicestershire C.C. – Cllr M. Wright
Five county attractions are shortlisted for tourism awards
The Bosworth Medieval Festival, Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre and the 1620s House and Garden, Charnwood Museum and Melton Carnegie Museum have all been shortlisted as finalists in the Leicestershire Promotions Tourism & Hospitality Awards 2019. The winners of the will be announced on Thursday 28 November. The attractions will go through to the regional Visit England awards, with the winners then going through to the national finals.

Melton Distributor Road – Funding Success
£14.7m has been awarded to LCC through the Housing Infrastructure Fund. This paves the way for the southern section of the Distributor Road to be constructed from the A606 Burton
Road to the A607 Leicester Road. The scheme has already received almost £50m of Government funding which brings investment into the Melton area to around £65m.

**Carers Support**
Unpaid carers across Leicestershire are set to continue receiving support from Voluntary Action South Leicestershire (VASL), after the County Council renewed its contract for another 2 years.
The support service is free and includes:
- A telephone advice line.
- Carers Support Groups.
- A telephone befriending service.
- Carers top tips.
- [www.supportforcarers.org](http://www.supportforcarers.org) call 01858 468 543

**Environmental grants available for community projects**
From Friday 1st November, community groups and organisation can apply for grants of up to £3k.
The new ‘SHIRE Environment Grant’ aims to help community groups and organisations fund innovative projects to help improve their local environment. The scheme is particularly interested in funding projects that will help to reduce the amount of household waste and greenhouse gas emissions produced, improve biodiversity or support the creation and protection of sustainable green spaces. Types of projects the scheme hopes to support include, community give or take events, repair cafes, hot pipe insulation, LED lighting or solar panels, creations of habitats, green roofs or living walls to improve the local environment. To apply, visit [www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants/environment-grant.html](http://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants/environment-grant.html). The deadline for applications is Friday 28 February 2020.

**Consultations**
LCC are consulting on the proposed changes to the school admissions policy (for the start of school year 2021) including changes to catchment areas. The consultation is open until 29 November 2019.
Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Plan Consultation closes 25 November 2019
Domestic abuse and sexual violence consultation close 29 November 2019

Cllr Wright advised Members there would be a free vote at Council on 4th December and requested Members let her know their thoughts on the proposals.
Members expressed their views on their understanding of the Unitary proposals, noting the potential for parishes to feel ‘put on’, and services likely to be harder to deal with on a countywide basis rather than the good working relationship that parishes currently have with district council and the ability to directly speak with appropriate officers, something which isn’t currently possible with Leicestershire County Council.

**Blaby D.C. – Cllr M. Wright**

**EU Settlement Scheme Application**
The Settlement Scheme is open. Deadline dates are 31st December 2020 if we leave with no deal or 30th June 2021 with a deal. (Dates still relevant after 31/10/2019).
Blaby DC would value help in sharing, supporting and promoting the importance of Blaby District residents applying to this scheme in order to continue living and working in the UK. More information and publicity at [www.gov.uk/brexit](http://www.gov.uk/brexit).

**Third busiest Urgent Care Centre – Enderby Leisure Centre**
The centre opened on Monday 1st April 2019, with a combination of pre-bookable and walk-in appointments from 6.30-9.00pm on weekday evenings and 9am-7pm at weekends.
Enderby Leisure Centre is now the third busiest of the six sites behind Oadby and Market Harborough with a usage to date (30 September) = 2928 people.

**Community Resilience Workshop – Tuesday 26 November 2019 at 6.00-7.30pm**
Demonstrate how partners in Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland coordinate a response to any incident.
Outline the role and responsibilities of Blaby DC in a response.
Examine the community’s resilience through an exercise.
Outline the process of writing a Community Response Plan and the Support available.
Discuss the role of a Parish Council during an incident.
Cllr Wright noted the recent flooding in Stoney Stanton, due to heavy rains. Members discussed possible causes for the floods. Cllr Wright noted the importance of a Resilience Plan for the community should a problem occur. The Clerk advised Cllr Wright that the date for the Resilience Plan training event at Blaby DC had been revised until 26 November.

7920 **To Review Policing Report**
7920/1 To receive a report on recent crime statistics
September 2019 crime statistics according to [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk): 10 incidents
- 1x Violence and sexual offences on/near Critchlow Road (Includes offences against the person such as common assaults, Grievous Bodily Harm and sexual offences) Under investigation
- 1x Public Order offence on/near Bennett Rise (Includes offences which cause fear, alarm or distress) Under Investigation
- 1x Burglary on/near Eunice Avenue (Includes offences where a person enters a house or other building with the intention of stealing) Under Investigation
- 1x Criminal damage and arson and arson on/near Eunice Avenue (Includes damage to buildings and vehicles and deliberate damage by fire) Investigation complete; no suspect identified
- 1x Other crime on/near Eunice Avenue (Includes forgery, perjury and other miscellaneous crime) Investigation complete; no suspect identified
- 1x Other theft on/near Eunice Avenue (Includes theft by an employee, blackmail and making off without payment) Investigation complete; no suspect identified
- 1x Vehicle crime on/near Petrol Station (Includes theft from or of a vehicle or interference with a vehicle). Under Investigation.
- 1x Vehicle crime on/near The Green (Includes theft from or of a vehicle or interference with a vehicle). Investigation complete; no suspect identified
- 1x Drugs on/near Carey Road (Includes offences related to possession, supply and production) Local resolution
- 1x Violence and sexual offences on/near Carey Road (Includes offences against the person such as common assaults, Grievous Bodily Harm and sexual offences) Under investigation

7921 **To Review Highways & Footpaths Issues**
7921/1 Details of Huncote Hash - Sunday 29th December 2019 at 11.00am
**ACKNOWLEDGED:** Members noted the route of the run and that experienced marshals would be in place. No concerns were raised about this annual event.

7921/2 A review of Highways and Footpaths Issues within Huncote
Members noted the crab apple tree on School Lane was in need of trimming, the tree on the junction of Denman Lane/Forest Road was in need of crown raising and roots were appearing in the footpath from the rear of the school to School Lane.
**RESOLVED:** Clerk to contact county council and advise them of the issues.

7922 **To Review Planning Applications** including:
7922/1 To review applications received since last meeting for consideration
- None.
- Any other applications received before the meeting

7922/2 To review planning enforcement issues
- **APP/T2405/C/19/3232404** – Appeal against Enforcement Notice for Forest Road / Enderby Road Huncote Leicestershire
**RESOLVED:** No comments to be submitted.

7922/3 To receive results of earlier comments from Blaby District Council
- **19/1200/NMAT** - Non-Material Amendment to planning permission 13/0117/1/MX for the deletion of a swale and footpath from the public open space area. - Land to the South of Narborough Road Huncote Leicestershire – *Awaiting decision*
- **19/1213/HH** - Two storey side/rear and single storey front and rear extensions - 18 Duncan Avenue Huncote Leicestershire LE9 3AP – *Application Permitted*
- **2019/CM/0184/LCC** - Mole Groundworks Ltd - The proposal is for inert waste operations at the Mole Groundworks site alongside their current operations there. The inert waste operations will be in South West of the site and only cover a small area. This small area consists of three concrete bays where inert waste will be screened and recycled to be reused for future
operations by Mole Groundworks. An additional concrete panel wall is proposed to be built to protect neighbours from any additional noise created by the new operation. The new concrete panel wall will have weld mesh fencing with ivy on the neighbours’ side to act as a living screen to fit within aesthetics of the local landscape and benefit local wildlife. - The Old Piggery, Forest Road, Huncote, LE9 3LE – **Awaiting decision**

- **19/0892/FUL** - Change of use of land for a temporary period of 3 years for the storage of motor vehicles Cooks Lodge Farm Forest Road Narborough Town Narborough – **Awaiting decision**

- **2019/CM/0125/LCC** - Proposed lateral extension to the mineral extraction area within Croft Quarry, retention of access and ancillary development and reclamation via the importation of restoration material. - Croft Quarry, Coventry Road, Croft, LE9 3GP – **Awaiting decision**

- **19/0582/OUT** - Outline application for 7 dwellings following demolition of existing light industrial buildings (access, layout and scale to be considered, all other matters reserved) (resubmission of application 18/1531/OUT) - Land At 6 Cheney End Huncote Leicestershire LE9 3AD – **Awaiting decision**

- **19/0019/FUL** - Installation of 7 lighting columns - BMX Track The Pavilion Leisure Centre Sportsfield Lane Huncote – **Awaiting decision**

- **19/0685/FUL** - Erection of two storey garage and workshop building with residential annexe - Elms Farm Narborough Road Huncote Leicestershire – **Application Permitted**

7922/4 To review areas of planning concern within Huncote

None.

7922/5 To receive an update on Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange

The Clerk noted the date for public consultation was likely to be pushed back by the developer.

7922/6 To receive an update from the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan Joint Working Board

The Clerk explained that the report had now been received at Blaby DC from the Planning Inspector for fact checking, before going to December Blaby DC Council meeting. Parishes within the Fosse Villages had been requested to submit comments for fact checking back to the Planning dept by Wed 13th November.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk requested that if Members had comments, they let the Clerk know asap, to ensure comments could be submitted before the deadline.

7923 **To Review Huncote Cemetery**

7923/1 To review extending Garden of Remembrance

The Clerk explained a suggestion of adding additional plots to the Garden of Remembrance at the end of the existing rows to maximise the use of available space.

**RESOLVED:** Members approved the extension of the Garden of Remembrance.

7924 **To Review Huncote Enhancement**

7924/1 To receive update on installation of silent solider and future of First World War plaque

The Clerk explained that the Silent Soldier had been installed, and was looking towards the stone circle. It had also been noted that the cross-section of the 100 year old tree First World War marker was beginning to decay.

**RESOLVED:** Members thanked council staff for installing the Silent Soldier and discussed options for replacing the tree cross-section.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to approach Croft Quarry about replacing the tree cross-section with an engraved piece of granite from the quarry to mark the conflicts parishioners had been involved in.

7924/2 To receive update on Remembrance Day Service

Members noted the Remembrance service would be held at the war memorial in Croft on Sunday 10th November, with a parade from Winston Avenue car park beginning at 10:00am.

**RESOLVED:** The Chairman would be reading the names of the fallen from Huncote.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr McEntee and Cllr Jones to lower the flag and place a wreath in Huncote.

7924/3 To receive update on adoption of open space off Peers Way/Preston Way, including reviewing play inspection report

The Clerk explained that we are currently awaiting a decision from non-material amendment planning application before the Deed of Variation can be signed and the transfer of the land progressed if the Parish Council is happy all issues raised have been addressed. The
Maintenance sum will be transferred to the Parish Council on transfer of the Public Open Space.
The Clerk also explained that the 2019 play inspection report for the Peers Way/Preston Way open space had been received – no concerns were raised.

**RESOLVED:** Members accepted the report.

7924/4 To receive update on Christmas lighting preparations
The Clerk confirmed that all lights had now been received, final checks were being carried out on any lighting which had been taken down after last years display to ensure it worked correctly and could be re-used, the Christmas trees had been ordered and the cherry picker had been confirmed to install the lights.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to confirm delivery date for the Christmas trees.

7924/5 To discuss installation of 'pig on the wall' statue in the pinfold
Cllr McEntee had discussed the installation of a dry-stone pillar within the pinfold with a parishioner who had experience building drystone walls and also worked at Croft quarry.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed that if the parishioner was willing to carry out the work they would be appointed.

**RESOLVED:** 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 for special reasons not be in the public interest.

7924/6 To determine winners of Huncote Community Awards 2019

**RESOLVED:**
- Cllr Cheesman to present the awards, Cllr Jones to attend.
- Clerk to order name badges for all Cllrs, and the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** Community Award – Karen Meadows - Work with Junior HATS *** WINNER ***
- Best Kept Front Garden – 1 Forest Road *** WINNER ***
- 16 Denman Lane *** COMMENDED ***
- 71 Forest Road *** COMMENDED ***
- Environment Award – No award presented *** NO AWARD ***

7925 To Review Financial Report including:

7925/1 Lease for Croft Juniors FC use of sports field
Members noted a text message received by the Chairman explaining the football club would 'get to paying the bill when they got chance'.

**RESOLVED:** A reminder to be sent to Croft Juniors FC in 1-week if the bill remains unpaid.

7925/2 To approve Accounts for Payment (Doc HunPCNov19/3)
Members reviewed accounts for payment.

**RESOLVED:** To accept and to sign as a true and accurate record.
- Cllr Knight proposes, Cllr Bailey seconds, all agree

7925/3 Summary of Income & Expenditure and analysis to date (Doc HunPCNov19/4)
Members reviewed summary of Income & Expenditure and analysis to date.

**RESOLVED:** To accept and to sign as a true and accurate record.
- Cllr Knight proposes, Cllr McEntee seconds, all agree

7925/4 To consider items and projects for inclusion in 2020/21 budget
Members discussed items for inclusion in the budget, including:
- A replacement projector
- Taking over grass cutting rather than contracting out and discussing with county council about carrying their mowing responsibilities within the village and any sums receivable.
- Drawing up plans for new community hub

**RESOLVED:** Items to be added to budget.

7926 To Receive and Review Quarries Updates

7926/1 Acresford Sand & Gravel

**RESOLVED:** No update.

7926/2 Suez (formerly Sita)

**RESOLVED:** No update.
RESOLVED: A quarry liaison meeting was held on 21st October, where it was reported that quarry work was being severely scaled back until the planning application had been determined, which would likely be in the new year, as comments were still awaited from some statutory consultees. Contributory businesses on the quarry site still continued to operate as normal.

**To Review Publicity & Public Relations Issues** including:

**7927/1 Journal** – Next Issue Copy Dates - 8 November, 10 January
RESOLVED: Members noted the copy dates.

**7927/2 Huncote Village News** – Review draft Winter Issue
RESOLVED: Members noted the draft which the Clerk had produced, and suggested additional articles for consideration could include the renovation of Huncote Pavilion, the Huncote Hash and the EU Settlement Scheme.

**7927/3 Parish Council Website** – Review usage statistics/receive update on Parish Council Website
The Clerk explained recent usage statistics for the parish council website had not seen any unusual activity.

**To Review Recent Consultations Received**

**7928/1 Blaby District Council** - Playing Pitch Strategy
RESOLVED: Members noted the survey was similar to that carried out last year by the FA, but would now include all sports.

**7928/2 NALC - Policy Consultation E-Briefing 12-19 Independent Review Into Local Government Audit**
RESOLVED: Members noted the survey.

**7928/3 Leicestershire County Council** – Update on Unitary Authority proposals
RESOLVED: Members noted the update.

**7928/4 Leicestershire County Council** – National Highways & Transport (NHT) Public Satisfaction Survey
RESOLVED: Members noted the survey, and that results would impact the county council’s budgetary plans for next year.

**7928/5 Any other consultations received before the meeting**
None.

**To Receive Clerks Report**

➢ Huncote confirmed as host venue for BMX British Championships – 2nd August Bank Holiday weekend (28th-31st) 2020
➢ CPRE Conference on Affordable Housing – Tues 12th Nov 9am, Nottingham – Cllr Bailey to attend
➢ Leicestershire Police Intercultural Evening - Thurs 14th Nov 7pm, Force HQ, Enderby – Cllr Bailey to attend

**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)
None.

**Date of next meeting**
Thursday 5th December 2019 – St James the Greater Church Hall, Narborough Road, Huncote @ 7:00pm.