

HUNCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

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JUNE MINUTES

Minutes of **meeting** held at 7:00 pm on **Thursday 13th June 2024**

at St James the Greater Church Hall, Narborough Road, Huncote, Leicester LE9 3AW

Present: Cllr A. Knight (Chairman) Cllr J. Wells (Vice Chairman) Cllr M. Ingham**In attendance:** Cllr M. Wright, District/County Councillor, Blaby District Council/Leicestershire County Council
5x Parishioners
Stuart Bacon (Clerk)**8962 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr R. Bailey (partner unwell), Cllr J. Cheesman (work) and Cllr K. Clarke (running late) which were accepted.

8963 Chairman's opening remarks and Member introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, explained meeting procedures and noted a large planning application had been received following the publication of the agenda for 154 houses south of Ratcliffe Drive, Peers Way and Preston Way. As this was a larger application, a special meeting was being arranged for Tuesday 18 June to review the application before the 2 July deadline.

The Chairman also noted a parishioner had shown interest in being co-opted so was observing the meeting.

8964 Declarations by Members of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests (relating to Agenda items)
None.**8965 Confirmation of the minutes of the meetings held on 9th May 2024 (HunPCJun2024/2)**Members reviewed the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th May 2024.**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to accept and note as a true and accurate record.

Cllr Knight proposes, Cllr Wells seconds, all agreed.

Members reviewed the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th May 2024.**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to accept and sign as a true and accurate record.

Cllr Knight proposes, Cllr Wells seconds, all agreed.

8966 Status report arising from these minutes on items not covered within the agenda**8951/1** The contractor hasn't turned up and now says they can't do the job without water and electricity on-site and wants to charge more for cemetery slabs.**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to take the next available quote from a different company.

Cllr Clarke arrived at 7:10pm.

8967 Parishioners' time (up to 15 minutes are set aside for Parishioners to raise issues and ask questions)

Parishioners noted a tree on the park required a stake, there were ongoing issues with length of grass opposite the 8 houses on Narborough Road and reported the hedge as overgrown on Huncote Road, Narborough.

Cllr Bailey arrived at 7:14pm

8968 To receive reports from partners (up to 10 minutes each on items relating to Huncote)**8968/1 Leicestershire C.C. – Cllr M. Wright**

Members noted the report from Cllr Wright.

Cllr Clarke noted issue with adult learning courses which were advertised but weren't being offered. Cllr Wright to investigate.

8968/2 Blaby D.C. – Cllr M. Wright

Members noted the report from Cllr Wright.

1x Parishioner departs the meeting at 7:29pm.

8968/3 To receive any update from Blaby DC for gas extraction works on the sports field, leisure centre field and neighbouring land

Cllr Wright confirmed she would like to be involved with any meeting with officers about the gas issues around the leisure centre site.

Cllr Wright departed the meeting at 7:30pm.

Members noted the data provided by Blaby DC shows falling gas levels.

8968/4 **Leicestershire Police** (update and recent crime statistics)

April 2024 crime statistics according to www.police.uk: - 5 incidents

- 1x Violence and sexual offences on/near Field View Close (Includes offences against the person such as common assaults, Grievous Bodily Harm and sexual offences) Under investigation
- 1x Public Order on/near Quarry View Close (Includes offences which cause fear, alarm or distress) Under investigation
- 1x Violence and sexual offences on/near Eunice Avenue (Includes offences against the person such as common assaults, Grievous Bodily Harm and sexual offences) Under investigation
- 1x Vehicle crime on/near Narborough Road (Includes theft from or of a vehicle or interference with a vehicle) Under investigation
- 1x Violence and sexual offences on/near Field View Close (Includes offences against the person such as common assaults, Grievous Bodily Harm and sexual offences) Unable to prosecute subject

Members noted the Fosse Villages beat team newsletter for June had been published and was displayed on parish notice boards.

8969 **To receive communication from external groups/bodies**, including

8969/1 To receive any reports from local community groups

Huncote Community Library

Cllr Ingham provided an update from the Community Library AGM.

Annual accounts had been published and the group were grieving the loss of two members.

The library was continuing to look for volunteers.

8970 **To review Huncote enhancement**

8970/1 To review local concerns about grass cutting of public land

The Clerk explained details of which public land in the village was managed by which organisation was shown on a map on the parish council website.

RESOLVED: Members noted the weather had been an issue for mowing, but recent cuts from the County Council could have been better. Concerns were also raised about weeds in the gutters which had been in place since before COVID-19, impacting the long-term structure of the roads around the village and county.

8970/2 To receive an update on recent upkeep around the public sites in the village

No further issues were raised.

8971 **Events and Activities**

8971/1 To review the 80th anniversary of D-Day event – Thursday 6th June 2024

RESOLVED: Members noted the fish and chip samplers had noticeably been enjoyed by many village children. The Beacon lighting event with HATS performance had been attended by 150-180 people. While HATS had provided their own PA system, when Councillors read their readings, they had chosen not to use the PA system and stood near the beacon, which meant they couldn't all be heard so well.

The borrowed cones had now been returned to County Highways

RESOLVED: Members sent thanks to Huncote Knitters for the aircraft and parachutists display they had placed on the Memorial Garden

8972 **To review highways & footpaths issues**

8972/1 To receive an update on cabling work through the park along parish council land in Critchlow Road

The Clerk explained contractors had installed trunking through the park on Critchlow Road, which is parish council land, without any consultation. A meeting had taken place with the contractors and County Highways and the trunking had been removed.

It was understood the trunking would now be installed under the pavement on Critchlow Road.

RESOLVED: Members supported the Clerk and Chairman's swift action following a lack of consultation from the telecoms company.

8972/2 To review vehicle-activated speed sign data

Members reviewed the latest speed data.

8972/3 A review of highways and footpaths issues within Huncote

Roadworks

- Critchlow Road, Huncote, Leicestershire - 09 May - 13 May

- Denman Lane, Huncote, Leicestershire - 16 May - 20 May
- Forest Road, Huncote, Leicestershire - 20 May - 22 May
- Forest Road, Huncote, Leicestershire - 20 May - 22 May
- Denman Lane, Huncote, Leicestershire - 21 May - 23 May
- Cooper Close, Huncote, Leicestershire - 21 May - 23 May
- Denman Lane, Huncote, Leicestershire - 22 May - 24 May
- Narborough Road, Huncote, Leicestershire - 04 June - 06 June
- Denman Lane, Huncote, Leicestershire - 04 June - 06 June
- Ratcliffe Drive, Huncote, Leicestershire - 06 June - 07 June
- School Lane, Huncote, Leicestershire - 07 June - 10 June
- Critchlow Road, Huncote, Leicestershire - 08 June - 08 June
- Cheney End, Huncote, Leicestershire - 11 June - 13 June
- Ratcliffe Drive, Huncote, Leicestershire - 10 June - 12 June
- M69, Leicestershire - 10 June - 10 June
- Narborough Road, Huncote, Leicestershire - 14 June - 18 June

8973 **To review financial report** including:

8973/1 To receive grant applications for consideration

The Clerk explained he had received enquiries about a grant, but an application hadn't yet been received.

RESOLVED: Clerk to pass on grant applications when they are received.

8973/2 To receive Annual Accounts and Governance Statement 2023/24 following internal audit

The Clerk updated Members on the Internal Auditors report and explained documents must be sent to External Auditor for no later than 30 June.

RESOLVED: Members read and acknowledged the Internal Auditors report.

RESOLVED: Members approved the signing of Section 1 of the Annual Return.

8973/3 To receive Accounting Statement 2023/24 following internal audit

The Clerk updated Members on the Internal Auditors report and explained documents must be sent to External Auditor for no later than 30 June.

RESOLVED: Members agreed the figures shown for submission.

RESOLVED: Members approved the signing of Section 2 of the Annual Return.

8973/4 To acknowledge the acquisition of The Co-operative Bank by Coventry Building Society

Members noted the acquisition process had begun, but were assured by the email received that existing products and services wouldn't be affected.

8973/5 To note subscription price changes

RESOLVED: Members noted the Sage subscription would increase to £10/month (nett).

8973/6 To approve Accounts for Payment (**Doc HunPCJun2024/3**)

Members reviewed accounts for payment.

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

Cllr Wells proposes, Cllr Knight seconds, all agree

8973/7 Summary of Income & Expenditure and analysis to date (**Doc HunPCJun2024/4**)

Members reviewed the summary of Receipts & Payments and analysis to date.

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

Cllr Knight proposes, Cllr Wells seconds, all agree

8974 **To review planning applications** including:

8974/1 To review applications received since the last meeting for consideration

None.

- Any other applications received before the meeting

[24/0398/FUL](#) - Residential development (Class C3) of 154 dwellings (accessed off Peers Way and Preston Way) with landscaping, open space, access works and associated infrastructure.

- Land To The South Of Ratcliffe Drive, Peers Way And Preston Way Huncote

RESOLVED: Application to be reviewed at meeting on 18 June 2024.

8974/2 To review planning enforcement issues received before the meeting, including

None.

- Any other issues received before the meeting

- None

- 8974/3 To receive results of earlier comments from Blaby District Council/Leicestershire County Council
- [20/0698/FUL](#) - New vehicle access (dropped kerb) to connect new private access and driveway from Narborough Road onto Tinglebug Farm - Tinglebug Farm, Narborough Road, Huncote, Leicestershire LE9 3AW – **Awaiting decision**
 - [24/02/EIASCR](#) - Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion for the proposed residential development (Class C3) with landscaping, open space, access works and associated infrastructure - Land to the south of Ratcliffe Drive, Peers Way and Preston Way, Huncote - **EIA Not Required**
- 8974/4 To consider requirements for new Community Hall should one be built as part of new development proposals in the village, and review any other received through recent meetings with developers
RESOLVED: Members reviewed details received and prepared feedback for developers.
- 8974/5 To receive an update on Fosse Villages Shaping Our Futures, including Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan Joint Working Board, Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange and Land West of Stoney Stanton proposals
FVNP
 No update.
HNRFI
 Examining Authority’s Recommendation Report for the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange Project sent to the Secretary of State for Transport on Monday 10 June 2024.
Land West of Stoney Stanton
 No update.
Fosse Villages Shaping Our Futures (FV SOF)
 No update.
- 8974/6 To review areas of planning concern within Huncote
 None.
- 8975 **To receive and review quarries updates** (Acresford Sand & Gravel, Suez, Croft Quarry)
Croft Quarry
 Tree fallen from farm field across Thurlaston Brook into Brook House Gardens.
RESOLVED: Members noted Aggregate Industries, Blaby DC and Environment Agency have all been informed. Aggregate Industries are working on a plan to remove the tree from the brook.
 Hedge along Croft Hill Road causing pedestrians to step into road
RESOLVED: Aggregate Industries are reviewing the hedge and what they can do during bird nesting season.
- 8976 **To review publicity & public relations matters** including:
- 8976/1 **Local/national press** – Journal
 The Clerk explained the Journal website was now back online with the latest issue (533) now online. The next copy deadline was noted as 21 June.
- 8976/2 **Huncote Village News** – Prepare Summer Issue
 Members provided suggestions of articles for the next issue and reviewed feedback on the recent publication.
- 8976/3 **Website/social media** – Review usage statistics/receive an update on website/social media
 The Clerk explained there had been some minor updates to the aesthetics of the site by the provider.
- 8976/4 To receive a request to update the name of Huncote Community Centre
RESOLVED: Members noted the new name for the community facility.
- 8977 **To review recent consultations received**
- 8977/1 Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities - [Technical consultation on the Infrastructure Levy](#) (Closes 9 June 2024)
RESOLVED: Members noted the technical consultation was more aimed at District/Brough, County and Unitary authorities.
- 8977/2 Any other consultations received before the meeting
 None.
- 8978 **To receive Clerk’s report**
- The Clerk provided feedback on the Local Council Clerk Expo in Coventry.
 - Members noted Local Council Clerk Week from 10-14 June.

1x Parishioner temporarily departed the meeting.

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 Orders 11 and 23 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.

8979 **To receive an update on legal issues** (agenda will move to Private Session for duration of this item)
The Clerk provided an update on legal issues.

TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

1x Parishioner rejoined the meeting.

8980 **To determine a date for the annual village walkaround**

Members agreed to hold the walkaround on 8th August from 6:30pm, meeting on The Green.

8981 **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.

8982 **Date of next meetings**

18 June 2024 – St James the Greater Church Hall, Narborough Road, Huncote LE9 3AW
Parish Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm

1 August 2024 – St James the Greater Church Hall, Narborough Road, Huncote LE9 3AW
Parish Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm

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