

# HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held via

**MICROSOFT TEAMS**

on

**WEDNESDAY 14 JULY 2021 at 7:30pm**

## MINUTES

**PRESENT**

**COUNCILLORS**

**Mr Mike Blomer (Chair)**  
**Mr Tim Beresford (Vice-Chair)**

**Mr Roger Waring**  
**Mr Peter Green**  
**Mrs Catherine Sellars**  
**Mr Dave Cuthbert**  
**Mr Ken Blanch**  
**Mr Giles Cook**  
**Mr David Sandells**  
**Mr John Eccleston**  
**Mrs Min Grimshaw**  
**Mrs Julie Barnes**  
**Mrs Sheila Blomer**

**CLERK**  
**PUBLIC**

The chair welcome everyone to the meeting.

**21/23**

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Alexander Clayson.

**ACTION**

**21/24**

### **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.

**21/25**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**21/26**

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES TAKEN AT THE AGM ON 12 MAY 2021**

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

**21/27**

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

21/09 Footpath Sign – the chair confirmed that the public footpath sign located at Catherine de Barnes Common has now been repaired.

20/106 New Forest – no further updates, the council will continue to maintain a

watching brief and await further information from Hampton Society.

**21/28 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES TAKEN AT THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 JUNE 2021**

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

**21/29 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that Catherine de Barnes Common had now had it's first cut. Councillor Cuthbert still needed to provide the clerk with details of the rotting posts that required replacement. **DC**

**21/30 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Councillor Sellars confirmed that a meeting of the subcommittee would be taking place shortly and requested articles for the next newsletter by no later than 16 July 2021. **ALL**

**21/31 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Councillor Cuthbert referred members to the running planning report routinely updated on the Parish Council website. Reference was made to:

*Motorway Service Area Appeals:* Commencing on 12 October 2021, being projected to last 16 days, potentially to be held virtually.

*02792 – WGAA, Land at Catherine de Barnes:* Matter due to be heard this evening following on from a previous deferral back in March. Documents were submitted late and Solihull MBC explained that they wish to take further legal advice. The decision has therefore been deferred again.

*Enforcement, 1 Oakfields Way:* The council have noted that works taking place appear at odds with the planning approval in place. The enforcement team at Solihull MBC are investigating and will report further.

*Chestnut Farm/Dovetail Group – Barston PC:* This application does not fall within our parish but is of key concern due to its effect upon many residents and the protected sightline from Fentham Hall. Further applications are awaited. The Parish Council will submit comments when they are received.

*01819 Home Farm:* Matter not yet listed on the running report as it came in after the report cut off point. There is a concern about the tree detailed in the application. The clerk will make further enquiries. **Clerk**

**21/32 FEEDBACK FROM THE CIL SUBCOMMITTEE**

Councillor Green referred to the report circulated in advance and confirmed that no further applications had been received.

**21/33 FEEDBACK FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP**

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that Councillor Green had done a tremendous amount of work on preparing the Neighbourhood Plan framework and proposed draft policies. Those documents are now with Claire O'Conner at Solihull MBC for her consideration and a response is awaited.

Both the chair and Councillor Cuthbert thanked Councillor Green for all his work.

**21/34 PEDESTRIAN ROAD SAFETY UPDATE**

Councillor Blanch referred to the report circulated in advance, noting in particular:

#### **Hampton in Arden Interim Plan**

The design is now complete and formal consultations are now underway.

Funding: Councillor Blanch reminded members that the estimated costs had increased by £25,000. The chair has obtained £8,000 from the WALC Community Grant Fund and was now able to say that David Kierney of Solihull MBC had confirmed that the shortfall of £17,000 would be met with funds from the HS2 Road Safety Fund. All necessary funds are now in place to complete the proposed initial scheme.

Works will take place late Summer. Disruptions will occur but it is hoped that it will be a matter of days rather than anything more substantial.

#### **Catherine de Barnes Interim Plan**

A draft report has been circulated to all members. Following a series of meetings held, an interim scheme plan is now available for members consideration.

Councillor Blanch provided members with a run down of the proposals for their consideration.

Estimated costs are £60,000. Several early discussions have taken place regarding how the scheme can be funded to include the M42 Community Fund and the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Members considered and approved the draft scheme in order that it could be formally submitted to Solihull MBC Highways Department. **It was agreed as proposed by Councillor Cook and seconded by Councillor Eccleston with all members being in favour.** The clerk will now submit the final plan. **Clerk**

#### **21/35 SPORTS CLUB LEASE**

Councillor Beresford explained that the Parish Council had already previously agreed in principle for the redevelopment of the Sport Club building. The sports club require a new lease, which will be subject to planning approval first being in place.

Members discussed the general terms of the lease. Solicitors appointed on behalf of the Parish Council (the costs of which will be met by the Sports Club) will of course look at all legal issues surrounding the lease. Members were in agreement that a formal method of rent review should be included in the new lease with legal advisors to provide clarification on the best method to adopt.

Members discussed the term of the new lease. It was noted that the Sports Club wish to receive a lease with a term of 99 years but after consideration it was agreed that 50 years would be more appropriate.

Councillor Beresford noted that it will be reiterated within the lease that the Recreation Ground will remain for the recreational use of residents within the village.

**The above terms, together with any additional terms stated by legal advisors were proposed as agreed by Councillor Beresford and seconded by Councillor Grimshaw with all members being in favour.**

**TB**

Councillor Beresford will write to John Morgans of the Sports Club to confirm the present position.

**21/36 TERMS OF APPROVAL – FOOTPATHS AND RIGHTS OF WAY**

Councillor Waring referred member to the Terms of Reference circulated in advance to all members. Councillor Waring gave members an update on his proposed next steps as the newly appointed representative of the footpaths and rights of way.

Councillor Waring enquired what members views were regarding stiles and whether all members agreed with him requesting any remaining be replaced with kissing gates. All members were in favour.

**RW**

**Councillor Cuthbert proposed that the Terms of Reference be approved as proposed and this was seconded by Councillor Blanch. All members were in favour.**

**21/37 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, M42 Junction 6 Improvement Scheme and many relating to Covid 19. The following are those that depart from the routine:

- 17/05 SMBC - Active schools Project
- 18/05 SMBC – Job Advice Club
- 21/06 SMBC – Submission of Draft Local Plan for examination
- 01/06 Canals and Rivers Trust – Update on dredging etc.

In addition, the chair notified members that the Parish Council have received a further Freedom of Information Request that will be dealt with as necessary. Legal advice has been sought.

**21/38 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS**

Councillor Blanch confirmed that he had recently attended a HS2 Implementation Committee Meeting. The HS2 Community Fund had been discussed and Councillor Blanch has requested the clerk investigate whether it would be possible to obtain funding from this source for the Under 7s play area flooring.

**Clerk**

Councillor Cuthbert noted that a celebration is to be held to make the platinum jubilee of the Queen in February 2022. A request that this matter be discussed in the next Parish Council meeting was made.

**Clerk**

Councillor Beresford confirmed that he had held a virtual meeting with Councillor Cuthbert and Paul Tovey to discuss CCTV cameras and the ability to house them on Solihull MBC street furniture. Discussions are ongoing.

Councillor Blanch notified members that after heading up the Remembrance Sunday Group for some years now after this year he would be stepping down. A replacement will therefore need to be found. The chair thanked Councillor Blanch for all his hard work and efforts running the group of the last years.

**21/39 FINANCE**

The quarterly accounts and payments for 3 months ending 30 June 2021 were accepted as **proposed by Councillor Cuthbert and seconded by Tim Beresford** with all members being in favour.

**21/40 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The chair confirmed the dates for the next meetings:

Parish Council Meeting: 8 September 2021

Maintenance Committee Meeting: 6 October 2021

Meeting closed at: 9:02pm

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