

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held via

MICROSOFT TEAMS

on

WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 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 Alexander Clayson
Mr Giles Cook
Mr David Sandells
Mr John Eccleston
Mrs Min Grimshaw

CLERK
PUBLIC

Mrs Julie Barnes
Mrs S Blomer
Ms S Galwin

The chair welcome everyone to the meeting.

21/59

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Ken Blanch.

21/60

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.

21/61

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stephanie Galwin of Engine Mews

Requested an update on the effect of the recent Pedestrian and Road Safety works stating that in her opinion the works had not been successful and that noise levels at her property had significantly increased due to the noise vehicles were making as they progressed over the speed cushion near her property. Concern were also raised over the junction of Shadowbook Lane coming out onto the High Street and the direction of travel. Stephanie referred to early maps that were shown to residents that appeared to show a no right turn sign and enquired why this had not been implemented.

The chair thanked Stephanie for her comments stating that unfortunately Councillor Blanch was not present at this meeting and it was he who would be able to provide a more substantive response to her query. He confirmed that this would be raised with him and that a response would be sent to her following the meeting but did also confirm that Solihull MBC Highway's Engineers were to perform a full safety audit and that her comments would be provided to them so that they were aware of the issues she was facing.

KB/Clerk

21/62 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2021

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

21/63 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

21/51 – Celebrations relating to the Queen's platinum jubilee ceremony – No further updates at present. A watching brief will be maintained.

21/52 – Under 7s play area safety matting – The clerk confirmed that an application would now be made to the HS2 Community Fund now that the three quotes had been obtained.

KB

21/53 – Welcome Back Fund – The clerk confirmed that Solihull MBC had recently settled the Family Care Trust invoice. Signage has been ordered for the planters. The clerk will follow up with the Family Care Trust.

Clerk

21/64 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2021

The minutes from the Maintenance Subcommittee meeting were approved as **proposed by Councillor Sandells and seconded by Councillor Blomer.**

21/65 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

21/15 The Common and The Dell – Councillor Eccleston noted that it had been brought to the Parish Council's attention that vehicular access to land in private ownership adjacent to the canal should be maintained across The Common. As a result, it had been necessary to remove two recently installed posts. That work had been completely swiftly.

21/18 Recreation Ground and Spinney – The chair noted that an article had gone into the recent Newsletter regarding the Conservation Group seeking additional members. The Parish Council had received several emails from interested parties and that information had been given to Dave Grimshaw who heads up the group.

21/19 – School Field and Play Area – Councillor Sandells confirmed that he had considered the recent safety inspection reports and would need to action several points.

DS

21/66 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Councillor Sellars referred members to the minutes circulated in advance of the meeting, noting that she wished to seek approval to formally instruct Trevor Honeysett to undertake a quarterly clean of the Information Point (Red Telephone Box) in the village. All members agreed with an additional request that Trevor also cleans the Notice Boards and bus shelters at the same time. Clerk to notify.

Clerk

21/67 FEEDBACK FROM THE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

Councillor Cuthbert referred to the running report circulated in advance, noting in particular: -

MSA between Catherine de Barnes and Hampton in Arden. Inquiry held between 12/10/21 and 05/11/21. The Parish Council have concerns over how the application is being defended and have recently met with Ward Councillors to express those concerns. A further meeting is scheduled to take place on 11/11/21 to revisit the situation following final submissions.

21A Meadow Drive. The subcommittee will meet under separate cover to discuss and finalise a response on this application.

86 Meriden Road. Enforcement action, further steps are awaited.

Solihull Local Plan Examination in Public. Today's hearing related to whether the proposed housing site allocations at Hampton in Arden are justified, effective and consistent with national policy. Site HA1 – Meriden Road and HA2 Oak Farm. Councillor Cuthbert spoke at the hearing to set out the concerns held by the Parish Council, the Hampton Society and Catherine de Barnes Residents Association. Councillor Cuthbert confirmed he would also speak at tomorrow's hearing regarding Site S01.

NEC draft masterplan. The draft masterplan has now been published and a consultation is underway on behalf of Birmingham City Council. The subcommittee will need to consider the proposals in more detail and respond in due course.

43a Hampton Lane. Concern over the proposed detached double garage as it appears to cross the current building line and would therefore negatively impact the local street scene. The subcommittee will prepare a suitable response for submission.

Chestnut Farm. No further updates to report at present.

Travellers Site Shadowbrook Lane. Concern over the size of the site. Councillor Cuthbert will make enquiries with David Wigfield at Solihull MBC.

Hampton in Arden Sports Club. The Parish Council support the proposed application and the subcommittee will draft some words for onward transmission. **DC**

21/68 FEEDBACK FROM THE CIL SUBCOMMITTEE

Councillor Green referred to minute 21/48 from the last Parish Council meeting whereby members approved the subcommittee looking into the prospect of entering into a lease with the Birmingham Diocese/Catherine de Barnes Village Hall Trust over the installation of a play area noting that the consideration of this process was ongoing and therefore there was nothing further to report at present.

No new applications have been received.

21/69 FEEDBACK FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP

Councillor Green referred members to minute 21/49 from the last Parish Council

meeting noting that a copy of the latest proposed draft Neighbourhood Plan had been circulated to members following that meeting and that no comment had been received by way of response.

Councillor Green confirmed that he had a meeting scheduled with Solihull MBC on 13/12/21 and would send an agenda around in due course.

The chair thanked Councillor Green for all his efforts in progressing this matter on the Parish Council's behalf.

21/70 PEDESTRIAN AND ROAD SAFETY PROGRESS/PROPOSED CATHERINE DE BARNES TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN

The chair referred members to Councillor Blanch's report circulated in advance to all members noting that early indications have shown traffic to be generally reduced possibly resulting from the temporary closure of Solihull Road. A full safety audit will be undertaken by Solihull MBC's Highway Engineers in due course. Concerns over the visibility of the gateway on Meriden Road have been raised and are being investigated.

The chair referred to Stephanie Galwin's public participation comments (noted above) and confirmed that those comments will be investigated in full with a response to be provided as soon as possible.

Members expressed concern over the need to get a better picture of residents' views on the pedestrian and road safety works that have been undertaken to date. It was agreed that this would be considered in more detail.

**MB/KB/
Clerk**

21/71 UPDATE REGARDING THE PLANS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

The chair referred members to Councillor Blanch's report circulated in advance noting that all plans for this event were now in place. The clerk requested that any members that were able to assist Councillor Blanch on the day contact him under separate cover.

All

21/72 CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON EVENT – UPDATE ON PLANNING

The chair referred members to his report circulated in advance noting that this year's event will be held on Friday 3 December. The clerk has arranged for Santa and his sleigh to be present along with the church choir to sing carols from 5:45pm with the official light switch on taking place at 6pm. A road closure will be in place to ensure the safety of residents and this year Central Fast Response (first aiders) have also been booked. As this is charity members were asked to authorise a payment of £100. This was **proposed by Councillor Blomer and seconded by Councillor Beresford with all members being in favour.**

Members will be required on the evening to assist with marshalling.

All

21/73 PETANQUE – CONSIDERATION OF THE BOULES PITCH REVISED LAYOUT PLANS

Councillor Beresford explained that he had recently met with Geoff Phillips to discuss the proposals to extend the current pitches. Plans had been circulated to members in advance for their consideration.

All members agreed with the proposals in principle subject to a formal approach from the Sports Club being received and confirmation that any planning consent that may be necessary had been considered and actioned.

The clerk will prepare a response.

Clerk

21/74 COMMUNITY WARM HUBS INITIATIVE

The chair referred members to his report circulated in advance noting that this initiative was a way of bringing the residents in the community together to support those who felt isolated in anyway and to give advice on energy efficiency. Members were supportive of the idea and agreed to base it around Catherine de Barnes Village Hall. A further meeting is scheduled to take place in the new year with the Community Warm Hubs team.

Clerk

21/75 APPOINTMENT OF A TRUSTEE TO THE GEORGE FENTHAM TRUST

The Parish Council are required to nominate 3 trustees to The George Fentham Trust with each trustee serving a 4-year term. Catherine Ely's term has recently come to an end, and she has notified the Trust that she does not wish to continue in that role. The Parish Council thanks Catherine for all her support during her time with the Trust.

The Parish Council have liaised with the Trust who have confirmed that following interview, they would like to appoint Mr Mark Abbott. Mr Abbott is a charity lawyer who lives in the village and would therefore be a real asset to the Trust. All members were in agreement, and it was agreed to appoint Mr Abbott with effect from January 2022 as requested by the Trust.

Clerk

21/76 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS UPDATE BY COUNCILLOR ROGER WARING

Councillor Waring referred to his report circulated in advance and provided members with a brief update on his current plans and proposals.

The chair thanked Councillor Waring for all his continued efforts in supporting the Parish Council.

The chair requested that the clerk move this item up the agenda for our next Parish Council meeting.

Clerk

21/77 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:

13/09 – SMBC – Community Updates

19/09 – Heart of England HS2 Action Group – changes to constitution

04/10 – WM Combined Authority – Brownfield land

27/10 – ROSPA – Safety Inspections.

02/11– Virtual Screening – Community Rail Conference.

It was requested that the clerk regularly post SMBC's Community Updates onto the Parish Council website.

Clerk

21/78 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

SAC Meeting

Councillor Cuthbert provided members with an update on his recent SAC meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place in January.

SKANSKA

Councillor Cook confirmed that a meeting had been held with Skanska in October with a follow up meeting schedule to take place on 7 December.

Airport Update

Councillor Sandells commented regarding the *Night Flying Policy* noting that flights are still going out regarding the Covid-19 pandemic at present.

The chair also confirmed to members that he had recently stood down as the Airport representative for Hampton Society and that Janet Hilton had now taken over that role.

21/79 FINANCE

The quarterly accounts and payments for 7 months ending 30 October 2021 were accepted **as proposed by Councillor Beresford, seconded by Councillor Cuthbert with all members being in favour.**

21/80 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 5 January 2022 at 7:30pm

Parish Council Budget Meeting: Wednesday 5 January 2022 at 7:30pm

Maintenance Committee Meeting: Wednesday 2 February 2022 at 7:30pm.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Scout and Guide Hut

Councillor Sandells explained that he had received a request that the Scout and Guide Association be allowed to place a Christmas Banner on the Village Green. Members confirmed that this was acceptable if it did not affect the sight line of the Christmas Tree lights. Councillor Sandells would communicate this information to them. **DS**

Meeting finished at: 9:25pm.