

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held via

MICROSOFT TEAMS

on

WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH 2021 at 7:30pm

MINUTES

PRESENT	COUNCILLORS	Mr Mike Blomer (Chair) Mr Tim Beresford (Vice-Chair) Mrs Catherine Sellars Mr Ken Blanch Mr Peter Green Mr Alexander Clayson Mr Giles Cook Mr Dave Cuthbert Mr John Eccleston
	CLERK	Mrs Julie Barnes
	PUBLIC	Mr John Morgans Mrs Frances Cook Mrs Lesley Cuthbert Mrs Sheila Blomer

The Chair welcome everyone to the meeting.

20/94 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE **ACTION**
David Sandells

20/95 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- John Eccleston, President, Sports Club and Recreational Trust Trustee.
- Dave Cuthbert, Residents Association and Trustee of Catherine de Barnes Village Hall.
- Tim Beresford – George Fentham Trustee and School Governor.

20/96 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Mr John Morgans, Agenda item 20/110.

20/97 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 JANUARY 2021

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

20/98 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

20/61: - Mr David Sandall: - Following the last meeting Mr Sandall submitted a Freedom of Information Request to the Parish Council. The Parish Council have complied fully: all necessary documentation has now been provided.

20/85: - Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Update: - Councillor Green has finalised the data transfer of information onto a working spreadsheet. A working group meeting will be arranged for two weeks' time to discuss further. **Clerk**

20/87: - Solihull MBC Cycling and Walking Strategy: - No further information at present. The Parish Council will maintain a watching brief.

20/89: - CIL Application for a Defibrillator in Catherine de Barnes: - The defibrillator has now been installed. The Catney Residents Association will provide training to residents who apply in due course.

20/90: - CIL Application for financial assistance from Hampton Bowls Club: - The Parish Council notified Mr Jeeves of their decision but did also provide details of various funding sources. Mr Jeeves has confirmed that the Bowls Club have been successful in achieving funding from other sources.

20/99 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING HELD ON 6 JANUARY 2021

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

20/100 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

None.

20/101 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2021

The minutes from the Maintenance meeting were approved as **proposed by Councillor Cuthbert and seconded by Councillor Clayson.**

20/102 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

19/34: - Ash and Oak Tree: - Councillor Eccleston confirmed that a date for felling is still awaited from the insurers tree surgeons.

19/42: - Catney Common: - Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that topsoil and wildflower meadow had been purchased for The Friends of The Common to install.

19/47: - Any other business: - Councillor Cuthbert noted that the footpath sign by The Common had still not been repaired. **Clerk** to follow up.

20/103 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Councillor Sellars confirmed that the communications subcommittee had met on 8 March and referred members to the Minutes circulated.

Councillor Sellars noted that an audit will be undertaken of the website. Councillor Sellars requested all members to notify her of any errors they have seen. **CS/Clerk**

Councillor Beresford explained that the Festival Committee had been in discussions and it was felt that July may be possibly too early to proceed due to **TB**

Covid-19 restrictions but that it may be possible hold the event in September.

Councillor Sellars confirmed that a village tidy up event would be scheduled to tie in with the date of the Festival. Further information to follow.

CS

20/104 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Cuthbert referred to his planning report, circulated to members in advance: -

Reference was made to the following: -

51409: - MSA at Solihull Road: - The Committee, against Officers recommendations, refused this planning application. The refusal has not appeared on the Solihull MBC planning website. There has been no indication of an appeal at present.

02792: - Land at Catherine de Barnes: - Solihull MBC Planning Committee considered this application on 3 March. The matter was deferred on the grounds that further information was required.

02784: - Newlands Bishop Farm: - The Parish Council have objected to this application on the grounds of noise implications. No further decision has yet been made.

Enforcement Involvement

194 Old Station Road: - Numerous outbuildings are currently under investigation by Solihull MBC. It is anticipated that a retrospective planning application will be made.

86 Meriden Road: - The Parish Council have raised an enquiry regarding a rear extension. No further information at present.

Land at Catherine de Barnes Lane: - There are concerns over illegal waste disposal at this land. Solihull MBC are investigating the matter.

Councillor Beresford also noted that the Parish Council is currently involved in communication with Solihull MBC Enforcement Team regarding Chestnuts Farm on Eastcote Lane as there have been several planning breaches regarding the use of waste.

The Parish Council will continue to maintain a watching brief.

DC

20/105 PEDESTRIAN AND ROAD SAFETY PROGRESS

Hampton in Arden Pedestrian and Road Safety Scheme

Councillor Blanch provided an update to members on the present position. Noting that the Parish Council have received £35,000 from the HS2 Road Safety Fund topped up by a further £25,000 from the Parish Council reserves, a total of £60,000. Solihull MBC Highways are developing the designs submitted by the Parish Council with the addition of two gateways at either end of the village and additional pedestrian crossing sites all of which has led to an increase in the overall expenditure. The Parish Council are now advised that costs will be in the region of £85,000 with an extra £5,000 held in place for contingencies. The Parish Council are looking at funding sources for the additional £30,000 required and an application has been submitted to both Solihull MBC and WALC.

Councillor Blanch confirmed that information regarding the scheme was sent to residents in the latest Newsletter and a further formal consultation will take place before any works commence. Any comments received from residents have been sent to Solihull MBC Highways team so that they are aware.

It is hoped works will commence in the summer of 2021.

Catherine de Barnes Pedestrian and Road Safety Scheme

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that information regarding the proposed scheme had been issued to residents on two separate occasions but that no response was received.

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council by a resident that Solihull MBC are planning a pedestrian crossing near to The Boat public house. The Parish Council had no prior knowledge of this from Solihull MBC Highways.

20/106 NEW FOREST – SOLIHULL – UPDATE

The Chair referred members to his report, previously circulated noting that in early February, Solihull MBC announced plans for the creation of a new forest in Solihull called Arden Forest. Members were asked to consider how best this initiative could be approached to ensure it is of benefit to the local community. Members agreed that, at this stage, sufficient information is not available, and the Parish Council will therefore maintain a watching brief.

20/107 NEW COUNCILLOR APPLICATIONS

The Chair reminded members that there are currently two vacancies in the Hampton Ward and one in Catherine de Barnes.

An application has been received following the advertisement of the available vacancies and a further one more firm enquiry; both relate to the Hampton Ward.

The Chair provided members with a breakdown of the applicants: - Mr Roger Waring and Mrs Min Grimshaw. Councillors Green and Blanch both confirmed their support for Mr Waring and Councillor Beresford confirmed his support for Mrs Min Grimshaw.

The Chair recommended the approval of Mr Waring's application to be co-opted as a Parish Councillor in the Hampton Ward, all members were in favour and **it was agreed as proposed by Councillor Beresford and seconded by Councillor Clayson.**

The Chair recommended that, upon receipt of a satisfactory application, Mrs Min Grimshaw also be co-opted as a Parish Councillor in the Hampton Ward, again, all members were in favour and **it was agreed as proposed by Councillor Beresford and seconded by Councillor Clayson.**

A vacancy still exists in the Catherine de Barnes Ward.

Clerk

20/108 REVIEW OF CIL AND POTENTIAL PARISH PROJECTS GENERAL REVIEW

The Chair referred to his report circulated in advance of the meeting noting that following discussions about CIL applications at the last meeting some members had expressed concern about the current methodology of assessing and deciding

such applications.

Councillor Green has subsequently amended the CIL Matrix further and it was recommended that the amended CIL Matrix be adopted by the Parish Council. **It was agreed as proposed by Councillor Beresford and seconded by Councillor Cook** with all members being in favour.

Members did however express concern about CIL applications being discussed within the main Parish Council meetings with a preference being that a formal subcommittee be formed to enable applications to be discussed in detail with a recommendation then being put forward to Parish Council meetings.

Councillor Beresford expressed concern over the lack of direction regarding CIL payments and felt it necessary for the subcommittee to produce a clear strategy when they first meet. All members agreed.

The Chair requested a show of hands for those wishing to join the subcommittee, those being: -

Cllr Mike Blomer (ex-officio)
Cllr Tim Beresford (ex-officio)
Cllr Peter Green
Cllr Giles Cook
Cllr Dave Cuthbert
Cllr Ken Blanch; and
Cllr John Eccleston

The clerk will arrange a meeting of the newly formed subcommittee.

Clerk

20/109 APPLICATION FROM CATHERINE DE BARNES VILLAGE HALL TRUST

The Chair confirmed that a CIL application had been received from Catherine de Barnes Village Hall Trust in the sum of £6,065.50 plus VAT for the installation of secondary glazing in the Catherine de Barnes Village Hall. The Chair enquired whether members wished to refer this matter to the newly formed subcommittee.

Councillor Cook requested that the application be heard without further delay as it was submitted prior to any changes to the CIL policy. All members agreed.

Councillor Green confirmed that the application meets both the previous CIL matrix and the newly agreed CIL matrix in addition, it was noted that the recent Neighbourhood Plan Survey had shown that residents view the Village Hall as a strategic benefit to the entire community. It was also noted that the application is part of a wider program of improving energy: with the remainder of the works having been undertaken and paid for by the Village Hall Trust.

Members considered the application in further detail and it was **approved as proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Eccleston** with all members being in favour.

The clerk will arrange the payment transfer to the Catherine de Barnes Village Hall Trust in due course.

Clerk

Councillor Cuthbert thanked members on behalf of the Catherine de Barnes Village Hall Trustees.

20/110 SPORTS CLUB DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Chair referred members to his report previously circulated noting that the Sports Club had now requested formal Parish Council approval for their proposed new clubhouse prior to making an application for planning approval. Full details have been circulated to members in advance of the meeting. The Sports Club have enquired whether the Parish Council would be willing to join with them in that application.

It is understood that works will cost in the region of £500k to £600k and that the Sports Club are looking into various funding options, to include a possible application to the Parish Council CIL fund.

In addition, members were reminded that they have previously agreed to extend the Sports Club lease.

The Chair invited Mr Morgans' to talk to members. Mr Morgans' gave a breakdown of the present position and anticipated future of the Sports Club.

Members discussed a possible joint application but were not in favour of this course of action. Councillor Cuthbert **proposed** that the Sports Club put in their own planning application and that the Parish Council would comment separately. **This was seconded by Councillor Beresford** with all members (except one abstention) being in favour.

Both members and Mr Morgans agreed that it would not be necessary to investigate the lease extension until after a planning application has been submitted.

20/111 ARRANGEMENTS FOR VILLAGE ANNUAL MEETING

The Chair note that due to Covid-19 restrictions this year's Annual Village Meeting would take place virtually. It was cancelled last year and therefore, this year's meeting will cover the last two years.

All reports will be prepared as normal. The report and accounts will be placed online for residents to view. Residents will be able to put questions to members in the usual way at the end of the meeting.

The clerk will circulate the previous report so that members can update their section.

Information on how residents can access the meeting will be circulated online via our Website and Social Media page. **ALL**

20/112 CORRESPONDENCE

Most correspondence is received by email and is forwarded to members as a matter of course with the majority being of a routine nature. Examples are regular consultations from SMBC on planning applications, updates, and training opportunities from WALC and NALC, notifications from HS2 and currently many relating to Covid 19. The following are those that depart from the routine:

11/01 SMBC – Funding opportunities

29/01 SMBC – Bickenhill Neighbourhood Area Consultation

01/02 WM Trains – Newsletter

06/02 SMBC – Consultation on Residential Backland Development

20/113 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

SAC Meeting

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that a recent meeting had taken place with a presentation from Mark Andrews, Head of Planning at Solihull MBC.

The next SAC meeting will take place in April with Paul Tovey, Head of Highways, due to present. A Parish Council representative is welcome to join. **ALL**

M42 Junction 6 Improvements

Councillor Cook noted that Jonathon Compton had requested a meeting with himself, Councillor Cuthbert, and Jonathan Horton of Bickenhill and Marston Green Parish Council to discuss landscaping proposals. That meeting will take place shortly. **GC/DC**

Members were directed to the Minutes of a recent meeting on SharePoint. **ALL**

HS2 Implementation Committee Meeting

Councillor Blanch confirmed that he had attended a HS2 implementation committee meeting. The potential closure of Diddington Lane was again discussed and Councillor Blanch subsequently provided a copy of his briefing paper to Jonathan Lord and Paul Tovey. No further information at present.

External Webinar

Councillor Eccleston had attended an external webinar regarding possible sources of funding. A paid for subscription service was discussed but agreed not to pursue further at this stage.

Airport Consultative Committee

The Chair had attended an ACC meeting in which the current strains that the Airport are under due to covid-19 were discussed in detail. The noise policy was due to be reviewed but due to the significantly low levels of flying aircraft it has been agreed that this will be reviewed later.

20/114 FINANCE

The quarterly accounts and payments for 11 months ending 28 February 2021 were accepted as **proposed by Councillor Tim Beresford and seconded by Councillor Cuthbert** with all members being in favour.

20/115 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair confirmed the dates for the next meetings:

Virtual Village Annual Meeting:	13 April 2021 at 7:30pm.
Parish Council AGM:	12 May 2021 at 7:30pm.
Maintenance Committee Meeting:	09 June 2021, 7pm at Sports Club

Meeting closed at: 9:24pm

Minutes taken, prepared, and presented by Julie Barnes, Clerk.