

# HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at

**THE MEETING ROOM**

on

**WEDNESDAY 10 JULY 2019**

## **MINUTES**

<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>Mrs Cat Sellars</b> <b>Mr Dave Cuthbert</b> <b>Mr Peter Green</b> <b>Mr Mike Hulme</b> <b>Mr Giles Cook</b> <b>Mr John Eccleston</b> <b>Ms Sue Hughes</b> <b>Mrs Julie Barnes</b> <b>Mrs Sheila Blomer</b> <b>Mr Barry Lewis</b> <b>Mr Matt Faizey</b> <b>Mrs Lesley Cuthbert</b>
	<b>SMBC</b> <b>CLERK</b> <b>PUBLIC</b>	

## **ACTION**

- 19/31 CHAIR'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**  
The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting in particular the new SMBC Neighbourhood Coordinator, Sue Hughes. Apologies were received from Councillor Alexander Clayson.
- 19/32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None.
- 19/33 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
None.
- 19/34 UPDATE FROM SMBC NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM**  
Sue Hughes introduced herself to members explaining that she is new to role. Sue noted a few outstanding issues:-
- Overgrown nettles on the footpath next to Arden Court. This matter has been referred to the Streetcare department.
- Waste and recycling that isn't being emptied at Arden Court. This matter has been referred to Waste & Refuge.
- Sue requested that residents are reminded to report issues via the Connect Services so that issues are logged and there is an audit trail.

Shadowbrook Lane and Old Station Road – road surface issues have been raised previously. Sue felt in light of available finances it was unlikely that the entire road would be resurfaced however did note various sections of the road that do require works to be undertaken. Sue will be meeting with Highways on 11 July 2019 to discuss this issue further with them.

Sue also noted that she is due to meet with Highways to discuss the road surface on Lugtrout Lane, Catherine de Barnes and will report further in due course.

Councillor Cuthbert raised Field Lane being overgrown with vegetation and the road being in a poor state of repair. Sue confirmed she would raise this issue with Streetcare Department. Sue also noted the poor disability access on the one side of Field Lane had been raised. That issue will be rectified in the next couple of weeks. **SH**

Councillor Cuthbert raised the issue of a constantly overflowing waste bin located on Hampton Lane at the convenience store opposite The Boat public house. Sue will look into the issue. **SH**

Councillor Blanch explained that the Parish Council had previously been made aware that double yellow lines were due to be installed on Meriden Road (along the eastbound carriageway) and wondered whether there was any update on when these works would be undertaken. Sue confirmed she would make further enquiries. **SH**

Councillor Blanch also noted that various double yellow lines within the village were now faded and enquired what the legal requirement was to maintain and repair those. Sue confirmed she would look into this and report further. **SH**

Councillor Sandells noted that there is a requirement to register footpaths by 2026 relating to any footpaths that were in existence before 1949. Councillor Sandells explained that the Parish Council has a footpaths map that covers most except a footpath that used to run across the top of Old Station Road into Bickenhill. Councillor Sandells would like to know how the Parish Council can register this footpath. Sue requested that a copy of the map be sent to her so that she can look into the issue further. **Clerk/SH**

Councillor Cuthbert requested a map of the footpaths in Catherine de Barnes. Sue confirmed she would send this over. **SH**

Sue Hughes left the meeting at 7:41pm.

**19/35 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2019**

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

**19/36 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

18/67 George Fentham Endowed School: - A response was received from Dame Caroline Spelman MP and circulated to all members.

18/90 Traffic monitoring had now been carried out and would be reported on under agenda item 11.

19/14 Shed: - A shed had now been erected at the Sports Club and is in good working order.

19/15 Planning Applications: - Hampton Green: - a further variation had been received. The Parish Council had no objections.

19/16 Village Tidy: - Councillor Sellars confirmed 13 bags of rubbish had been collected. The volunteer turn out was quite low however it was felt this was due to the event being held on a Sunday.

19/17 Sports Club Funding: - A meeting had taken place with John Eccleston in his capacity as President and Charlie Rickard as Treasurer. Nothing further to report at present.

19/19 Grit Bins: - Councillor Cuthbert will follow up on this at the next meeting. **DC**

19/21 Christmas Lights: - The chair referred members to his supplemental report circulated in advance of the meeting. Members were informed that a contribution of £2,000 had been received from SMBC. Total costs to install the Christmas lights would be £4,347 with the Parish Council needing to fund a balance of £2,347. An annual cost of approximately £900 would be incurred. The Hampton Society had pledged to contribute £256 and the Festival Committee had confirmed they hope to contribute. All members approved the installation of Christmas lights and the Parish Council will seek donations from others towards the initial installation costs. **MB**

19/24 Festival: - Councillor Beresford confirmed that the Festival was a success with a fantastic turnout. The chair gave special thanks to Councillors Hulme, Clayson, Sellars, Sandells and Blanch and also to PCSO Aaron Murdoch and Caroline Albrighton who all helped on the day.

**19/37 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2019.**

The minutes from the Maintenance Committee Meeting were approved as **proposed by Councillor Sandells and seconded by Councillor Cuthbert.**

**19/38 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

Councillor Beresford explained that the lack of street cleaning remained an issue and that increases in dog fouling had also been reported. The maintenance committee had agreed to fund a further dog waste bin and also a further dog bag dispenser in order to try and combat the issue.

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that Newland Bishop Farm is booked for 3 days to cut The Common in Catherine de Barnes.

**19/39 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING**

Councillor Sellars explained that the next communications meeting would be taking place during the week commencing 15/08/2019.

Councillor Sellars gave advance notice to members that articles would be needed for the next Newsletter with the deadline for submission to her being 20/07/2019. **ALL**

## **19/40 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

MSA(s): - Both are linked to the M42 J6 enquiries. It is not anticipated that a decision will be made in the immediate future. The next planning hearing for the DCO being listed for around 22/08/2019.

Woodhouse Farm Burial Ground: - Councillor Cuthbert requested the planning committee meet to discuss this application further in order that the Parish Council can prepare its response. **DC**

### **OAK FARM : - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS AND ERECTION OF CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY**

Councillor Cuthbert explained to members that application 2018/00781 is up for appeal in August. Since that announcement a slightly reduced scheme has been applied for (01215). The application remains for the entire site.

The planning subcommittee has met to discuss the Parish Council's reaction to the current application.

Councillor Cuthbert explained to members that Catherine de Barnes residents have been consulted upon with regard to their views on this application in light of the knowledge that the Draft Local Plan indicated that the Brownfield site could be subject to development with 80 medium to high density houses. The overwhelming response was that the care home, in light of this information, was the preferred solution.

Both the Catherine de Barnes Residents Association and representatives from the Parish Council have met with the developer in order to see what incentives can be offered to the residents of Catherine de Barnes i.e. additional car parking, landscaping and use of amenities. The developer has agreed to the additional requests made.

The chair noted that any decision on application 01215 would be made after the Appeal Hearing for application 00781.

The chair allowed a member of the public to contribute as follows:-

*Mr Matt Faziey: -*

*Mr Faziey notified members that Cala Homes have now made a formal offer to the developer, Minton, to buy out the option agreement. They wish to build 135 residential units on the site.*

*Mr Faziey lives on the site and is keen for the Parish Council not to object to this application (01215).*

Councillor Cuthbert reiterated that it remains the Parish Council's stance to resist building in the green built. However, in light of recent information and responses from residents it was felt that the

Parish Council should not object to application 01215.

Members agreed the formal response would be: *"In the light of recent changed circumstances, the Parish Council has no objection to this application"*.

Councillor Cook will try to meet with the head of planning, Kim Allen in advance of putting forward the Parish Council's response.

GC

#### 19/41 PEDESTRIAN AND ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

Councillor Blanch stated with great regret the SMBC application for funding to the HS2 Community Fund had been rejected due to the fund no longer accepting applications linked to the upgrading of highways or traffic calming schemes. The Parish Council would now need to look towards HS2's Road Safety Fund which is being administered by SMBC for substantial contributions to the proposed pedestrian and road safety plan and Councillor Blanch would be meeting with Ashley Prior, SMBC Highways in due course.

Councillor Blanch confirmed that the results of the recent traffic monitoring survey had been received and provided evidence that the traffic flow along the High Street and Meriden Road was in excess of 4 to 5,000 cars a day. Councillor Blanch circulated the report for information to all members noting in particular that over 50% of vehicles travelling along the High Street and Meriden Road are driving above the speed limit.

Councillor Cuthbert requested Councillor Blanch make the relevant enquiries to undertake the same survey in Catherine de Barnes. Councillor Blanch confirmed he would make the necessary arrangements.

KB

#### 19/42 SPEED WATCH AND STREET WATCH

The chair referred members to his report, circulated in advance.

The chair drew members' attention to the fact that, at present, speed watch is only able to take place in the presence of a Neighbourhood PCSO and that the indication had been that approximately 2 a month would be held. All members were in agreement that, particularly in light of recent traffic monitoring results, this was unacceptable and noted that volunteers are keen to do much more than 2 a month. The chair will make further enquiries as to whether it would be possible to undertake speed watch without a Neighbourhood PCSO being present at all times.

MB

A number of street watch sessions have now been carried out. The street watch coordinator, Emma Shalley, had asked if the Parish Council would supply the team with torches which would be of great assistance to the after dark patrols. The chair explained that the clerk had undertaken some enquiries and had advised that the torches would be in the region of £15 each. A total expenditure of £150. All members were in agreement and the purchase of the torches was agreed as **proposed by Councillor Blanch and seconded by Councillor Sellars.**

CLERK

**19/43 UPDATE ON COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY**

The chair explained that at the Parish Council's AGM on 8/05/2019 members had requested further information on the Community Infrastructure Levy ("CIL"). The chair referred members to his detailed report for their information. The clerk also circulated SMBC's guidance paper to all members.

Councillor Sandells enquired whether any lower limits applied to CIL spending. The chair confirmed they did not.

Councillor Cuthbert requested that the clerk make enquiries as to how much CIL income would possibly be raised from the Oak Farm Care Home development.

**CLERK**

Councillor Sandells requested that the Parish Council start to consider offsetting some of the current CIL funds against current expenditure. The chair will consider this further with the clerk.

**MB/  
CLERK**

All members noted the content of the CIL reports provided.

**19/44 CORRESPONDENCE (for information only)**

07/05 SMBC – Active Communities  
08/05 WALC – Annual Report  
12/05 NALC – C/Execs Bulletin  
12/05 SMBC – Locality Working event  
12/05 WALC – E-Learning event  
13/05 WALC – Newsletter  
15/05 NALC – Newsletter  
16/05 WALC – Training events  
16/05 NALC – Star Council Awards  
17/05 NALC – C/Execs Bulletin  
21/05 WALC – VE Day 2020  
21/05 NALC – Annual Conference  
21/05 Catney RA – Family Fun Day  
22/05 CAVA – Local events  
23/05 NALC – Newsletter  
25/05 Warwickshire CC – Underground Minerals Plan 2018  
25/05 NALC – C/Execs Bulletin  
28/05 Warwickshire Wildlife Trust – Request for support  
28/05 Birmingham Airport – Revised flight paths now operational  
30/05 Warwickshire CC – Community Emergency Plan for the area  
31/05 NALC – C/Execs Bulletin  
03/06 WALC – Newsletter  
06/06 NALC – Newsletter  
07/06 NALC – C/Execs Bulletin  
09/06 NALC – Local Council EXPO  
10/06 NALC - Annual Conference  
13/06 Balsall PC – Neighbourhood Plan Consultation  
15/06 NALC – C/Execs Bulletin  
15/06 WALC – Training Events  
18/06 Neighbourhood Alert – Neighbourhood Watch Week  
24/06 HS2 – Community Events  
27/06 SMBC – SAC Agenda

02/07 WALC – Newsletter  
03/07 NALC – Newsletter

**19/45 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS**

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that he has now been appointed as the Chair of the Solihull Area Committee. A recent meeting had been very informative with the Committee now arranging regular informative talks. A talk had been provided by Chris Parr on unauthorised encampments at the latest meeting with detailed information being provided on how to move an encampment on within 24 hours.

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed he would be attending a meeting with WALC in the next week and Councillor Blanch confirmed that he was due to attend a HS2 Implementation Meeting on 18/07/2019 at 6pm.

**19/46 FINANCE**

The quarterly accounts and payments for 3 months ending 30 June 2019 were accepted as **proposed by Councillor Beresford and seconded by Councillor Cuthbert.**

**19/47 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The chair confirmed the dates for next meetings:-

Parish Council Meeting: 11 September 2019 at 7:30pm

Maintenance Committee Meeting: 9 October 2019 at 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 9:36pm

Minutes taken, prepared and presented by Julie Barnes, Clerk