

**HUNCOTE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Present:** Cllr A. Knight (Chairman) Cllr J. Cheesman (Vice Chair) Cllr R. Bailey  
Cllr L. McEntee**In attendance:** County/District Cllr M Wright  
Stuart Bacon (Clerk)**8005 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Jones (work commitment), and Cllr Pittam (illness) which were accepted.

**8006 Declarations by Members of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests** (In relation to Agenda items)  
None.**8007 Chairman's opening remarks**

The Chairman outlined the roles of himself and the Clerk in facilitating the meeting, how Members and any members of the public, if they were to join the meeting, should act and respond to queries, by physically raising their hand in front of the camera and waiting to speak if connected by video chat or by asking to speak by telephone, Members would introduce themselves to all present, and then one person to speak at a time. The Chairman also requested all Members to mute their microphones when not speaking by video chat. Those joining by telephone were requested to remain quiet if not speaking.

**8008 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (HunPCMay20/2)**Members reviewed the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**RESOLVED:** To accept and to sign as a true and accurate record.

Cllr Knight proposes, Cllr Cheesman seconds, all agree.

**8009 Status report arising from these minutes on items not covered within the agenda**

7993/4 Replacement of the benches at the cemetery has been delayed because of coronavirus.

**8010 Amendments to Standing Orders**

8010/1 Revised Standing Orders and Remote Meeting Procedure

In light of the publication of the government publishing [The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels \(Coronavirus\) \(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2020](#) on 2 April, which came into force on 4 April 2020, NALC have now produced new Model Standing Orders which accommodate virtual meeting procedures.

Protocol on Remote Meeting Procedures in line with the new Model Standing Orders have also been circulated. Chairman noted all Members had received a copy of protocol for remote meetings.

**RESOLVED:** Members approved updated 2020 standing orders and remote meeting protocol.

8010/2 Amendment to procedure for reviewing Planning Applications

In light of the changes introduced by the above legislation in response to the coronavirus, Planning Authorities have had to amend the way they deal with applications.

For the most part, applications will still be delegated to Officers to determine at the Planning Authority with the parish council still able to submit comments.

Blaby District Council have amended their Constitution Part 3 Section 6 Sub Section 14 to enable those applications and other functions which are reserved for decision by the Planning Committee to be delegated to the Planning and Economic Development Group Manager (P&EDGM) in consultation with the members of the Planning Committee in accordance with paragraph 4.2

This is considered to be a temporary amendment of the Constitution and delegated authority is given to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to rescind this temporary amendment and revert to the delegations currently in force at any time and in any event will be brought back to Council for further consideration in 12 months' time.

**RESOLVED:** Members noted the change in policy, but also noted a planning committee had since been arranged via Zoom for 14 May.

Cllr Wright clarified the changes were possible due to Officers working to produce details via Zoom presentation to allow members of the public to participate.

8010/3 Review budget in light of coronavirus/COVID-19 impact

In light of the impact of coronavirus and the measures imposed by the Government and Public Health England to safely manage it, all councils have been advised to review the impacts on their budgets accordingly.

As Huncote Parish Council does not have any community buildings to run or large events planned for the year the impact on income is not expected to be significant. Work on improving the Garden of Remembrance in the cemetery was already planned prior to the current situation taking hold, meaning some efforts have just needed to start sooner to enable this work to begin.

Consideration for a summer event has been requested to offer something to the community once the current lockdown situation relaxes. Consideration on what type of event this could be will need to be determined in line with appropriate guidance and advice from Government when the lockdown release is announced and timing is appropriate.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed that further information about large gatherings was needed before any community event could take place. Funding was agreed as feasible from the council's contingency funds, but Members were unsure if this would be in this financial year or next.

8011 **Parishioners' time** (15 minutes are set aside for Parishioners' to raise issues and ask questions)  
No parishioners were present.

8012 **To Receive Reports from partners** (10 minutes each on items relating to Huncote)

8012/1 **Leicestershire C.C. – Cllr M. Wright**

**LCC April 2020 Report**

Leicestershire County Council have received £700k of funding to support the survivors of domestic abuse. The Council is one of 75 Councils across England to receive a share of £16.6m of Government funding to strengthen protection for those who have suffered domestic abuse. The funds will go towards supporting the Hope Project, a multi-agency provision that delivers an all-round support service for men and women from all backgrounds with complex needs.

Anyone in need of outreach support can call 0800 055 6519 or email [hopeproject@wallaction.cjsm.net](mailto:hopeproject@wallaction.cjsm.net).

**Primary School Places**

Figures released on 16<sup>th</sup> April show that 92.4 per cent of children across Leicestershire have secured a place at their first-choice primary school – an increase of 2.1 per cent on last year's figure.

For anyone needing advice, please get in touch as soon as possible to discuss what options may be available, including how to make an appeal. To find out more, visit [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions)

**Blue and Green lights signal support for NHS and Social Care**

Leicestershire County Council have been lighting up the building to thank NHS and social care workers as part of the national "clap for carers".

An extra 240 social care staff worked over the Easter bank holiday weekend – and 120 more were on stand-by – to ensure that over 5,000 residents received the vital care and support they need.

More than 100 people who usually work in adult learning, libraries and other teams have already been redeployed to new roles – such as providing care, working in the council's customer service centre and supporting a recruitment drive for carers.

### **Leicestershire Foster Carers still needed during this time**

Get in touch by phone, email or social media.

To find out more about fostering, visit [www.fosteringleicestershire.com](http://www.fosteringleicestershire.com) or call 0116 305 0505.

### **Major Homes Planned for Lutterworth**

Leicestershire County Council's proposal to create up to 2,750 new homes, community facilities and business space near Lutterworth are set to be discussed by Harborough District Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020. The 550-acre development on land east of the town – including nearly 250 acres of green space, 2 primary schools, a community hub and a network of foot and cycle paths connecting to the town centre would generate 2,500 jobs.

The County Council is exploring different funding options for the spine road – including talking to the government about other funding pots – after a bid to the Housing and Infrastructure Fund was unsuccessful.

Note: -The application was deferred at the meeting on 21/4/20

### **Reopening Household Waste sites**

Leicestershire County Council are currently putting the finishing touches to its plans to re-open seven of its recycling and household waste sites in next few weeks.

The selected sites will open seven days a week to county residents only - with a booked appointment only - from Monday, 18th May. They are at Barwell, Lount, Market Harborough, Melton Mowbray, Mountsorrel, Oadby and Whetstone.

Seven other sites at Bottesford, Coalville, Loughborough, Lutterworth, Kibworth, Shepshed and Somerby remain closed for the time being.

Restrictions will be in place for the types of material which can be taken.

### **Dropped kerb on Denman Lane/Spence Lane**

County Highways to review dropped kerbs in centre of the village as part of the survey for possibility of zebra crossing.

#### 8012/2 **Blaby D.C. – Cllr M. Wright**

Cllr Wright noted newsletter being sent to all parish councils to keep Members updated on district activities.

### **Bin collections**

Bulky Item collections restarting on 11 May.

Following a temporary moratorium on green waste collections, bins not displaying the correct sticker will not be collected. Anyone wishing to add their green waste bin to the collection for this year can still pay online via the Blaby DC website or call the council.

### **Coronavirus response**

Council offices are currently closed, with the council very busy setting up a community hub to help offer support to those in need in local communities, helping shielded, vulnerable people, those requiring food parcels and the homeless throughout the district.

Additional business grant support is being allocated through Blaby DC, paying out over £8.5m to over 750 businesses. Noting some businesses may be unsure if they can claim or not, and are advised to contact the council to find out.

Finally, Cllr Wright just reminded everyone to stay safe and follow Government guidelines.

The Clerk queried grant advice for parish councils, noting contradictory emails had been received. Cllr Wright agreed to follow this up with Officers at Blaby DC.

8012/3 **Leicestershire Police** (update and recent crime statistics)

The [Police.uk](https://www.police.uk) website have temporarily suspended the Your area section of the site. This is to prioritise providing access to key policing services to support the response to Covid-19. They'll be restoring it in the near future, but for the time being you can still access crime data and local force information on [data.police.uk](https://data.police.uk).

8013 **To Review Administration Issues**

8013/1 To review decisions taken since last meeting for approval in light of coronavirus response  
Due to the implementation of the social distancing requirements, no parish council meetings were held in April, with Members agreeing whether or not certain actions could take place by email.

These decisions will now be formally recognised for approval by the council as having taken place.

Council computer data storage - OneDrive

Members all agreed (excepts Cllr McEntee, who did not vote) to purchase Microsoft 365 Business Basic to ensure council data security, as the free storage the council had had now expired, and the current capacity was insufficient for council needs.

HunPCApr20/3 – 2019/20

Members agreed to all scheduled payments being approved so as not to impact individuals and small businesses which may already be suffering with the impact of the current pandemic situation.

HunPCApr20/3 – 2020/21

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Land for sale - Narborough

Members (except Cllr Cheesman and Cllr McEntee who failed to vote) agreed to approach Narborough Parish Council about the potential for the two councils to jointly purchase the field next to the railway bridge on the southern side of Huncote Road. Due to Narborough PC's financial restrictions in the current climate with no income from their newly opened community centre, it was not believed that this was a viable venture. Subsequently the field has since been advertised as having been sold.

Heads of Terms – Storage lease

The need for somewhere to store materials and manufacture new moulded sections for the Garden of Remembrance in the Cemetery was brought forward to prepare for any additional burials as a result of COVID-19. Members (excepts Cllr McEntee, who did not vote) agreed the Heads of Terms for the lease to enable the facility to be used to begin these works.

LRALC interactive briefings

Members considered taking online video tutorial training in using Zoom, and managing meetings under the new legislation ([The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels \(Coronavirus\) \(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2020](#)). There was support for the Clerk attending a virtual briefing, but insufficient support for all Members attending the necessary training online.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed the above was a true and accurate reflection of events and formally agreed all actions taken

Cllr Wright departed the meeting @ 7:24pm.

8013/2 To review HATS lease agreement for renewal

A letter has been received from HATS regarding extending their existing lease for the wooden storage pavilion on the corner of the sports field.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to investigate replacing the prefab store with a storage container as per 7993/3.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to reviewing and extending the lease with HATS. A 3-year lease was to be offered to the group.

8014 **To Review Financial Report** including:

8014/1 COVID-19 Small Business Grant - Parish Council property

Conflicting emails had been received about the council's eligibility for the grant.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Wright to follow up with Officers at Blaby DC.



- 8014/2 To approve payments already made (**Doc HunPCApr20/3**)  
Members reviewed the accounts which had already been paid, which were due in April and agreed by email.  
**RESOLVED:** To accept and to sign as a true and accurate record.  
Cllr Cheesman proposes, Cllr McEntee seconds, all agree.
- 8014/3 To approve Accounts for Payment (**Doc HunPCMay20/3**)  
Members reviewed accounts for payment.  
**RESOLVED:** To request Blaby DC fit replacement dog bins on recreation ground.  
**RESOLVED:** To approve repaying rent to Croft Juniors FC from 23 March to end of May as they have not been able to use the pitch due to lockdown.  
**RESOLVED:** To accept and to sign as a true and accurate record.  
Cllr Cheesman proposes, Cllr McEntee seconds, all agree.
- 8014/4 Summary of Receipts & Payments and analysis to date (**Doc HunPCMay20/4**)  
Members reviewed summary of Receipts & Payments and analysis to date.  
**RESOLVED:** To accept and to sign as a true and accurate record.  
Cllr Cheesman proposes, Cllr Bailey seconds, all agree.
- 8014/5 Update on Audit arrangements  
While social distancing requirements and the current lockdown situation have impacted the way the audit is normally carried out, the regulations were delayed from their planned publication at the end of March to ensure arrangements could be in place to cope with requirements in the current conditions.  
In response to the Coronavirus pandemic the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has issued two new Statutory Instruments (SI) as follows:
- [SI 2020/392 The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels \(Coronavirus\) \(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2020](#) This SI will give most local authorities greater flexibility in the conduct of meetings, including allowing members to attend remotely, and for public and press access to those meetings. **Please note, however, this new legislation does not cover parish meetings so as it stands parish meetings are still required to hold physical meetings.** This SI was issued on 2 April and is effective from 4 April 2020.
  - [SI 2020/404 The Accounts and Audit \(Coronavirus\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020](#) This SI amends the deadline by which the Annual Governance Statement and Statement of Accounts of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) together with any certificate or opinion issued by the local auditor must be published from 30 September 2020 to 30 November 2020. Previously there was a requirement for all smaller authorities to have a common period for the exercise of public rights, being the first 10 working days of July. **Under the new regulations there is no requirement for a common period for the exercise of public rights.** Smaller authorities are still required to set a period for this purpose, but the only requirement is that **the 30-working day period for the exercise of public rights should start on or before the first working day of September, i.e. on or before 1 September 2020.** This SI was issued on 7 April and is effective from 30 April 2020.
- The submission deadline for the receipt of the approved AGAR and supporting documentation or the Certificate of Exemption (as appropriate) is **Friday 31 July 2020**. We have not been selected as part of the 5% random sample for Intermediate Review.  
**RESOLVED:** Members noted the report and agreed the accounts will come to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council for confirmation.

Members agreed to temporarily pause the meeting at 8:00pm to join the clap for the NHS, and returned at 8:06pm.

8015 **To Review Planning Matters** including:

- 8015/1) To review applications received since last meeting for consideration
- [2019/CM/0125/LCC](#) - Aggregate Industries UK Limited - 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**
- RESOLVED:** Comments submitted to Leicestershire County Council

- [20/0304/HH](#) - Combination two storey/single storey side extension with ground floor annexe and single storey side extension - 72 Denman Lane Huncote Leicestershire LE9 3BS  
**RESOLVED:** No objection.
  - [20/0399/HH](#) - Single storey side and rear extension and two storey side and part rear extension - 11 Hobill Close Huncote Leicestershire LE9 3AS  
**RESOLVED:** No objection.
  - Any other applications received before the meeting  
None.
- 8015/2 To receive results of earlier comments from relevant planning authority
- [19/0019/FUL](#) - Installation of 7 lighting columns - BMX Track The Pavilion Leisure Centre Sportsfield Lane Huncote – **Awaiting decision**
  - [19/1589/HH](#) - Single storey front and side extension - 1 Cooper Close Huncote Leicestershire LE9 3AJ – **Application Permitted**
  - [20/0160/HH](#) - Single storey rear extension, two storey side extension and front porch extension - 3 Langley Close Huncote Leicestershire LE9 3AT – **Application Permitted**
  - [20/0246/HH](#) - Two storey and single storey side and rear extension - Mill House Croft Hill Road Huncote Leicestershire – **Awaiting decision**
  - [20/0243/HH](#) - Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension - 8 Cooper Close Huncote Leicestershire LE9 3AJ – **Application Permitted**
  - [20/0260/HH](#) - Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension - 119 Denman Lane Huncote Leicestershire LE9 3AL – **Application Permitted**
  - [2017/1389/01/CS/35a](#) - Aggregate Industries - Submission under condition 35 of planning permission 2017/1389/01 (updated Environmental Scheme) - Croft Quarry, Marions Way, Croft – **Awaiting decision**
  - Eric's Ice Cream – Street trading licence - Operating 7 days, 2pm-7pm – **Application Permitted**
  - [20/0070/TPO](#) - Felling of 1x Sycamore - 2 Narborough Road Huncote Leicestershire LE9 3AW – **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**
- 8015/3 To review areas of planning concern within Huncote  
None.
- 8015/4 To receive an update on Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange  
The formal public consultation on the application is now delayed due to the current restrictions with coronavirus. No date has yet been announced for when this consultation might begin. Leicestershire County Council have announced they have been unsuccessful in securing the HIF bid funding they were hoping to unlock to enable housing development to take place on some of their land near the proposed development.  
**RESOLVED:** Members noted the report.
- 8015/5 To receive an update from the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan Joint Working Board  
The Government have announced that referendums for Neighbourhood Plans, as with any elections, will be postponed until at least 6 May 2021.  
[Regulations linked to the Coronavirus Act 2020](#) mean that **no elections or referendums can take place until 6 May 2021**. This includes neighbourhood planning referendums. These provisions will be kept under review and may be amended or revoked in response to changing circumstances.  
The government understand this will be frustrating for communities that have dedicated significant time and effort to the neighbourhood planning process and naturally want their plans to come into force as soon as possible. With this in mind, the government have updated [current planning guidance](#) to set out that **neighbourhood plans awaiting referendums can be given significant weight** in decision-making.

The government recognise there will be delays in progressing neighbourhood plans due to the social distancing measures currently in place across the UK. The updated planning guidance also provides further advice on the implications for conducting publicity and consultation, and examinations.

**Grants and technical support will continue to be available** to support communities during the next financial year, and [Locality's advice service](#) continues to operate as normal.

As set out in the recently published [Chief Planner's newsletter](#), the government will allow local authorities to make claims for new burdens grants at an earlier point in the neighbourhood planning process.

**RESOLVED:** Members noted the report.

- 8015/6 Update on BMX British Championships event scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, to be held at Huncote Leisure Centre

**ACKNOWLEDGED:** Members noted the BMX series has been cancelled up until end May currently and we are awaiting further updates to see if this affects any of the events after this date

#### 8016 To Review Highways & Footpaths Issues

- 8016/1 A review of Highways and Footpaths Issues within Huncote

The Clerk noted there has been one comment submitted via the website regarding a hedge on Forest Road, which has been forward to the County Council.

**RESOLVED:** Members noted the report.

Members discussed public transport and acknowledged that buses were still operating through the village during the pandemic, albeit on a reduced timetable.

The Clerk provided an update on the pedestrian crossing request for the area near the shops in the centre of the village. Alberto Costa MP has requested LCC Highways carry out another review for a crossing near the triangle, which was carried out during March 2020. A report was due to be submitted to county Highways in April 2020.

The Clerk provided an update on the gate between Denman Lane and Spence Lane on footpath V64, that it was due to be removed by county Highways. No date for this work had been provided.

- 8016/2 Update following meeting with LCC Environment and Transport Customer Service Meeting (service and issues)

The Clerk updated Members on a meeting arranged by Cllr Wright just prior to lockdown on the work carried out by the Environment & Transport department and how to progress work if not receiving responses from Customer Service Centre.

**RESOLVED:** Members noted the report.

#### 8017 To Review Recent Consultations Received

- 8017/1 NALC - [Financial Impact survey](#)

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) asked members to complete their survey which looked at the financial impact of covid-19 on local councils. The results will be used as evidence to support NALC's case that local councils will need priority access to government support to address the loss of income and additional costs during this pandemic.

**RESOLVED:** Members noted a response was submitted before the deadline on Friday 24th April.

- 8017/2 NALC / British Toilet Association (BTA) – [Toilet Tax survey](#)

The Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee has recently issued a call for evidence to support its renewed [devolution inquiry](#). The main thrust of the Inquiry is aimed at testing the effectiveness or otherwise of the current administration's tailored devolution packages for certain areas, without a one size fits all national blanket devolution approach. The consultation deadline for responses to the Select Committee is 4 May. NALC will be responding.

##### *Context & proposals*

The Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee has relaunched its inquiry into progress on devolution in England. The inquiry will scrutinise the impact of recently agreed devolution agreements and ask if the transfer of further powers to England's regions can boost local economies and provision of public services. NALC is minded to highlight in its response:

1. That whilst it is right in principle that local areas should decide what local governance arrangements they want in future – the main thrust of government’s onward devolution policy should be to create new local councils in all un-parished areas of England;
2. There needs to be a statutory requirement for elected mayors and combined authorities to engage with and consult all local (parish and town) councils in their areas on relevant matters; &
3. If government still wants local councils to take on more services and manage more assets it needs to ensure that the toilet tax is ended immediately and that local councils are removed from all future consideration of referendum principles on excessive council tax increases.

*Inquiry terms of reference*

However, as well as balancing its own positions with those of MHCLG’s current devolution policy NALC needs strong evidence to tell a coherent onward devolutionary story in its response as to how local councils have been affected and are being affected by the current administration’s devolution policy. Please send us in evidence as to how your county association or local council has experienced the below aspects of central government’s onward devolution policy over the last 18 months or so (the below are the main terms of reference for the inquiry:

- The success and scope of devolution deals implemented, including the impact on local economies and health economies and the progress of all bids submitted by the September 2015 deadline.
- The geographical spread of existing deals, including to non-metropolitan areas and the impact on adjoining areas.
- Further powers that local areas have accumulated over time and powers they should have which they don’t have already.
- The commitment to devolution across Government and capacity in Whitehall to promote and monitor devolution, including the Government’s ability to capture relevant data at the right level – for example, in city regions and combined authorities to assess the effectiveness of deals.
- Governance and accountability: the impact of elected mayors and whether they are necessary to make devolution a success. Public engagement with the devolution process and how scrutiny is working in practice.
- How access to new sources of income – for example business rate growth – have impacted local areas and how broader devolution of financial powers will affect the success of the policy.
- The adequacy of existing sources of income and the potential need for more sources of income for local authorities that acquire more powers. Whether further business rate retention would provide additional funding for devolved services.
- The potential scope of a devolution framework. Whether the current practice of bespoke deals for local areas is working or should some powers be made available to any local authority that chooses to adopt them.

NALC is additionally specifically interested in the sector’s views on the below aspects of government policy on onward devolution and how NALC could best promote a strong case for local councils being at the vanguard of onward devolution and champions for it in England:

1. How the role of local councils could be better strengthened at the grassroots level through fairer community governance arrangements;
2. How the services which most matter to local councils could better be shaped, strengthened and empowered; &
3. How local councils’ Neighbourhood Planning rights could better be strengthened.

**RESOLVED:** Members noted a response was submitted before the deadline on Friday 17th April.

8017/3 Any other consultations received before the meeting  
None.

8018 **To Review Publicity & Public Relations Issues** including:

8018/1 **Journal** – Next Issue Copy Dates – 15 May, 12 June, 10 July, 14 August

The Journal was circulated electronically for April. The same arrangements are anticipated for the May edition.

**RESOLVED:** Members noted The Journal will not be delivered to properties, and approve the publication via the parish council website and social media.



8018/2 **Huncote Village News** – Review Spring Issue

With the introduction of the lockdown and social distancing requirements, the latest issue of the newsletter was not delivered to all properties. Instead it was published in the usual way on the website and social media, with physical copies posted on the notice boards and available in the newsagents and Spar.

**RESOLVED:** Members noted the update.

8018/3 **Parish Council website/social media** – Review usage statistics/receive update

Members noted comments received about grass cutting along the verges around the villages which weren't being cut as normal. The Clerk explained the county council had restarted their urban grass cutting program in the county from 4 May, though no details were available on when they would be able to complete the cuts in Huncote.

**RESOLVED:** Members noted the links on the parish council website to information on the county council's grass cutting pages.

8019 **To Receive Clerks Report**

- Blaby DC – Parish Newsletter being circulated to all Members.
- Meetings and Training – Biodiversity training – 23<sup>rd</sup> March, and LCC Clerk's Quarterly Liaison Meeting have both been postponed
- COVID-19 Faiths Update circulated to all Members and on parish council website
- Planned celebrations for VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Fri 8 May 2020 cancelled across the county. Alternative scheme being promoted for a Stay at Home Street Party, in people's front gardens, with no mixing of households.
- Blaby DC circulating details of what local businesses have to offer

**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.

8020 **Staffing Matters** (agenda will move to Private Session for duration of this item)

8020/1 Update on staff employment and revised NJC 2020-21 Pay Award

**RESOLVED:** Members noted there was no agreement on the revised NJC 2020-21 Pay Award. Any award would have to be backdated to 1 April 2020.

**TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**8021 **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.

8022 **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Virtual Zoom meeting @ 7:00 pm  
Details of how the access the meeting will be publicised on our website meetings calendar.