

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at

THE MEETING ROOM

on

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTMBER 2019

MINUTES

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

Mr Mike Blomer (Chair)

Mr David Sandells

Mr Ken Blanch

Mrs Cat Sellars

Mr Dave Cuthbert (from item 19/51)

Mr Peter Green

Mr Giles Cook

Mr John Eccleston

Mr Alexander Clayson

Ms Sue Hughes (to item 19/51)

Mrs Julie Barnes

Mrs Sheila Blomer

Mrs Lesley Cuthbert (from item 19/51)

SMBC

CLERK

PUBLIC

ACTION

19/48 CHAIR'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor Tim Beresford and Councillor Mike Hulme.

19/49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Eccleston in his capacity of president of the Sports Club and Councillor Sandells in his capacity as member of the Sports Club relating to item 19/56.

19/50 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

19/51 UPDATE FROM SMBC NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Sue Hughes, Neighbourhood Coordinator commented as follows: -

Arden Court: - SMBC notified of overhanging stinging nettles and an issue regarding recycling bins not being emptied. All now rectified.

Shadowbrook Lane/Old Station Road: - a full road resurface will not happen due to insufficient funds being available in the resurfacing budget. However, large patches will be repaired to make safe the area.

Field Lane: - Fly tipping removed. Some potholes have been filled but more need to be done. A watching brief is being maintained. The disabled kerb access will be done within the next 4 to 6 weeks.

Lugtrout Lane: - repair works are scheduled to potholes and due to be undertaken shortly.

Waste bin opposite The Boat pubic house in Catherine de Barnes has now been emptied. Looking into the possibility of trialling an "intelligent bin" in that location. A request has been made for a bin to be installed in the layby at the other end of Hampton Lane. SH

Renewal of the yellow lines for Fentham Road/High Street is in the Solihull Council budget for 2020/21.

Issue raised regarding the worn away no parking signage on Fentham Road. The Parish Council need to contact Highways. CLERK

Overhanging vegetation near to the Church on Solihull Road, a request has gone in for that to be cut back. SH

Marsh Lane: - road sweeper should have gone to this location on 30/08/2019 and will be due again on 11/10/2019. Parish Council to check if sweeper did attend. CLERK/
SH

The public footpath on Old Station Road/Meriden Road is completely overgrown. A request has gone in to cut this back. SH

Councillor Cuthbert requested that the give way road markings be renewed at the junction between Foxley Drive and Oakfields Way. Sue explained that due to financial constraints it was extremely unlikely this work would be undertaken but she will make enquiries. SH

Councillor Cuthbert requested a copy of the bin emptying schedule. Sue will endeavour to obtain the same. SH

Councillor Cuthbert requested the overhanging vegetation be cut back at the bus stop on Henwood Lane. SH

Councillor Clayson requested a "hidden road" sign for Station Road. SH

Sue Hughes left the meeting at 8pm.

19/52 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 JULY 2019

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

19/53 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

19/10 Grit Bins: - No further update. DC

19/42 Speed Watch and Street Watch: - PCSO Murdoch did not attend the last Police Surgery. The Parish Council has no further dates and has requested those from PCSO Murdoch. CLERK

Councillor Cuthbert wished to record Catney Street Watch "thanks" for the donation of torches made by the Parish Council.

19/54 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Councillor Sellars referred members to the recent minutes taken from the meeting held on 10/09/2019. Particular reference was made to changes to the next village tidy and the upcoming bulb planting event. Special thanks were given to Rosebourne Garden Centre, Hampton in Arden, who has donated 500 bulbs for the event.

Councillor Sellars gave advance notice to members that articles would be needed for the next Newsletter with the deadline for submission to her being 11/10/2019. Councillor Cuthbert requested that the Newsletters be delivered to him by 1st of each delivery month in order to avoid his volunteers having to do two separate rounds.

ALL

19/55 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Cuthbert referred members to the planning report for a more detailed breakdown on the current ongoing planning applications. In addition, he referred to his attached planning update report. Particular reference was made to:-

Oak Farm: - has now been refused.

Hampton Cricket Club: - A resident has been in contact with the Parish Council regarding footpath and lighting issues. The developer has responded and the matter is now resolved.

Birmingham Dogs Home: - It was agreed by members that a response should be submitted with a stipulation that time limits on usage should be implemented.

DC

Woodhouse Farm: - A licence application has been made to the Traffic Commissioners for an extra 10 HGVs and trailers to be operated from this site. The Parish Council have submitted an objection to the application and has raised the issue of no planning approval.

Land at 159 Lugtrout Lane: - the planning subcommittee will meet to discuss a suitable response to this application.

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Woodhouse Farm Burial Ground: - No further information at present. It is understood that the Solihull Council planning officer has requested an updated environmental statement.

19/56 REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SPORTS CLUB CLUBHOUSE

The chair referred members to his report circulated in advance. Declarations of interest in 19/49 above were noted.

Whilst members all agreed that, in principle, the redevelopment of the clubhouse should be supported further legal information was required before any additional consideration could take place.

CHAIR

19/57 TREE SURVEY

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

The chair drew members' attention to the quotes provided by Midland Forestry (£1,100) and Westside Forestry (£1,190) and noted that despite requests, no quotation was received from Middlemarch Environmental.

The chair recommended that members approve the quotation from Midland Forestry for a new tree survey. All members were in agreement and it was accepted as **proposed by Councillor Green and seconded by Councillor Sandells.**

CLERK

19/58 CATHERINE DE BARNES TRAFFIC COUNTERS

The chair referred to his report circulated in advance.

Members were asked to agree to traffic counters being installed on Hampton Lane and Lugtrout Lane, Catherine de Barnes at a cost of £360. All members were in agreement and it was accepted as **proposed by Councillor Sellars and seconded by Councillor Cook.**

Councillor Blanch will notify David Kearney of Solihull Council.

KB

19/59 HAMPTON IN ARDEN LIBRARY

The chair referred to his report circulated in advance.

Councillor Green briefly explained that the library is the least visited of all the branch libraries operated by Solihull Council and, as such its viability, as presently structured, is uncertain. Councillor Green has been working with the History Group, which is affiliated to the Hampton Society and it has been agreed to set up a working group to investigate the possible options for securing the future of the library.

Councillor Sellars volunteered to represent the Parish Council on the working group. Councillor Green will communicate separately with Councillor Sellars in this regard. The clerk will update our committee records accordingly.

**PG/CS
CLERK**

19/60 HAMPTON IN ARDEN CHURCH CLOCK

The chair explained to members that recent necessary repairs to the church clock have cost £492 (inclusive of VAT). Revd. Stuart Dimes has noted that the clock is regarded as a useful and integral part of village life and suggested that the Parish Council might consider contributing a third of the cost of the repairs. Members were therefore asked to consider agreeing to contribute £164 towards the cost of the repairs. All members were in agreement and it was accepted as **proposed by Councillor Sandells and seconded by Councillor Cuthbert.**

Members requested the clerk fund this from CIL monies held by the Parish Council.

CLERK

19/61 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The chair referred to his report circulated in advance. The initial

cost of installing the Christmas lights is £4,347. Solihull Council has already contributed £2,000 towards this cost.

The chair was pleased to report that the Parish Council had secured a contribution of £1,000 from the Hampton Festival Committee and £256 from the Hampton Society. The outstanding balance is now therefore £1,091.

The chair requested members agree to the Parish Council funding the remaining balance. All members were in agreement with a request that the clerk funds this from CIL monies held. The proposals were accepted as **proposed by Councillor Sandells and seconded by Councillor Sellars.**

CLERK

Councillor Cuthbert enquired whether members were in agreement with him obtaining a quotation for Christmas Lights around the Village Hall in Catherine de Barnes. All members were in agreement.

DC

19/62 VE75 CELEBRATIONS

The chair referred members to his report circulated in advance.

Members were reminded that the early May bank holiday in 2020 will move from 04/05/2020 to Friday 08/05/2020 to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Councillor Cuthbert expressed a wish to bring both wards together to celebrate this important occasion and Councillor Eccleston indicated the Sports Club would also support such an occasion. The chair indicated the Hampton Society may be interested in heading up such an event and confirmed he would make an approach to the Society in this regard indicating that the Parish Council would support any plans.

CHAIR

19/63 CORRESPONDENCE (for information only)

- 08/07 WALC – Rural Community Energy Fund
- 08/07 WALC – Bridges guidance
- 09/07 WMP – Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter
- 09/07 SMBC – Guidance on Unlawful Trespass and Encampments
- 12/07 HS2 – Notice of road closures
- 12/07 NALC – C/Execs Bulletin
- 16/07 Highways Agency – M42 Jct. 6 Improvements
- 18/07 NALC – Newsletter
- 22/07 WALC – VE Day Celebrations
- 27/07 HS2 – Utility Surveys and Access Roads
- 27/07 NALC – C/Execs Bulletin
- 27/07 WM Trains – Business Update
- 30/07 SAC – BSOL application
- 31/07 WM Air Ambulance – Application for Recycling Bin
- 02/08 SMBC – Draft Local Plan Summary of Representations
- 02/08 NALC – C/Execs Bulletin
- 05/08 WALC – Newsletter
- 05/08 TWM – Community Speed Watch Support
- 08/08 SMBC – Tourism Map

11/08 NALC – C/Execs Bulletin
13/08 WALC – Dementia in Communities**
15/08 ROSPA – Safety Inspection
17/08 NALC – C/Execs Bulletin
19/08 WALC – Cyber Crime Survey 2019
30/08 NALC – C/Execs Bulletin
02/09 Highways Agency – M42 Jct. 6 Improvements
04/09 ROSPA – Play Safety Conference
04/09 WALC – Newsletter
04/09 WM Trains – Community Transport Learn shop Event
05/09 WMP – Scams and Cyber Crime Awareness Event

The chair referred in particular to an email received on 13/08/2019 from WALC relating to “Dementia in Communities”. The clerk confirmed she will sign the Parish Council up to the Dementia Friends Community and update members when further information becomes available. **CLERK**

19/64 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

Councillor Blanch explained that a HS2 Implementation Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on 03/10/2019 but that he is unable to go. The chair confirmed he will endeavour to attend this in Councillor Blanch absence. **CHAIR**

Councillor Sandells attended a recent ACC meeting. Nothing further to report at present.

Councillor Cuthbert referred to the draft Statement of Community Involvement and draft Local Validation Criteria which refers to what information Solihull Council need to give regarding planning applications. Councillor Cuthbert will prepare a draft response, the deadline being 27/09/2019 and will circulate it for further consideration.

Councillor Cuthbert requested that the working group for the review of the Neighbourhood Plan to convene in January 2020. The clerk to put a date in the diary and circulate to all members of the working group. **CLERK**

19/65 FINANCE

The quarterly accounts and payments for 5 months ending 31 August 2019 were accepted as **proposed by Councillor Cuthbert and seconded by Councillor Clayson.**

19/66 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The chair confirmed the dates for next meetings:-

Parish Council Meeting: 13 November 2019 at 7:30pm
Maintenance Committee Meeting: 9 October 2019 at 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 9:45pm.