

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Hunshelf Parish Council,
Held at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday 14th May 2015
in the Providence Room, Green Moor Church**

Present: Councillors, B Tylee, Miss K Battye, R Popplewell and J Kerr. Three members of the public in attendance.

1 Election of Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 2015/16

Councillor J Kerr was elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 2015/16

2 Acceptance of Office from the new Chairman

Councillor Kerr signed his Acceptance of Office

3 Acceptance of Office from all members

All members of the Parish Council signed their Acceptance of Office

4 Policy documents;

All members accepted and confirmed copies of the following policy documents; Standing Orders, Code of Conduct, Child Protection, Complaints Procedures, Financial Regulations and Publication Scheme. It was agreed that members would study these policies over the next 10 months and come to the April 2016 meeting with any suggested amendments.

5 Election of the Vice Chairman of the parish council

Councillor Miss K Battye was elected as Vice Chairman of the parish council for the year 2015/16

6 Acceptance of Office from the new Vice-Chairman

The new Vice Chairman signed her Acceptance of Office

7 Register of Interests

Members noted the requirement to submit to the Clerk a Register of Interests before the end of June 2015

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8 Apologies for absence

There were none

9 Declarations of interest from Councillors

There were none

10 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th April 2015

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th April 2015 were approved

11 Matters arising from these minutes

11.1 Oxspring Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Mrs Austin reported that she and the Clerk had attended a meeting with BMBC Planning concerning the progress of this plan. It was noted that the Oxspring

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Neighbourhood Plan had to run alongside the various initiatives of BMBC but that progress was being made. In the one matter that directly concerned Hunshelf, it was made clear at the meeting that at present and for the foreseeable future, Green Belt round villages in the West of Barnsley were not to be touched. It was also pointed out that building on Green Belt would only be considered in the most unusual circumstances. Accordingly, it was anticipated that the Green Belt round Hunshelf was safe for the next 19 years.

It was noted also that the needs of the school in Oxspring were under discussion, and while numbers of children would fall in the immediate future, there remained a need for a more modern school building and that this would entail land being earmarked for such a building.

12 Items from the Annual Meeting of the parish held on Thursday 14th May 2015

There were none

13 Members of Sub committees

It was agreed that sub committees would be formed as and when the need arose

14 Internal Auditor for 2015/16

Mr J Bennett was confirmed as the Internal Auditor for 2015/16

15 Parish DVD

It was noted that this work was still in progress.

16 Parish Plan

It was noted that a full report on the responses so far received would be made at a future meeting

17 Reports from the Clerk

Mayor's Civic Service	Cllr Austin or the Clerk to attend
Electoral Roll update	noted
Letter about bus services from SYPT	noted
Clerks and Councils Direct	noted
Countryside Voice	circulated

18 Planning Applications

18.1 Barn Conversion Office Fold 2015/0440

It was confirmed that the parish council had no comments on this application

18.2 Cycle path, Hunshelf Lane, Stocksbridge 2015/0516

This application in Sheffield was noted.

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18.3 Wagon Way, Hill Top Lane

It was noted that this artefact had been reported to BMBC Planning to be registered as a heritage asset. This registration would ensure that any future development on Hill Top Lane or in the Sports Field would have to consider the effect on the Wagon Way

19 Communications from any member of the public on Planning Matters

19.1 Holly Hall Lane supporting wall

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to BMBC Planning to point out the heritage nature of the wall adjacent to Holly Hall Lane and to request that consideration should be given to protecting this wall if any development threatens its stability

19.2 Bungalow on Chapel Lane

It was noted that when the alterations are finished, the whole must be used by one family and not let to strangers. It was also noted that work suggesting an extension that had not been agreed under the planning permissions. The Clerk was asked to inform BMBC Planning.

19.3 Stable Block

The Clerk was to comment to BMBC Planning that a recent construction of a stable block did not appear to have planning permission

19.4 Wind Turbines

Members noted that fresh applications were being made for wind turbines and a sub-station in the area. Councillor Austin agreed to inform all members when she received further information

20 Conservation and repair of the Wagon Way in Hill Top Lane

It was reported that a preliminary survey using "GeoPhys" had revealed that the Wagon Way on Hill Top Lane was still in situ under the turf on the Sports Field and on Hill Top Lane. It was agreed that a grant would be sought to permit a full evaluation of this heritage asset to the parish

21 Penistone Wards Clean and Green Initiative

A report was received from Cllr Austin on the meeting with ward councillors, ward officers and other parish councils' representatives considering the future of specific services in the Penistone area. Councillor Austin had supplied a list of services in Hunshelf that might be included in a contract for the two Penistone Wards of BMBC.

22 Transparency Code for Smaller Parishes

The Clerk reported that despite much reporting of this initiative and the funding associated, there was no information available as to how much or how to apply for funding. It would be necessary this year to rely on Mr I Turner at BMBC to place all our information on line.

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23 Kerbs on Well Hill, Green Moor.

Members noted with pleasure the excellent work undertaken by BMBC in not only supplying and fitting 200 metres of kerbs, but in the way the work had been so professionally handled, the finishing touches of providing soil and the work to remedy faults in the road surface. The Clerk was to write to BMBC expressing the thanks of the parish council.

It was agreed that the Clerk could spend up to £80 on the provision of wild flower seeds to spread on the verges, and members would then arrange to undertake the preparation of the soil and the sowing of the seeds.

24 Dog fouling in the Parish

It was reported that this problem seems to be lessening. Members agreed to keep watch on the situation and to raise the matter again should it be necessary

25 Parish, Church and Community Noticeboard

It was reported that the noticeboard had been delivered, sent back and re-delivered. Arrangements were in hand to have it installed as soon as possible. The Clerk reported that he had ordered spare keys for anyone who had requested access to the church or community sections of the board. He had since received a request for an additional key. It was confirmed that the Clerk should keep any spare keys and not distribute them.

26 Closure of the playground for essential maintenance

Members noted that the playground would be closed from Monday 25th May until further notice to allow for the rear wall to be repaired. The meeting was informed that a notice had been placed at the playground, and that the Church Secretary had announced to the various children's groups of the church of the work to be undertaken.

Councillor Austin agreed to meet the contractor on site on Monday 25th May to ensure that the safety requirements of locking the gate and placing notices were in place.

27 Safety of the Playground.

A report was received confirming the safety inspection of the playground for May 2015 had been carried out. The report was to be included in the minutes

28 Maintenance of the K6 Telephone Box in Green Moor

Members noted the arrangements for maintaining the K6 Box in Green Moor. The volunteers would strip out the old metal frames and replace them, a professional painter would paint the whole box and one of the volunteers would repair the sections of the box that need attention.

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It was agreed that the Clerk would apply for a grant to cover the cost of materials, and the parish council would pay for the painting at a cost of approximately £250

29 Claimed Public Footpath, Windy Bank Hall to Holly Hall

Councillor Kerr reported on the progress on this claim. It was noted that the original application for this path had been lodged in 2004 and thus it was felt there should be some priority in dealing with it.

Councillor Kerr agreed to continue his approaches to Sheffield City Council

30 Change to conditions imposed by the parish council over land previously owned by the parish council

It was explained that a house owner in Delph Mews had requested that a condition on land purchased from the parish council some years before, be eased to allow the householder to claim "easement" from a power distribution company. While the parish council had no objection to this request 'per se', it was agreed that nothing would be done until the parish council solicitor had advised the Clerk and the Chairman. The decision as to how to proceed was delegated to the Chairman and Clerk.

31 Orders for payment

The following orders were agreed for payment

D Horsfall	Stationery	£ 33.88 inc VAT £ 5.65
D Horsfall	Software Anti-Virus	£ 28.87 inc VAT £ 4.35
D Horsfall	Wldflower seeds	£ 69.95 inc VAT 11.64

32 Bank statements for April 2015

Members received copies of the bank statements for April 2015

33 Receipt of Income

The following income was noted

VAT Claim	£ 1,833.22
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34 Playground equipment

It was agreed to spray the weeds in the Playground during the period of closure and then to arrange for all the play equipment to be cleaned

35 Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for 7:45 p.m. on Thursday 16th July 2015

36 Minor Items

36.1 Christmas Entertainment and Tea

It was reported that arrangements were being discussed by a group of volunteers

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36.2 Rural Payments Agency

It was reported that an application had been made to register all the parish council land with the RPA

36.3 Neighbourhood Watch

New certificates had arrived and were distributed. It was noted that several were missing and the Barnsley NW Scheme would be approached to supply them

36.4 Travellers' Camp

It was noted that a Travellers Camp had been set up on the old Fox's Wire Mill Site in Langsett. The Clerk would advise Langsett Parish Council

36.5 Fly Tipping

An instance of Fly Tipping had occurred on Soughley Lane. The Clerk would report it