

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held via Microsoft Teams

7:30pm on 6 October 2021

PRESENT

Councillor T Beresford (Chairman)
Councillor M Blomer
Councillor J Eccleston
Councillor D Cuthbert
Councillor D Sandells
Mr Floyd Price
Clerk: Julie Barnes

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACTION

21/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr David Colman, Councillor Green.

21/13 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9 JUNE 2021

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

21/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

19/34 Recreation Ground and Spinney: - Floyd confirmed that the timber has been stored in the Sports Club shed to allow it to dry out. A Sports Club member has offered to create some tables from the dried-out timber. Floyd will keep the Committee up to date.

19/44 Recreation Ground and Spinney – Footpath: - The chair will discuss the progress of this with Dawsons Groundcare.

TB

19/47 Footpath Sign, The Common, Catherine de Barnes: - Councillor Eccleston noted that whilst it had previously been thought that the footpath sign had been repaired, it has not. The bottom of the post is still rotting and has simply been tied up. Clerk to investigate further.

Clerk

21/07 Recreation Ground and Spinney: - Councillor Blomer confirmed that the Conservation Group had now finished their works for the winter.

21/15 THE COMMON AND THE DELL, CATHERINE DE BARNES

Councillor Eccleston confirmed that new posts are now in place at The Common. A first cut of The Common had taken place in July by The Family Care Trust and a further cut was due to take place shortly. All was in good working order.

21/16 CHURCHYARD

The clerk confirmed that David Colman had been unable to attend and that there were no further updates to add.

21/17 STATION AND PLANTER MAINTENANCE

The chair confirmed that funding had been received via Solihull MBC's "Welcome Back Fund" that meant four additional planters were due to be installed within both villages. The Parish Council will ask Caroline Joyner to

undertake the ongoing maintenance on all the new planters alongside the planter that she currently maintains that is located near The Village Green.

The chair requested that the clerk make enquiries with Johnny Hunt as to whether he may be able to water the planters during the summer season.

Clerk

21/18 RECREATION GROUND AND SPINNEY

Councillor Blomer noted that said at 21/07 above but also indicated a concern regarding the ongoing support that the Conservation Group can offer due to dwindling numbers. Councillor Blomer will contact Dave Grimshaw to ascertain the present position, but it was agreed that an article should go in the next Parish Newsletter to see if more support could be offered by residents to ensure the survival of this group.

MB

The chair noted that said at 19/44 above and confirmed he would contact Dawsons Groundcare regarding the footpaths.

TB

Floyd Price noted that there is some rubbish/old gold posts etc at the back of the Sports Club but that it was in hand and would be removed within a couple of weeks.

FP

Floyd Price enquired whether the Parish Council were agreeable to the marquee remaining in place to continue to aid social distancing. This was approved by all committee members.

Councillor Sandells enquired whether a replacement seat had been ordered for the double-rower at the outdoor gym. The clerk confirmed that she has put a request in but due to supply issues some delay is expected.

Clerk

21/19 SCHOOL FIELD AND PLAY AREA

The chair confirmed that the school field backs onto Fentham Close. A couple of properties have reported a Russian Vine growing in the hedges. Dawsons Groundcare have indicated that the Vine is not coming from the fields and further investigation is ongoing. The chair will report further in due course.

TB

21/20 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Councillor Cuthbert reported a pothole on Foxley Drive, a large overgrown hedge on Bransford Rise and on Oakfields Way. The clerk will report these to Solihull MBC.

Clerk

The chair explained that the Parish Council had experienced difficulties with getting regular street cleans within both villages. The clerk was liaising with Solihull MBC to rectify the situation.

Clerk

The chair noted that in many locations overhanging trees were impacting the view of the streetlights within the village, particularly on High Street in Hampton in Arden. The clerk will report this to Solihull MBC.

Clerk

The chair stated that a previous request had been sent to Solihull MBC regarding the overhanging hedge from the footpath between Fentham Road

and the White Lion but that, to date, it had not been cut back. The clerk will chase this up.

Clerk.

Councillor Blomer provided the Committee with an update on the recently completed first stage of the Pedestrian and Road Safety Scheme in Hampton in Arden noting that a full safety audit will take place by Highways shortly. Concern had been raised by residents regarding the new gateway on Meriden Road and, as a result, a large sign had been erected in the interim period to make residents aware of this new road layout.

21/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The chair confirmed that the planning application for the new allotments on Eastcote Lane had been submitted to Solihull MBC but had not yet been validated. A watching brief is being maintained.

The chair confirmed that there is no further update on the festival at present. Plans to hold a delayed festival in September this year had been cancelled but it is hoped the festival can return in 2022.

Councillor Blomer enquired whether any progress had been made regarding the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations, noting that none of the community groups had any plans to date. Councillor Cuthbert confirmed he would make enquiries with Solihull MBC to see what they had in store.

DC

Councillor Blomer noted that discussions were ongoing with the church regarding the Remembrance Sunday Service, in particular timings. The Parish Council, at their full meeting, had agreed to fund a PA system for the event and the clerk had subsequently placed an order for this. The gazebo will need to be erected to cover equipment on the day. Councillor Sandells confirmed he would be happy to assist with this. The clerk will also contact Trevor Honeysett to request his assistance.

DS
Clerk

21/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2 February 2022 at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 8:14pm.

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