

# HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held at

**THE MEETING ROOM**

On

**WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY 2019 AT 7:30PM**

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

## **ACTION**

### **18/59 CHAIR'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor Sellars.

### **18/60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **18/61 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

### **18/62 UPDATE FROM SMBC NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM**

The chair noted that Lizzy Quiney, the Neighbourhood Coordinator was not present. The chair explained that the clerk had recently enquired whether SMBC would do a full clean of the gullies within the village but had been informed that each gully must be notified individually via the connect service. The chair also stated that an up to date A3 ward action plan had recently been circulated by Kath Hemmings, Neighbourhood Manager (SMBC). The clerk would arrange a separate meeting to discuss the content of this with Kath. All members would be invited.

**Clerk**

### **18/63 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2018**

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting were approved as proposed by Councillor Cuthbert and seconded by Councillor Sandells.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

17/111 Carpark Drainage: - The chair confirmed that Graham Dawson had checked the sediment tank and found it to be full. It has been 6

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months since the last clean. The chair had notified Ed Bradford, SMBC Drainage and the drainage team would be attending on site to clean the tank shortly. It was again noted that there was substantial evidence of silt run-off from the tennis courts in the tank.

18/53 Tommy Figure: - The chair confirmed that the clerk would arrange for Tommy to be brought in (along with the CCTV signage) for safe keeping. Clerk

18/17 ACO drains: - The chair confirmed that all was in good working order.

18/65 Bin stickers:- The chair confirmed that following the last Parish Council meeting the clerk had obtained prices to supply speed sign bin stickers to residents, these were:- £123 for 50/£198 for 100 and £337 for 200. All members were in agreement that funds would be better spent elsewhere particularly within the Pedestrian and Road Safety Plan.

18/67 Community Infrastructure Levy: - the clerk is still awaiting a response from Sheron French and will continue to seek a meeting. All members would be invited. Clerk

**18/64 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMITTEE**  
Councillor Sandells referred everyone to the minutes from the recent communications subcommittee meeting held on 8 January 2019.

Councillor Sandells gave advance notice to members that articles would be needed for the next Newsletter with the deadline for submission being 21 January 2019.

**18/65 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Councillor Cuthbert drew members attention to the planning report circulated in advance of the Parish Council meeting. Particular reference was drawn to:

Planning application: 2015/51409 MSA: - to be considered by the Planning Committee on 27 March 2019. Councillor Cuthbert stated that a pre-meeting would be required in advance of that. DC

2018/02959 – Land at The Dell. The applicant wants to erect a single detached dwelling in the garden. The PC has objected on the grounds of green belt. Comments have also been made about the design not being in keeping with the building.

2018/03165 – Fentham Cottage. Members support the business in principle should it provide an NHS Practice within the Village. However, concerns were raised over parking issues. Councillor Cuthbert will provide a response noting the concerns raised. DC

Masterplan – Airport: - Councillor Cuthbert enquired whether the PC would be providing a response. Councillor Sandells will prepare a response and send it to the clerk for onward transmission. DS

**18/66 PARISH BOUNDARY ARRANGMENTS**

The chair noted the change to the parish boundary to incorporate Catherine de Barnes which will take effect on 1 April 2019 and



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confirmed that the budget proposals for 2019/20 take account of the Council's additional responsibilities and financial commitments resulting from that change.

The chair confirmed that the clerk's hours will need to increase in order to cope with the additional demands of the enlarged parish. The Parish Council will continue to cooperate closely with Catney Residents Association with the need for any changes in administrative arrangements or work practices being kept under review.

The chair confirmed that the February edition of the newsletter will welcome new parishioners.

**18/67 GEORGE FENTHAM ENDOWED SCHOOL**

The chair referred to an e-mail received from George Fentham Endowed School in which they are appealing for the Parish Council to lobby on their behalf in relation to funding cuts. The chair enquired whether members would look to support in this instance. Councillor Woodall stated that the school is an important village concern and feels that the Parish Council should support it. All members were in agreement and the chair requested Councillor Beresford confirm the Parish Council's decision to the school and seek more information on how support can be provided.

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**18/68 REQUEST FOR GRANT FROM AGE UK SOLIHULL**

The chair referred to an e-mail received from the Chief Executive of Age UK Solihull in which it was requested that the Parish Council consider providing a grant in order to assist them in providing support for the elderly. Members were asked to consider this request.

All members were in agreement that the Parish Council should not support the principle of grant requests, particularly in instances where there would not be a direct benefit to its parishioners. The chair requested the clerk put Grant Giving/Section 137 on its agenda for the next Parish Council in order that members can consider its policy on charitable giving further.

Clerk

The clerk will send a response to Age UK Solihull.

Clerk

**18/69 PEDESTRIAN AND ROAD SAFETY UPDATE**

The chair noted that the Pedestrian and Road Safety Village Meeting recently held on 12 December had been a success. Residents had initially stated a preference for average speed cameras however; a clear majority had accepted the need to compromise and subsequently accepted the plan as proposed by the Parish Council. The Parish Council had subsequently received many emails in support.

Residents had raised a number of other issues and Councillors Blanch and Woodall would now take that information back to Ashley Prior, SMBC Highways, in order to set out the view of parishioners. All members were in agreement that any amendments to the plan

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must not discourage passing trade on the High Street.

**18/70 SPEED WATCH AND STREET WATCH**

The chair referred to his report for more detail and confirmed to members that there is yet to be more progress on speed watch. It is however understood that the insurance issues are on the verge of being resolved.

The chair noted that West Midlands Police are now looking to progress their street watch scheme. Two dates have been set up for training and all residents have been invited. The Parish Council have publicised the information via the website and social media tools. The dates for the training, to be held at Solihull Police Station, are 21 January and 30 January between 6:30pm and 9pm. The clerk is seeking further information as to who the training is for and will circulate that information to Councillor Sellars when she is in receipt of a response.

Clerk

**18/71 REQUEST FOR FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL ON RECREATION GROUND**

The chair noted that a request had been received from a resident in Catherine de Barnes to hold a food and drink festival on the recreation ground during the coming year. The applicant would wish to encourage local bands and artists to perform. Members were asked to consider the application.

Councillor Beresford stated that he felt this event would be in conflict with the Village Festival and felt that the Parish Council should look to decline such a request. All members were in agreement. The clerk will write to the applicant to confirm.

Clerk

**18/72 REVIEW OF CLERK'S HOURS AND SALARY**

The chair referred to his report and his comments in 18/66 above. Members' approval was sought for the Chairman and Vice Chairman to be delegated to agree revised working hours and salary. All members were in agreement.

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**18/73 CORRESPONDENCE (for information only)**

14/11 NALC – Spring Conference  
16/11 NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin  
16/11 WALC – Costs for Local Elections  
21/11 NALC – Working together  
22/11 NALC – Newsletter  
27/11 WM Police and Crime Commissioner – Active Citizens Fund  
27/11 WALC – Election Timetable  
30/11 VELO Birmingham and Midlands – Event Information  
03/12 WALC – Pension Contributions  
06/12 WALC - Salary Scales for 2019/20  
06/12 SMBC – HS2 Implementation Advisory Group  
07/12 WALC – Grievances against Town and Parish Councils  
10/12 Balsall Parish Council – Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation.  
10/12 WALC – December Newsletter  
13/12 NALC – Newsletter



13/12 SMBC – Traffic Regulation Order  
14/12 SMBC – Cold Weather Alert  
14/12 SMBC – Local Government Financial Settlement  
27/12 SMBC – Parish and Town Council Event – 24<sup>th</sup> January.  
27/12 SMBC – Neighbourhood Ward Action Plan  
27/12 WM Police – Street Watch Meeting  
02/01 Hampton Festival Committee – Festival 2019 will be 5<sup>th</sup> to 7th  
July  
02/01 HS2 – Further Consultation Meetings

The chair drew members attention to the email received from SMBC dated 27/12 regarding the Parish and Town Council Event and asked that all members attend where possible.

The chair noted a request from Fiona Woolston of Laing/Murphy that they attend and provide a further presentation on the highways works linked to HS2. The clerk will arrange a suitable date and circulate that to all members.

Clerk

#### 18/74 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

##### Meriden Liaison Meeting

The chair confirmed that Tarmac have disposed of their quarry operations interest to NRS Wastecare.

##### Implementation Advisory Group

Councillor Woodall confirmed that during the works from the Coleshill Roundabout up to the Birmingham Business Park those roads will be subject to single lane closures for up to 2 years. Effected residents will be notified.

A decision is expected on the relocation of the Bickenhill Civic Amenity Site in January 2019. An update will be received shortly.

#### 18/75 FINANCE

The quarterly accounts and payments for 9 months ending 31 December were accepted as **proposed by Councillor Beresford and seconded by Councillor Woodall.**

#### 18/76 DATE OF NEXT MEETING


The chair confirmed the dates for next meetings:-

Parish Council Meeting: 13 March 2019.

Maintenance Committee Meeting: 5 February 2019.

Meeting closed at 9:45pm

Minutes taken, prepared and presented by Julie Barnes, Clerk

  
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