

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at

THE MEETING ROOM

On

WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

Mr Mike Blomer (Chair)
Mr Tim Beresford (Vice Chair)
Mr John Doidge
Mr Dave Cuthbert
Mr David Sandells
Mr Ken Blanch
Mrs Cat Sellars
Mrs Vicky Woodall

CLERK PUBLIC

Mrs Julie Barnes
Mr Barney McElholm
Ms Alice McElholm

17/72 **CHAIR'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**
The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Mr Barney McElholm and Ms Alice McElholm.

ACTION

17/73 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None.

17/73 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None.

17/75 **UPDATE FROM SMBC**
The clerk confirmed that an email update had been received from Phil Farrington-Lloyd and circulated to all members. The Chair confirmed that the clerk would be arranging a meeting with David Turton, the Neighbourhood Manager at SMBC alongside Phil Farrington-Lloyd. The clerk would circulate a date for that meeting in due course.

CLERK

17/76 **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2017**
The minutes were approved as **proposed by Councillor Vicky Woodall and seconded by Councillor Ken Blanch.**

17/77 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**
17/39 *Recreation Ground Car Park Drainage:* The Chair confirmed that the drainage report had now been received. The advice was to excavate at the entrance to the footpath at the Scout and Guide Hut. The Chair recommended that G R Dawsons be instructed to undertake this work. Councillor Beresford will instruct G R Dawsons to proceed with this work.

TB

17/56 *War Memorial:* The Chair explained that the Memorial had been

cleaned and looks pristine. The damaged wall was also due to be repaired by Trevor Honeysett. The clerk had successfully recovered the money for the damage from the company responsible.

17/65 *Travellers:* The Chair confirmed that the PC has placed an order for height restricting barriers at the carpark. Councillor Beresford confirmed works would commence at the end of the month.

17/58 *Station and Gardening Club:* Councillor Blanch confirmed that the gardening club have got some costings for the planters and that they are now waiting approval from London Midland.

17/59 *Lottery Awards – Play Area Equipment:* Councillors Sandells confirmed there is nothing to report at present.

17/78 MINUTES OF THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 OCTOBER 2017

The minutes were approved as **proposed by Councillor Mike Blomer and seconded by Councillor David Sandells.**

17/79 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

17/15 *The Common:* Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that Newlands Bishop had trimmed The Common over a period of 3 days. Councillor Cuthbert will discuss further with Councillor Beresford the prospect of getting G R Dawsons to undertake some further work on The Common in the new year. 30 Hazel trees will also be planted further on in the year. DC/TB

The Dell: Councillor Cuthbert explained that one of the residents had requested maintenance works to be undertaken to the access road. The PC obtained a quotation and wrote to the four properties seeking their contribution. It is understood that one resident is not very pleased with the proposal. Councillor Cuthbert will follow this up and revert back once he has further information. DC

17/16 *War Memorial protection ideas:* Councillor Beresford enquired whether Councillor Woodall's husband had taken a look at the wall to provide an opinion on a "driver's view". Councillor Woodall confirmed that a lorry driver would simply not be able to see the wall when performing a turn in that area.

17/80 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Doidge referred everyone to the reports previously circulated. In particular, Councillor Doidge drew attention to a further application received on 58 Meriden Road. It is not clear why a further application has been made but the PC does not intend to send further submissions. Councillor Doidge stated that it raised a wider issue on the subject of gates and railings within the village and, as a result, Councillor Doidge will liaise with Ward Councillors further. JD

MSA: Councillor Doidge confirmed that the motorway service area has now had a notice withdrawn from Highways England so that it may move forward to a planning application. It is expected that Solihull will be required to also consider the application for an MSA at Junction 4 at the same time. Councillor Doidge confirmed that Councillor Cuthbert has arranged a further meeting with Caroline Spelman and Bob Sleigh on 24 November at the Arden Room so

that a proposed strategy can be discussed.

ALL

17/80.1 M42 J6 Consultation

Councillor Doidge confirmed that there have been a number of consultations on the J6 improvements. A further meeting has been requested, not yet set. The PC has a number of concerns, in particular, the clock junction and the use of roundabouts at both the north and south junction with Catherine de Barnes lane.

17/80.2 Response, Land North of 40 Old Station Road

Councillor Doidge confirmed that the planning sub-committee met on 5 October in order to discuss various planning concerns and in light of the significant number of objections received. Planning concerns included drainage, traffic and the effect on the green belt. A holding response had been sent to SMBC on those grounds. Councillor Doidge stated that the recommendation before members is to confirm the objection, subject to the PC providing clarification on the type of shared ownership that it would favour in the event that the planning application was approved.

The chair confirmed that a further report had been provided to all members in advance of the meeting that set out the options with regard to shared ownership. The chair provided more detail to all members and explained that SMBC normally favours traditional shared ownership in these cases. The chair stated that the PC has received 17 objections and 2 emails in support.

The chair explained to all members that a draft response had been circulated to all in advance of the meeting stating that the PC would be objecting to the planning application primarily on the grounds of greenbelt, traffic and drainage. This was **accepted and proposed by Councillor Dave Cuthbert and seconded by Councillor Ken Blanch**. 5 members were in favour of the objection, 1 was against. The second part of the resolution related to the type of ownership should SMBC approve the scheme. Councillors proposed that they were in favour of a fixed equity share. This was **accepted and proposed by Councillor Cat Sellars and seconded by Councillor David Sandells**. 6 members were in favour, 1 was against.

Councillor Doidge confirmed that the response would need to be sent following the meeting and the clerk confirmed she would do so.

CLERK

Mr Barney McElholm and Ms Alice McElholm left the meeting.

17/80.3 Hampton Manor Development

Councillor Doidge confirmed that a number of Councillors met with the owners of Hampton Manor on 2 November to discuss the proposed extension. The meeting reassured Councillors that the major extension planned would be in sympathy with the existing building. The Chair confirmed that the Manor had liaised with both English Heritage and the SMBC conservation officer when preparing the plans. Councillor Doidge stated that he considered no ground to object to the proposals. All Councillors were in favour.

JD

17/81 CRIME IN THE COMMUNITY (UPDATE)

The chair referred to his report, previously circulated and noted that a local petition, led by Dame Caroline Spelman, had successfully led

to the appointment of an additional PCSO.

The chair explained that a meeting had taken place on 28 October with the rural policing team during which it was agreed that the PC would promote an extension of the neighbourhood watch scheme and the reintroduction of speed watch.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Caroline Albrighton confirmed at the meeting on 28 October that she would gather and collate a list of people who would be willing to assist with the neighbourhood watch scheme. Councillor Beresford requested the clerk contact Caroline Albrighton to ask her to provide details of all those interested to her.

CLERK

Councillors discussed the possibility of further Neighbourhood Watch signs (larger than the current signs that are in place). All councillors agreed that this was a good idea.

MB

Speed Watch

It was hoped that Gary Wood would continue to coordinate the speed watch scheme in the interim period and the chair confirmed he would speak to Gary in order to get that up and running. PC Sharon Grant, the officer in charge of speed watch, had stated that she knew of another possibly interested coordinator and that she would make contact with that person. The chair confirmed that at present there are 5 trained speed watch volunteers but that all will need a refresher course. Further volunteers will be needed as the police prefer 14 volunteers to be trained to undertake the role. Once all the additional data had been collected a further meeting would be arranged with the rural policing team in order to arrange the necessary training.

MB

The chair confirmed that PC Sharon Grant had explained at the meeting that once data is received from the speed watch they do obtain the relevant contact details and write to each traffic offender. However, the police will not report back to the PC or speed watch volunteer in that regard.

**MB
CLERK**

The chair stated that a police surgery runs from the tea rooms in the village and that the police are happy for that to continue. The PC will help to advertise that by putting the dates on their social media and website. The chair confirmed that he has requested further dates for those surgeries from the police and is currently awaiting a response.

MB

The chair explained that the police are looking for a base within the village. Councillor Beresford enquired whether the George Fentham Trust had been formally approached to see if they could provide something suitable. The chair confirmed that a formal approach has not yet been made. It was agreed that further discussions would be opened up with the Trust.

MB

The only other subject discussed at the recent meeting with the police was the possibility of "Street Wardens" but that was still very much in its infancy. Further information will be given when it

becomes available.

17/82 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Councillor Doidge confirmed that the petition of 260 names (100 from the village) had now been submitted to SMBC requesting a formal governance review. A subsequent meeting had taken place whereby the working group were informed of a process for the review. The first stage being a request put before the governance committee on 28 November. The working group will attend that meeting. Following that, a decision will be made and the matter will hopefully move forward. In particular, it will consider the type of questions that will be asked of people when seeking their opinion on the boundary change. It is anticipated that a four week consultation will then commence so that a further report can be prepared in the middle of January. At this stage, it has been informally suggested that the four week period be deferred or extended in order to avoid the Christmas period.

Councillor Cuthbert provided a more detailed description of the questions that would be sent to residents and it was agreed that following the meeting on 28 November, the working group would provide a report and circulate that by email in order to update everyone on the next steps.

The chair stated that it was important when information went out to residents that it matched the information that was being sent to residents in Catherine de Barnes. A special newsletter would possibly be required and all members were in agreement with that being prepared and sent to all residents. Councillor Sellars reminded Councillors Doidge and Cuthbert that Inktree would need a few days to print the newsletter and Councillor Woodall stated that it may be possible for the working group to set up a stand at the school Christmas fete.

JD/DC

17/83 AIRPORT

Councillor Cuthbert reminded members that the ACC had appointed a sub-group to talk about the issue of night flying. Dialogue had been ongoing for the last 3 months with regard to trying to come up with some concessions which would be acceptable to the airport maintaining 5% of their total night flights. Councillor Cuthbert explained to members that the Section 106 agreement entered into 2009 had stated that the Airport should move towards a figure of 4% or below as soon as possible.

Councillor Cuthbert explained that it was felt that some positive progress had been made in that the airport had agreed some concessions that would mean quieter aircraft would be flown at night. These concessions were agreed on the basis that they would apply for the duration of the current review period, that being 3 years. However, it then came to light that a scheduled slot sale due to take place in November would not take into account this agreement and would not therefore apply the concessions that had been agreed. Further, the ACC then implied that the concessions would apply in perpetuity and not for the duration of the current review period. The

sub-group disagreed with the proposed amendments to the concessions. Minutes were subsequently circulated and failed to record this element of the meeting.

A further meeting is scheduled for next week and DS and DC will report further when they have further information. **DS/DC**

17/84 DATA PROTECTION

The chair referred members to his report, circulated in advance of the meeting and explained to all that the proposed new legislation makes the PC an accountable body and that the PC may have to register with the information commissioner in due course. The chair explained that the PC will need to appoint a Data Protection Officer and he recommended that be Julie Barnes as clerk for the PC. The chair confirmed that the PC is being guided by WALC on this matter. It may be necessary for the PC to pay a small fee when registering and the clerk will investigate this matter further.

Councillor Sandells explained that it is important the PC is clear on what is protected data. It may be beneficial for the clerk to prepare a list of what is and what isn't relevant. **CLERK**

17/85 CORRESPONDENCE

1. WALC Events Programme 2017/18.
2. CSW Broadband update.
3. Latest news from SMBC.
4. Countryside Alliance, nominations for Rural Oscars.
5. Berkswell PC Consultation on their Neighbourhood Plan.
6. SMBC October events.
7. WALC Budget Capping.
8. Upfront, Neighbourhood Planning News.
9. WALC November 2017 Newsletter.
10. WALC Councillor and Clerk Induction Sessions.

17/86 FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMITTEE

Councillor Sellars provided a brief update to members and referred all to the Minutes taken from their last meeting on 30 October 2017. Councillor Sellars briefly summarised:-

Newsletter, all printed up and ready to be delivered in advance of the Remembrance weekend.

Village information leaflet: Councillor Sellars sought approval to move forward with a village information leaflet the cost of which being £220. All members were in agreement.

Councillor Sellars requested the clerk add the recent emails on HS2 drop in dates and the updated Bus 89 timetables to the website/news section. The clerk will notify Councillor Sellars when she has actioned that. **CLERK**

The next Newsletter will go out in February, Councillor Sellars will require all articles by mid-January. **ALL**

17/87 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

Traffic Calming: Councillor Woodall provided a handout to all members for them to consider some visuals that other villages had used in terms of traffic calming measures following recent meetings with neighbouring parish councils to work together to form a strategic traffic calming plan. The visuals give the impression to drivers that the road layout is different and that they therefore need to slow down. These visuals could be used alongside more traditional types of traffic calming i.e. speed tables/average speed cameras etc. Councillor Woodall confirmed she would make further enquiries with Ashley Prior in order to obtain some quotations and would report further when she had that information. If all members were in agreement, Councillor Woodall would also seek to arrange a meeting with Alison Rolf and Bob Sleigh to discuss the proposals further. All in agreement.

VW/KB

Councillor Blanch discussed the shared space on Meriden Road. It was felt by a number of residents that speeds were increasing in the area as a result of the lines not being present. Councillors discussed the idea of a survey to support this belief.

Councillor Beresford stated that he had noticed that cars were parking in the sectioned off area on the High Street by the Corner Shop and stated that he would ask the Corner Shop to remind users that it was a no parking slot.

TB

SAC: Councillor Cuthbert confirmed he had attended a meeting on 19 October and had circulated his notes to all members in advance of the meeting. The main point he wished to raise was regarding payroll and the pension scheme and the difficulties other PCs had found. The chair confirmed that the George Fentham Trust does the payroll for the PC and at present the pension scheme is not utilised.

17/88 FINANCE

The quarterly accounts and payments for 7 months ending 31 October 2017 were accepted as **proposed by Councillor Ken Blanch and seconded by Councillor Cat Sellars.**

17/89 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The chair explained that the next meeting would be a budget meeting, scheduled to take place on 3 January 2018. Councillors agreed to deal with the Budget Meeting at the same time as the following scheduled PC meeting and therefore the next Budget and Parish Council meeting would take place on 17 January 2018.

CLERK

Budget and PC Meeting: 17 January 2018.

Meeting closed at 10.05pm