

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Meeting Rooms, Fentham Hall

7:30pm on 5 February 2020

PRESENT

Councillor T Beresford (Chairman)
Councillor M Blomer
Councillor J Eccleston
Councillor D Cuthbert
Councillor P Green
Councillor D Sandells
Mr Danny Adams
Mr David Colman
Mr Floyd Price
Clerk: Julie Barnes

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2020.

ACTION

19/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

19/20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9 OCTOBER 2019

These have already been adopted by a full parish council meeting.

19/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

18/32 Roads and Footpaths:- The chair confirmed that resurfacing and patching works are ongoing with the clerk liaising with SMBC's neighbourhood coordinator on a regular basis.

CLERK

All agreed that there had been an improvement with regards to the condition of the roads and footpaths and a watching brief will be maintained with regard to street cleaning.

19/18 Proposed Hockey Pitch Works:- Councillor Eccleston noted that a reduced and revised scheme was now being considered in further detail. The chair asked that the Parish Council be given sight of these plans in order that approval can be considered before any works are to commence.

JE

19/13 Request for Tools:- Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that a list of proposed tools had been sent to the chair for his consideration. The chair confirmed he would look into this further and provide a report to the next Parish Council meeting confirming his recommendations.

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Councillor Cuthbert enquired whether the tree report had shown up any urgent issues within The Common. Councillor Blomer confirmed he would check the report and, if necessary, would arrange for Dawsons Groundcare to contact Councillor Cuthbert.

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19/14 David Colman noted an error in the previous Minutes regarding the clock face and confirmed that the clock face has not been repainted but permission has been granted.

19/15 Picnic Bench Request:- Due to a concern over whether the picnic bench would

encourage anti-social behaviour, it was agreed to maintain a watching brief at this stage in relation to this request.

19/18 Christmas Lights:- The chair confirmed that the event had been a great success. It was noted that SMBC had recently informed the Parish Council that they would not be allowed to allocate CIL funds towards this expenditure.

19/18 Planter:- The chair confirmed that the planter had been planted up for the autumn/winter season as had been agreed at the last meeting.

19/22 THE COMMON AND THE DELL, CATHERINE DE BARNES

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that Newlands Bishop would undertake some works to The Common to prepare it for the Summer. A working party would also undertake some works in early March to clear brambles and weeds.

Councillor Cuthbert enquired whether committee members would be in agreement to the purchase of a small Notice Board to place on Catney Common so that users know what the land is and who it belongs to. The cost of this would be in the region of £400. The chair requested Councillor Cuthbert provides a quote to the clerk so that a recommendation could be put to the next full Parish Council meeting.

DC/
CLERK

19/23 CHURCHYARD

David Colman confirmed that they are now on the second phase of tree works that were recommended be undertaken following receipt of their updated tree report. Works will be undertaken in early March.

As indicated earlier, David Colman confirmed that permission had been granted for the clock face to be painted. Those works had not yet been undertaken.

Permissions from the diocese are awaited in order that the church can undergo internal decoration.

Discussions are taking place regarding works to the Church Hall. Possible funding options and project managers are being considered in more detail.

Councillor Blomer noted that, separately, the Parish Council is entering into very early discussions with the diocese about the future of Catherine de Barnes Village Hall, necessary repair works and ownership of the same.

19/24 RECREATION GROUND AND SPINNEY

Floyd Price noted that the insurance claim relating to the club house remains ongoing with a decision expected imminently. Once in receipt of that response and any supporting documentation, Floyd will circulate that information to the clerk.

FP/
CLERK

There is currently no further progress with regard to the redevelopment of the Sports Club building.

The Sports Club is currently starting to prepare for the Summer months by repairing any broken outdoor seating.

Councillor Blomer confirmed that we are now in receipt of the tree report that

MB

contains various recommendations. The Parish Council will work through that report in conjunction with Dawsons Groundcare.

Councillor Blomer confirmed that the Parish Council were successful in obtaining a large number of trees from the Arden Free Tree Scheme. It is intended to replace trees along the railway embankment in order to make good following the necessary drainage repair works. Following the tree planting it will be necessary to provide photographic evidence to SMBC.

**MB/
CLERK**

The chair confirmed that Dawsons Groundcare had recently reported damage to trees along the railway embankment caused by wild rabbits. The clerk had contacted Network Rail who had declined to provide any additional assistance with regard to replacing or protecting damaged trees.

Councillor Blomer noted that there has been an increased demand on the Recreation Ground carpark and that it is increasingly being used as an overflow for the railway station. The Parish Council will maintain a watching brief.

19/25 SCHOOL FIELD AND PLAY AREA

The chair noted that the School Field had not been included in any of the recent tree reports undertaken by either the Parish Council or The George Fentham Trust. The George Fentham Trust is arranging for a report to be undertaken and will keep the Parish Council updated.

Councillor Sandells noted a couple of minor repair works that had been raised in the recent play area inspection report. A request had been made to Trevor Honeysett to undertake the works but, as yet, those works had not been undertaken. Councillor Sandells confirmed he would liaise further with the clerk in order that she can contact Trevor Honeysett to arrange the necessary repair works.

**DS/
CLERK**

Councillor Sandells noted that the play area is now outside of the necessary frameworks due to its age and that it should be something the Parish Council is looking to update in the coming years with the possibility of using CIL funds to do so. A full replacement would cost in the region of £40,000.

The chair enquired with the clerk what the position was regarding the allotments. The clerk confirmed that 13 people were on the waiting list. Letters for next year's rent had now been sent out with a number of plot holders being reminded about their duties to keep their plot free of weeds and routinely cultivated. The chair confirmed that The George Fentham Trust is currently looking at the field next to Craddocks in order to house more allotments for residents use.

19/26 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

The chair confirmed that there are still a number of areas of concern, in particular:-

Ash path, from Marsh Lane to Fentham Road
The Footpath behind Engine Mews to Station Road
Overhanging trees along Marsh Lane.

In general the chair confirmed that the village has seen more activity in terms of street cleaning.

The clerk will report the various issues listed above.

CLERK

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that potholes remained an issue in various areas but that ongoing liaison was taking place with SMBC in this regard.

Councillor Cuthbert also confirmed that he has instructed the clerk to make enquiries as to whether Field Lane could be converted to a one-way system. The clerk confirmed she has made initial enquiries and is awaiting a response from Highways.

**DC/
CLERK**

19/27 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

19/28 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10 June 2020, 7pm at the Sports Club Building for a walkabout and short meeting in the clubhouse after.

The meeting closed at 8.12pm

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