

HUNCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

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at Meeting Room, Huncote Pavilion, Sportsfield Lane, Huncote**Present:** Cllr A. Knight (Chairman) Cllr J. Cheesman (Vice Chair) Cllr F. Pittam
Cllr R. Bailey**In attendance:** Stuart Bacon (Clerk)
2x Croft Juniors Football Club
Cllr M. Wright (County & District Councillor) (arrived 8:45pm)**7810 To receive apologies for absence**

Members noted apologies had been received from Cllr M. Wright (County & District Councillor), who would be running late as she was attending multiple meetings that evening.

7812 Declarations by Members of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests (In relation to Agenda items)
None.**7813 Consider candidates for co-option**
None.**7814 Chairman's opening remarks**

The Chairman thanked Members for re-electing him as Chairman for the forthcoming year, and explained the grass cutting situation for The Green, which was the responsibility of County Highways as was scheduled for its next cut from 10 May.

7815 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th Apr 2019 (HunPCMay19/2)Members reviewed the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 4th April 2019.**RESOLVED:** To accept and to sign as a true and accurate record.

Cllr Knight proposes, Cllr Pittam seconds, all agree.

7816 Status report arising from these minutes on items not covered within the agenda

7792/2 The Clerk explained that everything requested had arrived, except the photographs which were expected in the next few weeks.

7817 Parishioners' time (15 minutes are set aside for Parishioners' to raise issues and ask questions)
None.**7818 To Review Huncote Enhancement**

7818/1 Croft Juniors review of football facilities at Sportsfield Lane, Huncote

Croft Juniors queried the increase in price for the pitch rental of the sports field on Sportsfield Lane, Huncote. The Chairman explained that the increase in charges was due to a long standing under recovery of costs for pitch maintenance, and that even with the revised rental price, not all costs were covered by the increase.

The football club noted that the pitch wasn't in fact square, and requested increasing the size of the pitch to 90x55 yards, with 7' x 21' goals, as per FA regulations, for up to Youth U13/U14, 11 v 11 games to take place. The football team stated that they would carry out the necessary work at their own cost, as they had grown from 3 to 24 teams in 6 years and were in need of more facilities. Winter training was carried out on the AstroTurf pitches at Huncote Pavilion so extending the pitches wasn't seen as likely to impact their training ability at the site.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to provide the football club with details of the planning permission for the siting of a portable building on the sports field ([09/0357/1/PX](#)).**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to allow the pitch to be extended during the close season.

7818/2 Bins around Huncote Pavilion

The Clerk explained that the transfer of Huncote Pavilion to Everyone Active (SLM) from Blaby DC, had seen a change in operations on the site and the new company had requested a number of bins were removed.

The Clerk explained that Blaby DC maintenance team had removed the bin on the sports field due to a discrepancy with their maps showing Blaby DC's ownership of the site. The Clerk had advised them of the error and the bin would be reinstated.

Cllr Wright arrived at 8:45pm.

7819 **To Receive Reports from County and District Councillors** (10 minutes on items relating to Huncote)7819/1 **Leicestershire C.C. – Cllr M. Wright**

Cllr Wright provided a short County report for May 2019. There wasn't much to report due to District elections.

Grass Cutting Season begins again.

Residents who want to find out when verges are scheduled to be cut in their area can use the County Council's interactive grass-cutting map at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/grass-cutting. The map also offers up-to-date information on operations.

Summer 2019 Go Learn courses.

Get ready for summer with GoLearn. The GoLearn courses, from the Adult Learning Service, cover a wide range of subject areas and topics for those looking to learn a new skill, improve their job prospects or develop a new interest. Courses on offer include a new one-day make your own bread course at Enderby Adult Learning Centre on Saturday 8th June. For those looking to improve their cooking skills, there is a new back to basics courses starting in June and July.

7819/2 **Blaby D.C.** including recognising election result

Members noted the results of the election for District Councillor. The number of votes recorded for each Candidate in the Normanton ward at the election on 2 May 2019 is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
CRANE, Stephen John	Labour Party	136
WRIGHT, Margaret Ann	The Conservative Party Candidate	499 Elected

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	2
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	25
E rejected in part	0
Total	27

Vacant Seats: 1 Electorate: 2120 Ballot Papers Issued: 662 Turnout: 31.23%

Margaret Ann Wright is duly elected.

Cllr Wright explained the results of the site meeting with the developers of Spence Lane (Countrywide) which had discussed the positioning of the footpath along Narborough Road to the bridge at Narborough. It had been agreed that Blaby DC would provide a press release for the parish council to explain the situation regarding the footpath.

7820 **To Review Policing Report**

7820/1 To receive a report on recent crime statistics

February 2019 crime statistics according to www.police.uk: - 6 incidents

- 1x Anti-Social Behaviour on/near M69 (Includes personal, environmental and nuisance anti-social behaviour).
- 1x Anti-Social Behaviour on/near Lodge Close (Includes personal, environmental and nuisance anti-social behaviour).
- 1x Public Order offence on/near Lodge Close (Includes offences which cause fear, alarm or distress). Local resolution

- 1x Other theft on/near Hobill Close (Includes theft by an employee, blackmail and making off without payment) 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 Eunice Avenue (Includes theft from or of a vehicle or interference with a vehicle). Investigation complete; no suspect identified.

Cllr Wright departed the meeting at 9:10pm.

7821 To Review Planning Matters including:

7821/1 To review applications received since last meeting for consideration

- Any other applications received before the meeting
- None.

7821/2 To receive results of earlier comments from Blaby District Council

- [18/1425/DOC](#) - Discharge of condition 14 (footpath upgrade) attached to planning permission 15/0115/OUT - Denman Lane Huncote Leicestershire – **Awaiting decision**
- [18/0714/FUL](#) - Retention of change of use of land, siting of 4 storage containers and 2 timber buildings and associated parking and landscaping for B1/B8 use - Huncote Mill Croft Hill Road Huncote Leicestershire – **Awaiting decision**
- [19/0019/FUL](#) - Installation of 7 lighting columns - BMX Track The Pavilion Leisure Centre Sportsfield Lane Huncote – **Awaiting decision**
- [18/1210/HH](#) - Erection of wooden gates and traditional shed at rear of property; replacement front gate and hazel woven fencing to divide garden from allotment. - The Thatched Cottage 6 Brook Street Huncote Leicestershire LE9 3AB – **Application Permitted**
- [19/0288/FUL](#) - Siting of one static caravan. - Springfield Farm House Springfield Farm Forest Road Huncote Leicestershire LE9 3LE – **Awaiting decision**
- [19/0312/HH](#) - Single storey front extension and two storey side and rear extensions - 7 The Green Huncote Leicestershire LE9 3BF – **Application Permitted**

7821/3 To review areas of planning concern within Huncote

None.

7821/4 To receive an update on Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange

None.

7821/5 To receive an update from the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan Joint Working Board

Consultation is ongoing until Tuesday 21 May.

7822 To Review Recent Consultations Received

7822/1 Any consultations received before the meeting

None.

7823 To Review Highways & Footpaths Issues

7823/1 A review of Highways and Footpaths Issues within Huncote

Cllr Bailey queried where the footpath from Denman Lane goes to. Members explained.

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.

7824 Staffing Matters (agenda will move to Private Session for duration of this item)

7824/1 Update on staff employment and revised NJC 2019-20 Pay Award

RESOLVED: Members noted the revised NJC 2019-20 Pay Award would be used from 1st April 2019.

TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

7825 To Review Financial Report including:

7825/1 To approve Accounts for Payment (**Doc HunPCMay19/3**)

Members reviewed accounts for payment.

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

Cllr Cheesman proposes, Cllr Bailey seconds, all agree

7825/2 Summary of Income & Expenditure and analysis to date (**Doc HunPCMay19/4**)

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

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

Cllr Bailey proposes, Cllr Pittam seconds, all agree

7825/3 Update on Audit arrangements

The Clerk explained that the internal audit was currently underway and Members would be given the results of the audit once they were available. No issues were anticipated. The final external audit should be submitted to PKF Littlejohn by 30th June.

7826 **To Receive and Review Quarries Updates**

7826/1 Acresford Sand & Gravel
None.

7826/2 Suez (Formerly Sita)

A site liaison meeting is arranged for Monday 17 June at 5pm. Cllr Knight, Cllr Cheesman and the Clerk to attend.

7826/3 Croft Quarry

The Chairman explained there had been a quarry liaison meeting on 8 April, where the quarry had confirmed that they were about to hand in their plans.

The Chairman noted what seemed like a nice plan for the restoration of the quarry by 2050 would be included in the planning application.

The quarry had also explained that they were looking at options for a potential footpath from land south of St James Close into the nature walk, across Thurlaston Brook.

RESOLVED: Cllr Bailey to attend next liaison meeting.

7827 **To Review Publicity & Public Relations Issues** including:

7827/1 **Journal** – Next Issue Copy Dates – 17 May, 14 June, 12 July, 16 August

Members noted the recent issue of the Journal had incorrect meeting dates published for the parish council.

7827/2 **Huncote Village News** – Prepare Summer Issue

Members reviewed options for the summer edition of the newsletter. Suggestions for articles included updates on parish council provided hanging baskets, and grass cutting arrangements.

RESOLVED: Cllr Bailey to provide article on parish councillor recruitment following the elections.

7827/3 **Parish Council website/social media** – Review usage statistics/receive update

The Clerk explained recent usage statistics for the parish council website had not seen any unusual activity.

7828 **To Receive Clerks Report**

- Planning Enforcement training – 12 June 6:00pm-7:30pm. All Members to attend.
- HCA AGM scheduled for the same time as this meeting.
- Huncote Community Library update received and read to Members present
- Joy Cann memorial road race - Wednesday 31st July, 7:30pm-8:50pm, will involve a temporary road closure along Narborough Road to allow runners to pass safely.
- Details of community grants available from Blaby DC were provided and links will be available from the parish council website.
- Cllr Bailey to attend LRALC AGM.

7829 **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.

7830 **Date of next meeting**

6th June 2019 – St James the Greater Church Hall, Narborough Road, Huncote @ 7:00 pm.