

Our 2019 objectives:

- ◆ Neighborhood Plan
- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Maintaining and improving village amenities
- ◆ Traffic Calming
- ◆ Being a strong voice for Hunston

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Could you be a Councillor?

The easy answer is, "almost definitely" and with local elections taking place on 2 May 2019, Hunston Parish Council is holding a series of meetings in the Annexe (dates and times listed below) for you to find out more about what's involved in being a Parish Councillor.



Councillors Steve Baker, Joan Foster, Abby Smith and Dave

Parish Chair Joan Foster said: "We would dearly love to welcome some new faces to our small but incredibly friendly and supportive group of Parish Councillors. We are a relatively new team and, whilst we are making great strides towards fulfilling our aims and objectives*, there is no question that additional members would be of enormous benefit to help take Hunston forward during this challenging time."

Here's what other members of the Parish Council say:

Chris Vinton

"As a family man, I wanted to be part of the Parish Council to ensure that the community gets the right services. Also, as a role model to my children, I wanted to show and teach them that if you want things to happen in your community you need to get involved and help make them happen."

Dave Betts

"I have a keen interest in local politics and so I am passionate about wanting to represent the views of local people and ensure that community interests are taken into account. I also felt I could use

my knowledge of wider community issues to make a difference to Hunston. It's important to me to be involved in shaping the future of our local community."

Abby Smith

"As a newcomer to Hunston, joining the Parish Council has been a great way to get involved in village

life and to contribute with my professional skills. Helping to organise the Village Tea and Vintage Fete last year was a real highlight and I love writing lots of the communications we send out to ensure the village is kept up to date on the latest news and issues affecting villagers."

Steve Baker

"I have served on the Parish Council for 12 years and it has been an extremely fulfilling and satisfying way of giving back to the community I live in. Whilst I am stepping down from my duties as a Councillor at the next election, I shall remain involved in the many other aspects of village life. The team in place now is doing a grand job and anyone joining them would be well looked after and supported. "

If you would be interested to learn more about becoming a Councillor please come along to The Annexe (wooden building behind the Village Hall) on one of the below dates:

Thursday 28 February at 6pm

Saturday 2 March at 2pm

Wednesday 6 March at 6.30pm

*Read The Hunston Parish Council Mission Statement on page 4.

Hunston Village Tea and Bake Off

The organising committee of the Great Hunston Bake Off and Village Tea met at the end of January to kick-off plans for the 2019 event. The Committee comprises of members of Hunston's Parish Council, The Women's Institute and St Leodegar's Church. This year's Tea will be held at Hunston's Village Hall on Sunday 7th April from 3 – 5pm.

The theme of this year's Great Hunston Bake-Off competition will be The Chichester Canal and all entries will be based on a Victoria Sponge cake mix – with SHOWSTOPPER decorations.

Once again, there will be four categories for villagers to enter; male over 16s,

female over 16s, 11 – 16 year olds and under 10s.

There will be a winner for each category and the overall winner will be presented with title of Great Hunston Baker 2019!

Joan Foster, Chair of Hunston Parish Council said: "We are delighted to be working with The Women's Institute once again this year to organise The Hunston Village Tea and Bake-Off. The success of last year's inaugural tea was such that we plan for it to be an annual event and hope villagers of all ages to get together and enjoy 'tea and company'. This will once again be a completely free event. All we ask is that

guests consider making a small voluntary contribution for attending and buy plenty of raffle tickets."



Pictured above: Last year's Winner of The Great Hunston Bake-Off, Hebe Winstanley, with her absolutely delicious and stunning showstopper creation.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Council looks forward to seeing as many villagers as possible at this year's Annual Parish Meeting on 1 May at the Village Hall.

The meeting will start at 6.30pm and attendees are welcome to stay for drinks and nibbles at the end of the meeting. During the meeting the Parish Council will update you on all the goings on over the last 12 months and highlight key objectives and timelines for 2019/2020.

Crimestoppers

Councillor David Betts attended the Chichester Association of Local Councils on 29 January.

At the meeting Sergeant Dave Lyons briefed council representatives on local operations. He revealed that thanks to excellent intelligence from the public they have made arrests of those involved in Car Crime, Residential Burglary and Drugs. He acknowledged that responses to the 101 number may seem inefficient at times and they are working on that. He emphasised however that lack of personal contact does not mean that nothing is happening. Finally, he encouraged all residents to use the anonymous service Crimestoppers for reporting suspicious activity online or on **0800 5551111**.

Update on District Council’s Local Plan

Hunston Parish Council was delighted by the turnout to Chichester District Council’s (CDC) Exhibition event at the Village Hall on 18 January and is encouraged by how motivated villagers are to make their views known about CDC’s plans for Hunston Village.

The Consultation on the Chichester Local Plan Review 2035 ended on 7 February. Hunston Parish Council formally submitted its feedback on the Local Plan as well as working with all the parishes on the Manhood Peninsula, District and County Councillors focusing on the lack of infrastructure to support the proposed development in the South of Chichester District.

What next?

The District Council is now considering feedback from the consultation and will (hopefully) propose further changes. This will then be shared with the public for further comments, before The Local Plan is submitted to the Government for independent examination in Summer 2019.

In the meantime Hunston Parish Council will continue to lobby relevant departments, including the Housing Minister, to protest against the development in our village, as well as lead a steering group to produce a first draft of a Neighbourhood Plan by June 2019.

NEIGHBOURHOOD STEERING GROUP SETUP

A Steering Group Committee, led by Hunston Parish Chair, Joan Foster, is working full steam ahead to produce a draft Neighbourhood Plan that will be submitted to Chichester District Council in June 2019. Members of the Steering Group were recruited following the public meeting held on 28th November when villagers were briefed on the District Council’s plans for development in Hunston.

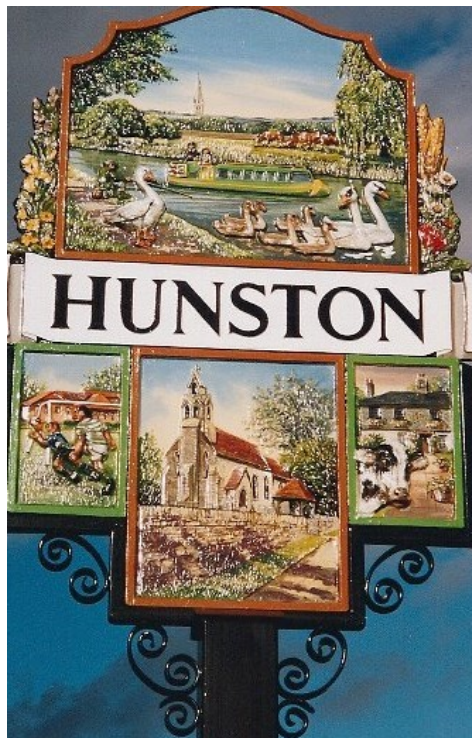
Joan Foster explained: “We are delighted and grateful to have a team of over 20 villagers who are now busy working in teams to benchmark what kind of a village Hunston is today. We will then go on to consult villagers further on what kind of village we want Hunston to become in the future. All the ideas and comments made at the

meeting on 28th November will form the basis of this process and we would welcome anyone else who felt they wanted to join the steering group to please get in touch.

The more hands we have on deck, the more efficient and effective we can be.”

A new website page has been created on the Hunston Parish Council website dedicated to updating villagers on all the latest news about the Neighbourhood Plan. The Hunston Parish Council Facebook page will also keep followers informed. Printed communications will be distributed as required and the village shop and post office are kindly acting as Information Hubs for villagers to see read updates and collect information.

See below on how to stay in touch on development.



How do I stay up to date?



www.hunstonparishcouncil.org/nhp



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Our Commitment To You

The Parish Council works to uphold its Mission Statement by fulfilling the aims and objectives set out below:

Mission Statement:

Hunston Parish Council will work in an accountable and transparent manner with the local community to improve the quality of life of all who live and work in Hunston.

Aims:

- ◆ Work with the local community to develop a Neighbourhood Plan.
- ◆ Provide regular communication through all available media.
- ◆ Take a lead in organising and supporting events that bring the village community together.
- ◆ Maintain and improve existing village amenities; promoting Hunston as a safe, clean, and environmentally friendly village.
- ◆ Support measures to mitigate the effects of traffic on the B2145, including volume, safety and parking.
- ◆ Be a strong voice within the wider Chichester Community, working in partnership with local forums, Chichester District Council, West Sussex County Council and our local MP.

Objectives:

- ◆ Set the process in place for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.
- ◆ Publish and make widely available, quarterly Parish Council newsletters.
- ◆ Hold the Village Tea in April 2019 and the Village Fete in September 2019.
- ◆ Take forward the plans to develop the Recreation Ground, with a new hard-court recreation area, parking and improved children's playground.
- ◆ Introduce planters and wild flower areas.
- ◆ Improve the maintenance of footpaths and verges.
- ◆ Submit a proposal for an additional Pedestrian Crossing from the Village Hall to the Recreation Ground.

Hunston's Unsung Heroes

In our Autumn issue we shone the spotlight on Colin Cobden for his work cutting back and maintaining the Tramway.

As a result, it has come to our attention that we overlooked the work of a small army of unsung heroes who work tirelessly along many of the public footpaths in Hunston to

keep them clear for us all to enjoy our favourite walks and cycles through our beautiful, rural village.

We would therefore like to extend a huge thank you to Chris Chiverton, Jack Maidment, Terry Martin and Helen Philips. We are hugely grateful for your efforts and aim to organise a "Strimming

Diary Dates

- * **Prospective Parish Councillors Meetings:**
28 February at 6pm,
2 March at 2pm,
6 March at 6.30pm,
The Annexe (behind Hunston Village Hall)
- * **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting:**
18 February at 7pm
The Annexe
- * **Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Meetings:**
25th February at 7pm,
11 March at 7pm,
25 March at 7pm,
The Spotted Cow
- * **Annual Parish Meeting**
1 May at 6.30pm,
Hunston Village Hall
- * **Village Tea and Bake-Off**
7 April, 3 - 5pm,
Hunston Village Hall
- * **Parish Council Elections,**
Thursday 2 May 2019

Working Party" in the Spring to kick off the growing season and help maintain clear footpaths to ensure residents can get out and about as the weather gets warmer.

If you would like to recommend a Hunston Hero please email:

clerk@hunstonparishcouncil.org