

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Meeting Rooms, Fentham Hall

7:00pm on Wednesday 12 June 2019

PRESENT

Councillor T Beresford (Chairman)
Councillor M Blomer
Councillor D Sandells
Councillor J Eccleston
Mr Floyd Price
Mr David Colman

Clerk: Julie Barnes

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACTION

19/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Councillors Cuthbert and Green.

19/02 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6 FEBRUARY 2019
These have already been adopted by a full parish council meeting.

19/03 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING
18/14 Carpark Security: - Floyd confirmed that new CCTV signs have recently been installed.

Fencing/Recreation Ground Play Area: - Councillor Sandells indicated that the fencing had been repaired. The chair to check all works have been completed. **TB**

18/17 Recreation Ground and Spinney: - The new planter is now in place. The gardening club are unable to take on this additional project. The chair confirmed that he has contacted a gardener who also works for the George Fentham Trust who has confirmed that she can take over this project. The chair will meet with her to agree a schedule of works. Councillor Blomer confirmed that Craddocks will provide the plants and invoice the Parish Council direct. **TB**

Aco drains: - The chair confirmed that the cleaning out of the Aco drains has now been placed on Graham Dawson's yearly schedule.

18/21 The chair noted ongoing issues with street care and the lack of regular street cleaning within the village. A meeting will be arranged with the newly appointed SMBC Neighbourhood Team Coordinator for Hampton in Arden (Sue Hughes) in order to discuss these issues however, in the meantime, it was agreed to continue to log issues via the Solihull Connect service. **Clerk**

18/30 Recreation Ground and Spinney – Trees: - Councillor Blomer confirmed he has made further enquiries with regard to the Arden Tree Scheme and noted that applications can be made in August.

18/32 Roads and Footpaths: - The poor state of the tarmac down Shadowbrook Lane and Old Station Road was once again raised. It was agreed that this issue would be discussed with Sue Hughes in due course. Clerk

Overhanging Branches – Network Rail: - The clerk noted that Graham Dawson had felt it would not be cost effective for the Parish Council to take on this task. The clerk had contacted Network Rail who had undertaken a cut back of the area. Councillor Sandells explained that whilst Network Rail had undertaken some works it was not to the area that he had specified. The clerk will return to Network Rail to make them aware for their future reference. Clerk

19/04 THE COMMON AND THE DELL, CATHERING DE BARNES

Councillor Cuthbert had sent his apologies for the meeting but had issued a written report for the clerk to read: -

Newlands Bishop are planning 3 days work to the Common in July. In addition the Friends of the Common have a couple of working parties to clear the brambles etc.

New wooden posts have been installed to replace rotten posts.

The dog bins and bags have been well received and have reduced fouling significantly.

19/05 CHURCHYARD

Mr Colman confirmed that following a recent tree survey recommended works had now been completed.

A working party had been formed with the intention of making an application to the HS2 Community Fund in order to replace the Church Hall. The ideal scenario being to replace rather than repair.

19/06 RECREATION GROUND AND SPINNEY

- (i) A request has been received from Mike Fisher to have a picnic bench put in at the Recreation Ground overlooking the all-weather sports field with Mr Fisher offering to contribute £100 to the installation of the same.

The chair requested that the clerk make further enquiries with Danny Adams as to the cost. However, concern was expressed about security on the Recreation Ground with youths gathering and vandalising the area in an evening. Clerk

Dog Fouling: - The chair reported that this is on the increase despite the Parish Council spending funds to provide dog bins and bags for residents within the village. All agreed that an additional bin and bag dispenser should be purchased and located near the Under 7s play area. In addition, it was agreed that a highlighter spray should be purchased which Floyd Price confirmed could be held and utilised by the Sports Club. The chair also requested that the clerk publicise that dog fouling is on the increase via the Parish Council's social media page. Clerk

Floyd Price confirmed that a shed will be installed shortly after agreement being received from the Parish Council. This will create further storage and help to keep the area tidy. Floyd also confirmed that with vandalism on the increase the Sports Club were looking to upgrade the CCTV to enable high definition pictures to be taken of culprits.

19/07 SCHOOL FIELD AND PLAY AREA

The chair confirmed that the George Fentham Endowed School were looking into the potential of putting new fencing to the rear of the playground in order to provide greater security to pupils.

19/08 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

The chair noted his disappointment at the lack of regular street cleaning within the village. The clerk will arrange a meeting with the Parish Council's new SMBC Neighbourhood Team Coordinator in order to discuss this issue further with her.

Clerk

19/09 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The chair stated that a number of emails had been received regarding over hanging vegetation that is not the responsibility of Solihull Council. The chair requested that the clerk arrange for a reminder to go to residents to cut back any overhanging vegetation that falls under their responsibility. It was agreed that an article should also be placed in the next Village Newsletter.

Clerk

19/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9 October 2019 at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 7:10pm

Minutes taken and prepared by Julie Barnes, Clerk to Parish Council