

HUNCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

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at St James the Greater Church Hall, Narborough Road, Huncote**Present:** Cllr A. Knight (Chairman) Cllr J. Cheesman (Vice Chair) Cllr R. Bailey
Cllr M. Jones**In attendance:** 4x Library Management Committee
1x parishioner
Stuart Bacon (Clerk)**7969 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr McEntee (work commitment), Cllr Pittam (illness) and County/District Cllr Wright (conference) which were accepted.

7970 Declarations by Members of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests (In relation to Agenda items)
Cllr Knight explained he had a non-pecuniary interest in that his grandson played for Croft Juniors FC.
RESOLVED: Members accepted this and had no objection.**7971 Chairman's opening remarks**

The Chairman noted the new projector had been purchased and that it was nice to see parishioners attending meetings, including two ex-councillors.

7972 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meetings held on 2nd January 2020 (HunPCFeb20/2)Members reviewed the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 2nd January 2020.**RESOLVED:** To accept and to sign as a true and accurate record.
Cllr Cheesman proposes, Cllr Bailey seconds, all agree.**7973 Status report arising from these minutes on items not covered within the agenda****7955** The Clerk noted that the draft circulated version contained the incorrect meeting date, and this had been corrected to 5th December 2019.**7974 Parishioners' time** (15 minutes are set aside for Parishioners' to raise issues and ask questions)A parishioner spoke regarding the 1st Huncote & Croft Scout Group, explaining that the group were flourishing and outgrowing their current home at Huncote Methodist Church Hall. The parishioner queried if any land or funding was available from existing developments, which the Clerk explained there wasn't.

The parishioner also queried what the young people involved in the group could do for the community locally? He explained that in the past they had been involved in tree planting, developing an allotment and had tried to hold a carol service in the centre of the village. In the medium term the group could consider relocating to Thurlaston Football Club, or could go to Croft.

The Chairman explained that should a new development be proposed, that work on developing a new community hub was already planned to be included, and previous consultation with local groups had sought to obtain a greater understanding of their requirements an interest in being a part of the project. The parish council has aspirations for developing a site opposite Shropshire's pig farm on Forest Road, but this would likely need £M's to complete, which the parish alone just don't have.

7975 To Receive Reports from partners (10 minutes each on items relating to Huncote)**7975/1 Leicestershire C.C. – Cllr M. Wright**

Cllr Wright had provided an emailed report before the meeting.

New active and sustainable travel website launched

The Choose How You Move initiative, which is a joint venture between Leicestershire County Council and Leicester City Council, has launched a new-look website to help the county and

city travel smarter, through more sustainable and active methods. On www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk walking routes, cycling maps, bus timetables and park and ride information can be viewed and downloaded, as well as finding out and signing up to cycling courses, active travel events and more. Businesses have their own dedicated page where they can receive help and advice to introduce active and sustainable travel.

Parents: Check eligibility for funded childcare

Parents and carers of two-year-olds across Leicestershire are being reminded by the County Council to check whether they are eligible for funded childcare.

Online at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/apply-for-2s or phone 0116 305 6208.

Watery Gate Lane, Thurlaston

Gates are set to be put in to stop motorists, who ignore road closed signs, and then get stuck in the ford. Between 2014 and 2018 the fire service has been called out 10 times and LCC Highways department 19 times to Watery Gate Lane. The water levels have risen significantly during recent years.

New Community Scheme launch

Time4Leicestershire is a new skills exchange initiative and is part of the national Timebanking UK scheme. The scheme is designed to help people swap skills, connect with their community by meeting new people, contribute to their community and receive help or support with practical tasks, such as gardening.

Details at www.time4leicestershire.org.uk and by calling 0116 305 0705.

Make 2020 the year of positive change.

Health and wellbeing support services on offer. Anyone in need of support to stop smoking or achieve a healthy weight can visit the website www.leicestershire.gov.uk/healthier-you or call the Quit Ready Team on 0345 646 6666 or the weight management team on 0116 305 1510.

A47 roadworks as Tesco Store Continues

Motorist are being warned to expect significant delays from next week as contractors working on behalf of Tesco continue to work on a new express store in Leicester Forest East. The work being carried out by the supermarket at the junction of Hinckley Road (A47) and Kirby Lane involves a new entrance and exit from the car park and associated changes to traffic signals, including better crossing facilities for pedestrians. There will also be carriageway resurfacing. Work is due to start on Monday 20th January and is expected to last 3 weeks.

Consultation on City and County transport priorities

Investment in rail and public transport and more walking and cycling schemes are among the priorities set out in a new 30-year transport blueprint for Leicester and Leicestershire.

The Strategic Transport Priorities (STP) report sets out where the city and county can work together, particularly around tackling poor air quality and the effects of climate change, alongside continued support for the local economy and jobs.

Last year, both councils declared climate emergencies and are working towards becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

(To be discussed at County Cabinet on 7th Feb 2020 – further details to follow).

7975/2 Blaby D.C. – Cllr M. Wright

Cllr Wright had provided an emailed report before the meeting.

A reminder that the Community Safety Strategy Consultation is open until 13th February 2020. The Blaby and Hinckley Joint Community Safety Partnership will be producing the new Community Safety Strategy for 2020-2023. Residents are being encouraged to say what their community safety concerns are and where they think focusses should be.

The weblink below is available via the Council's website or via the Community Safety Facebook Page.

Weblink: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CSPstrategyconsultation201920>

Health and Fitness-JUST

Blaby DC are working with 9 different sport and physical activity providers to deliver 25 sessions each week.

JUST get involved provides women with the opportunity to explore a variety of sport and physical activities over a 12-week period.

By signing up to JUST participants will receive free and subsidised sessions. They will receive special prizes if 10 or more sessions have been attended.

To find out more visit www.justsouthleicestershire.co.uk

Beat the Street

Beat the Street, the innovation physical activity game is set to return to the District from 26th Feb to 8th April.

The scheme is designed to inspire people to make small changes such as walking or cycling to school every day to improve health and help to re-set the way in which physical activity is embedded into everyday life.

For more information email: ben.austin@blaby.gov.uk Telephone: 0116 272 7699

7975/3 Leicestershire Police (update and recent crime statistics)

December 2019 crime statistics according to www.police.uk: - 4 incidents

- 1x Criminal damage and arson and arson on/near Critchlow Road (Includes damage to buildings and vehicles and deliberate damage by fire) Unable to prosecute suspect.
- 1x Public Order offence on/near Critchlow Road (Includes offences which cause fear, alarm or distress) Formal action is not in the public interest.
- 1x Vehicle crime on/near Duncan Avenue (Includes theft from or of a vehicle or interference with a vehicle) Under investigation.
- 1x Burglary on/near Narborough Road (Includes offences where a person enters a house or other building with the intention of stealing) Investigation complete; no suspect identified.

7976 To Review Financial Report including:

7976/1 To consider any grant requests received

A grant request for £1,100 had been received from Huncote Community Library.

The Chair of the Library Management Committee explained that the library was holding drop-in sessions for Blaby District Council, summer reading schemes, winter reading schemes, as well as chat and sessions on a Friday. The library has 240 registered users from Huncote, Thurlaston and Potters Marston.

4x Library Management Committee and 1x parishioner departed the meeting.

Members discussed the grant request.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to provide Huncote Community Library a grant of £1,100 for the 2020/21 financial year.

7976/2 Lease for Croft Juniors FC use of sports field

RESOLVED: A meeting had been arranged with the football club on Mon 10th Feb at 8pm, at Huncote Pavilion. Members to meet at 7:30pm to review the contract.

7976/3 To approve Accounts for Payment (**Doc HunPCFeb20/3**)

Members reviewed accounts for payment.

RESOLVED: To accept and to sign as a true and accurate record.

Cllr Cheesman proposes, Cllr Jones seconds, all agree.

7976/4 Summary of Income & Expenditure and analysis to date (**Doc HunPCFeb20/4**)

Members reviewed summary of Income & Expenditure and analysis to date.

RESOLVED: To accept and to sign as a true and accurate record.

Cllr Cheesman proposes, Cllr Jones seconds, all agree.

7977 To Review Huncote Enhancement

7977/1 To discuss if council wish to hold any commemorations for 75th Anniversary of VE/VJ day
Members noted the days of the anniversaries: VE Day – Fri 8th May 2020, VJ Day – Sat 15th August 2020.

Members noted that with the revised May bank holiday weekend it may be possible for an event to be held, and paused the meeting to contact 1st Huncote and Croft Scouts about holding a community event. The Clerk suggested inflatables could be hired from Blaby DC for any event.

RESOLVED: Members to consider what event could be held for either anniversary, noting that the Scouts felt unable to organise such an event.

RESOLVED: Clerk to chase Phil Jackson, Aggregate Industries and EMH Homes regarding placing a new stone marker on the memorial garden to replace the decaying 100-year-old tree trunk slice.

7977/2 Email from Leicestershire County Council regarding flooding at Huncote Community Primary School

The Chairman explained the email received from Leicestershire County Council, stating flooding was being reported as being caused to the school site from the recreation ground.

RESOLVED: Members noted the park had been in existence on the site from 1913, with the school not built until six decades later, on a lower ground level. A site meeting with County Council and the primary school had been arranged on 12th February to discuss the issue further.

7977/3 To receive update on meeting with Alberto Costa MP and Glyn Mabey, Managing Director, Countryside Properties

A productive meeting had taken place to discuss additional measures which could be put in place for improving the safety of the community, as the Planning Inspectors intended requirement for the widening of the footpath had proved unachievable under advice from County Highways.

RESOLVED: Members noted that Alberto Costa MP had requested that the developers put a plan in place by the end of February 2020, or he would take the matter up with the owners of the development company if this was not instigated.

7977/4 To receive update on adoption of open space off Peers Way/Preston Way

The Clerk explained that work on the adoption of the Open Space was currently being dealt with by solicitors, noting the additional £4,060 funds from Jelson were a requirement for the site to be accepted.

RESOLVED: Members noted the landscaping was undertaken in February 2016, Jelson have therefore suggested a date of 28 February 2021 as the end of the 5 year landscaping maintenance period as per condition 3 of planning permission 11/0133/1/OX. It is worth noting however that if a tree dies, it would be reasonable to expect the tree to be replanted within the next planting season.

7977/5 To discuss installation of 'pig on the wall' statue in the pinfold

RESOLVED: Members noted there had been no visible progress in building the pillar, though were unsure on the contractor's current state of health.

7977/6 To discuss Community Resilience Plans for the village, and dates for future meetings

Members noted the near final stage of the Community Resilience Plan, and reviewed costs for shipping containers as storage.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Aggregate Industries, The Red Lion PH and Main Street Garage about being included within the plan.

RESOLVED: Working party to meet on 13th Feb at 7:30pm in The Red Lion PH to review the plan and make final alterations.

RESOLVED: Members delegated responsibility to the Clerk to submit Community Emergency Stores order to LLR Prepared Resilience Officer.

7977/7 To discuss climate change and its impact on the local community

RESOLVED: Members didn't believe that there was much more the parish council could do to impact climate change, though would make consideration to impact in all future planning application responses where appropriate.

7977/8 To determine date for cemetery wreath clearance

RESOLVED: Members agreed to carry out the annual cemetery wreath clearance on Sat 22nd Feb at 10:00am.

7978 **To Review Planning Applications** including:

7978/1 To review applications received since last meeting for consideration

- [20/0080/HH](#) - Two storey side extension - 24 Langley Close Huncote Leicestershire LE9 3AT
- [20/0070/TPO](#) - Felling of 1x Sycamore - 2 Narborough Road Huncote Leicestershire LE9 3AW
- [19/1637/HH](#) - Front dormer window and dual pitch roof over existing flat roof porch - 3 Cheney Court Huncote Leicestershire LE9 3AF
- [19/1589/HH](#) - Single storey front and side extension - 1 Cooper Close Huncote Leicestershire LE9 3AJ
- Any other applications received before the meeting

- None.

- 7978/2 To review planning enforcement issues
- [APP/T2405/C/19/3232404](#) – Appeal against Enforcement Notice for Forest Road / Enderby Road Huncote Leicestershire - **Notice varied and upheld**
- 7978/3 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 – **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**
 - [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**
 - [19/0019/FUL](#) - Installation of 7 lighting columns - BMX Track The Pavilion Leisure Centre Sportsfield Lane Huncote – **Awaiting decision**
- 7978/4 To discuss requested name change from Huncote Pavilion to Huncote Leisure Centre
RESOLVED: Members enthusiastically supported the requested name change to Huncote Leisure Centre.
- 7978/5 To review areas of planning concern within Huncote
None.
- 7978/6 To receive an update on Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange
RESOLVED: Members noted that Alberto Costa MP had secured a Parliamentary debate, due to take place on Tuesday afternoon (11 February) at 4pm, on the proposal for the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI). The debate will begin in Westminster Hall at 4pm sharp and will be broadcast live on the Parliamentary website
- The proposed development is of huge concern to constituents in the Fosse Villages and so after quite a few attempts, he's very pleased to have now secured a debate to take this forward in the House of Commons next week.
- 7978/7 To receive an update from the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan Joint Working Board
RESOLVED: Members noted the Neighbourhood Plan would be being taken to the Full Council meeting at Blaby DC on 20th February, to recommend it is approved and taken to referendum on 7th May.
- 7978/8 Preparation for the BMX British Championships event to be held at Huncote Pavilion 28th-31st August 2020
RESOLVED: Members agreed that the group will need to look at a variety of preparations for the event, which the BMX group will be organising. These will include event signage, directional traffic signage which will be placed on the surrounding road network by the county council, camping, event parking, event impact on nearby residents, advice to local businesses, preparations for the event, licensing considerations, updates on attendance (bikers and traders), on-site activities, downtime activities, waste management, etc.

7979 To Review Highways & Footpaths Issues

- 7979/1 A review of Highways and Footpaths Issues within Huncote
None.

7980 To Receive and Review Quarries Updates (Acresford Sand & Gravel, Suez, Croft Quarry)

Cllr Knight explained that the next liaison meeting at Croft Quarry was scheduled for 27th April, and that the dust/blast committee had been cancelled as no further blasting was planned until the current planning application was determined.

RESOLVED: Clerk to speak with Croft Quarry about installing wooden fencing around the sports field.

- 7981 **To Review Publicity & Public Relations Issues** including:
- 7981/1 **Journal** – Next Issue Copy Dates - 14 February, 13 March, 10 April, 8 May
RESOLVED: Members noted the forthcoming copy dates.
- 7981/2 **Huncote Village News** – Prepare Spring Issue
 Members suggested including items for the inclusion of details for the Community Response Plan for appropriate individuals with necessary skills and/or equipment.
- 7981/3 **Parish Council Website** – Review usage statistics/receive update on Parish Council Website
 The Clerk explained recent usage statistics for the parish council website and social media had not seen any unusual activity.
- 7982 **To Review Recent Consultations Received**
- 7982/1 Home Office - [Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments](#)
RESOLVED: Members noted the consultation.
- 7982/2 Blaby, Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety Partnership - [Strategy Consultation](#)
RESOLVED: Members noted the consultation.
- 7982/3 Any other consultations received before the meeting
 None.
- 7983 **To Receive Clerks Report**
- Blaby DC – Parish Council Newsletter circulated to Members
 - Cemetery – Clerk updated on recent burials
 - Cemetery – Delays with marker stones and extending Garden of Remembrance. Seeking Blaby DC to rent us garage on Lodge Close. Likely £15 for a couple months to give space for moulds to cure.
 - Arboricultural work underway on sports field, park and cemetery
 - Knee high rail on sports field – need new contractor
- 7984 **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.
- 7985 **Date of next meeting**
 Thursday 5th March 2020 – St James the Greater Church Hall, Narborough Road, Huncote @ 7:00pm.