

# HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at

**THE MEETING ROOM**

On

**WEDNESDAY 5 JULY 2017 AT 7:30PM**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>COUNCILLORS</b>	<b>Mr Mike Blomer (Chair)</b> <b>Mr Tim Beresford (Vice Chair)</b> <b>Mr John Doidge</b> <b>Mr Dave Cuthbert</b> <b>Mr David Sandells</b> <b>Mr Ken Blanch</b> <b>Mrs Cat Sellars</b> <b>Mrs Vicky Woodall</b>
	<b>CLERK</b>	<b>Mrs Julie Barnes</b>
	<b>PUBLIC</b>	<b>Mr Peter Green</b>

- ACTION**
- 17/27 CHAIR'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**  
The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Peter Green. Apologies were received from Councillors Bob Sleigh, Alison Rolf and also from Phil Farrington-Lloyd.
- 17/28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None.
- 17/29 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
None.
- 17/30 UPDATE FROM SMBC**  
N/A due to Phil Farrington-Lloyd being unable to attend.
- 17/31 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 10 MAY 2017**  
The minutes were approved as **proposed by Councillor Vicky Woodall and seconded by Councillor John Doidge.**
- 17/32 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**
- 16/80 *TfWM*: Councillor Doidge requested that the PC do not lose this issue from ongoing agendas. It was also requested that we send off the names provided to us in the petition to TfWM, copied to the Ward Councillors. **CLERK**
- 16/122 *Broadband*: Councillor Beresford said that Councillor Bob Sleigh has confirmed that the village is now on the list for the next phase. Further information is awaited from BT. Councillor Beresford hopes to provide a further update soon.
- 16/116 *Airport*: Councillor Cuthbert had an opportunity to present recently to the ACC over concerns of increased night flights and in turn, increased noise pollution. The airport has now agreed to meet with local communities with a meeting due to take place on 8/07/2017.

17/15 *Festival:* The chair confirmed that the festival had been a great success with numbers up from previous years. The Council had an opportunity to engage with residents regarding the upcoming referendum and that the George Fentham Trust was able to communicate plans for the affordable housing scheme on Marsh Lane.

17/19 *Traffic Calming Plan:* Councillor Blanch confirmed that a formal request had now been submitted to the HS2 fund. The maximum amount to be obtained is £75,000. A response is to be received in a total of 8 weeks from the date of the submission. The deadline for that is shortly to expire. Councillor Blanch explained that should the PC be successful then it would mean a cost to both SMBC and the PC. Councillor Doidge would revert to Ashley Prior, head of highway, should that happen to discuss a way forward. Current stance is that the PC is awaiting an outcome to the application.

17/20 *Allotments:* Councillor Beresford enquired whether the PC should allow plot holders to hold more than one plot when there is a waiting list. The Chair enquired whether there was a current waiting list and the Clerk confirmed that one person is on the list, a village resident. The Clerk confirmed that she would make further enquiries with the allotment representative, Gerry Adams.

CLERK

**17/33 MINUTES OF MAINTENANCE MEETING 7 JUNE 2017**

The minutes were approved as **proposed by Councillor Dave Cuthbert and seconded by Councillor Mike Blomer.**

**17/34 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

Councillor Doidge asked that a noisy drain cover on High Street near Engine Mews be notified to SMBC Connect.

CLERK

17/04 *The Dell:* Councillor Cuthbert enquired whether the issue regarding the access road had been resolved. The Chair confirmed it had not and that he would deal with it. Councillor Cuthbert confirmed he would return to James Ackryll in the interim.

MB

*AOB: Japanese Knotweed:* Councillor Cuthbert enquired whether the PC had written to the Canals Trust. The Chair confirmed that the PC had not written to the Canals Trust but had contacted the Tarplins who had responded to say they are aware of the problem and blaming the Canals Trust. Councillor Beresford confirmed that the PC need to write to the Canals Trust. The Chair will provide some words to the Clerk.

MB

**17/35 BOUNDARY CHANGE PROPOSALS UPDATE**

The Chair confirmed that a response had now been received from Deborah Merry of SMBC. Councillor Cuthbert explained that he, Councillor Doidge and Giles Deakin met with Deborah Merry on 04/07/2017 to ascertain why the request had been declined. Councillor Cuthbert explained that the belief was that SMBC were wary given the recent tensions linked with Balsall Parish Council. Councillor Cuthbert now confirmed the need for a petition seeking a community governance review.

Councillor Cuthbert explained that out of 2,127 electors, 187 signatures would be required for SMBC to carry out a community governance review. The Chair expressed a concern regarding the



costs involved and also future developments planned within Catherine de Barnes. Councillor Cuthbert and Doidge confirmed that the Residents Association and the Society would work together with the PC and would also assist with any associated costs. With regard to future developments, Councillor Cuthbert explained that people within both Catherine de Barnes and Hampton in Arden would be fully consulted and able to make their decision during any community governance review that would subsequently take place. Councillor Doidge also confirmed that SMBC would be responsible for the full costs of any subsequent consultation.

Councillor Doidge expressed a concern that the PC had previously agreed to moving matters forward on the subject of the boundary change and stated that that should therefore now happen. The Chair explained that it was important to ensure that the circumstances had not changed. Councillor Beresford agreed that people within both Catherine de Barnes and Hampton in Arden should be provided with an opportunity to have their say. Councillor Doidge confirmed that he would work with the working party, alongside the Clerk in order to provide a clear estimate on costs and also to formulate a clear plan with regard to the petition.

Councillor Beresford raised the issue of also including Eastcote Lane within the boundary proposals plan. Councillors Cuthbert and Doidge confirmed that they had previously held conversations with Deborah Merry in that regard but that it was felt that the PC should take one step at a time. In any event, Councillor Doidge confirmed that the PC could open a dialogue with Barston. Councillor Doidge would draft something for the Clerk to send.

JD

It was agreed that the working party would meet with the Clerk in order to take the matter forward.

JD/DC/  
CLERK

**17/36 HS2 WISH LIST**

Councillor Woodall ran through her report, previously circulated and confirmed that she is continuing to keep the Wish List up to date. Councillor Woodall explained that it is important that residents know that the PC are working on a number of issues and confirmed that she would provide Councillor Sellars with an article for the next newsletter.

VW

**17/37 PRE SCHOOL FUNDING**

Councillor Woodall referred Councillors to the letter received from pre-school together with a presentation that detailed why they are struggling with a lack of current finances and how they intend to resolve that problem going forward.

Councillor Woodall explained that pre-school currently operates at a loss and, as a result, is wishing to make further enquiries of the PC to see whether they would consider a one-off grant to support them.

The Chair expressed concerns over this setting a precedent as it is not something the PC has previously done. Furthermore, the Chair explained that the Clerk would need to investigate whether, legally,



the PC were able to do so in any event.

CLERK

Councillor Woodall confirmed that the pre-school are looking for £4,083.00. It was understood that the George Fentham Trust, who have previously funded them, had not yet confirmed whether they would be able to assist further.

Councillor Beresford enquired whether Councillor Woodall had spoken with the Trust and asked that the item be placed on their Agenda as they were due to have a meeting on Wednesday 12 July. Councillor Woodall confirmed she would do this.

VW

It was agreed that the PC would await the outcome of further enquiries with the Trust and revert further should it be necessary to do so.

**17/38 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM**

The Chair confirmed that the referendum vote was to take place on Thursday 6 July and that should a yes vote win a majority then the Neighbourhood Plan would be adopted immediately. The PC would have a duty to monitor the adoption of the same.

**17/39 RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK DRAINAGE**

The Chair referred to his report, previously circulated. The Chair confirmed that the PC are currently no further forward as investigations were once again inconclusive with the possible cause being identified as a "blind connection" being blocked. The Chair confirmed the likely next step is a recommendation to excavate. The PC will continue to press SMBC to fund any additional works given that the problem has arisen following the connection by SMBC of highway surface water drainage from Shadowbrook Lane to the car park drains.

**17/40 WAR MEMORIAL WALL**

The Chair referred to the recent damage. The Chair was able to report that the PC has successfully recovered charges in order to repair the wall and Trevor Honeysett has confirmed he will repair the wall shortly. The Chair explained that Councillors now needed to consider the possible installation of bollards to stop such further incidents happening.

Councillor Blanch circulated some documents showing a kerbing that could be installed to stop vehicles hitting the wall. Councillor Woodall expressed concerns that the overhang on the lorries would mean that possible damage may still occur even if such kerbing was in force. The Chair expressed a concern of the cost of such kerbing.

The Councillors referred the matter to the maintenance committee in order that they may consider the matter further at its next meeting. The Clerk will arrange for it to go on the next Agenda.

CLERK

**17/41 SMOKER'S SHELTER, SPORTS CLUB, SHADOWBROOK LANE**

Councillor Beresford explained that this a request from Graham Hollway to place a smoker's shelter by the Boules pitch next to the



Sports Club.

The Councillors referred the matter to the maintenance committee in order that they may consider the matter further at its next meeting. The Clerk will arrange for it to go on the next Agenda.

CLERK

**17/42 VILLAGE INFORMATION BOARD AT TRAIN STATION**

Councillor Sellars explained that Clive Bowen had worked extremely hard and had successfully obtained funding from London Midland for displaying a village information board at the train station. Councillor Sellars sought approval for the PC to now employ the services of Paul Howard to design the board at a cost of £240.00. Councillors Sellars and Sandells would approve the final design. This was approved as **proposed by Councillor Cuthbert and seconded by Councillor Blanch**. The Chair recorded the PC's thanks to Clive Bowen for all his hard work.

CS/DS

Councillor Sellars also confirmed that London Midland would be arranging for planters to go up along the platform and that April Worthington had donated hanging baskets and the gardening club would work with London Midland to plant it all up. Thanks were recorded for both April Worthington and the Gardening Club.

**17/43 CORRESPONDENCE (for information only)**

1. Invitation from Warwickshire County Council to an event "preventing radicalisation in our communities" held on 23/05. The PC did not attend.
2. A briefing note from WALC on the reform of the Data Protection rules.
3. Notification of pest control and cleansing services now available from Solihull Community Housing.
4. Notification that the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 received Royal Assent on 27/04/2017. The Act that changed the rules regarding the adoption of neighbourhood plans.
5. Invitation to the Solihull Civic Service which the Chair declined.
6. Notification from WALC of their events in the next 12 months.
7. Advice from the Department of Communities and Local Government of managing community tensions.
8. Information from the Plunket Foundations that promotes the concept of community ownership in rural areas.
9. Notification that groundwork community awards for 2017 is open for nominations (HS2).
10. Notification from WALC that Unison had submitted on behalf of local authority staff a pay claim of 5%.
11. Request for nominations for Solihull Civic Honour Awards 2017.
12. Notification from WALC about the opening up of the water market for local Councils.
13. Notification of events in Solihull in July. Including Meadow Management by conservation volunteers at Packhorse Bridge which takes place on 23/07.
14. Agenda for the SAC and AGM of WALC on 30/07 at Meriden and the speaker is the Solihull Police Chief.

**17/44 FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMITTEE**

Councillor Sellars referred to her report, circulated in advance of the meeting. In particular, Councillor Sellars referred to the recent village tidy up which was a great success. It was noted that the trees in the arboretum are suffering from a lack of water. Councillor Woodall explained that the Scouts and Beavers would be happy to assist with watering and planting as this would also count towards their badges.

Further, Councillor Sellars referred to the upcoming newsletter and requested that articles are provided to her as soon as possible.

ALL

**17/45 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS**

The Chair confirmed that there had recently been a quarry liaison meeting that he had attended. Nothing to report.

The Chair also referred to recent meetings that had taken place with the George Fentham Trust regarding their affordable homes scheme on Marsh Lane and noted that a formal planning application has now been submitted.

Councillor Woodall referred to a recent strategic traffic calming meeting with neighbouring parish councils, stating that, on the whole, it was a very positive meeting. The PC needs to consider further how we proceed, to include consulting further with residents. Councillor Woodall will investigate further other funding options. SMBC will need to support any proposed changes.

VW

**17/46 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Councillor Doidge referred to his report, drawing reference in particular to:

*58 Meriden Road:* retrospective planning application was refused. Applicant's response awaited. The PC would be seeking environmentally sensitive landscaping.

JD

*Marsh Lane Development:* the PC has previously supported the principal of this on the basis that the Trust remains in full control. Councillor Doidge requested that the PC works with the Society to agree a response. The Chair and Councillor Doidge would agree the wording and circulate.

MB/JD

**17/47 FINANCE**

The quarterly accounts and payments for 3 months ending 30 June 2017 were accepted as **proposed by Councillor Cuthbert and seconded by Councillor Blanch.**

**17/48 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

*Parish Council:* 13 September 2017  
*Maintenance Meeting:* 4 October 2017.

Meeting closed at 10pm