

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held via

MICROSOFT TEAMS

on

WEDNESDAY 5 JANUARY 2022 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 Giles Cook Mr David Sandells Mr John Eccleston Mrs Min Grimshaw Mr Ken Blanch
	CLERK	Mrs Julie Barnes
	PUBLIC	Mrs Sheila Blomer Mr Piers Reid Mrs Lesley Cuthbert

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

21/81 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ward Councillor Alison Rolf and Councillor Clayson.

21/82 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.

21/83 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

21/84 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2021

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting were approved as **proposed by Councillor Cuthbert and seconded by Councillor Waring** with all in favour.

21/85 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

21/53 Welcome Back Fund – the clerk will chase up the position with the Family Care Trust. A delay had occurred due to the payment not being transferred to the Family Care Trust by SMBC. The clerk will investigate further whether that payment has now been transferred.

Clerk

21/72 – Christmas Light Switch on Event: - The chair confirmed that the event had been a huge success with residents turning out in force to celebrate as a community.

21/73 – Petanque: - Councillor Eccleston confirmed that a formal approach was still awaited from the Sports Club. No further developments to report.

21/75 – Appointment of a Trustee to the George Fentham Trust: - the clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had written to Mr Mark Abbott and confirmed his appointment.

21/86 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Councillor Sellars informed members that a Communications Subcommittee meeting was scheduled to take place on 10 January and that minutes would be circulated following that.

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Articles for the February newsletter were discussed with a request that they be provided by no later than 14 January.

All

21/87 FEEDBACK FROM THE ROADS AND FOOTWAY REPRESENTATIVE

Councillor Waring referred members to his report circulated in advance, discussing in particular:

Path M121 Hampton Manor: - This application is being processed by Stephen Hawley at SMBC with feedback expected before the end of March.

Path M126 Marsh Lane to Barston: - Contact has been made with the owners of the land and a meeting is scheduled to take place shortly.

Path M111 Shadowbrook Lane to Bickenhill: - This is a proposal to make a footpath link between the Arboretum and the adjacent field. Unfortunately, a response has not been received to correspondence sent to the owner. Further enquiries are ongoing.

21/88 FEEDBACK FROM THE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

Councillor Cuthbert referred to the Planning Report circulated to members in advance, noting in particular: -

85 High Street, enforcement action: - Councillor Cuthbert explained that SMBC's Enforcement Team have accepted that works have been undertaken on site that should have required a planning approval due to the property being in the Conservation Area. Further comments have been sent to the Enforcement Team and a response is currently awaited.

02546 – 86 Meriden Road: - The owner has now applied for retrospective planning.

02862 – Hampton in Arden Tennis & Sports Club: - An application has now been submitted. Some initial concerns had been raised about the felling of trees, but Councillor Beresford confirmed that that situation has now been resolved.

Councillor Cuthbert enquired whether new designs would be submitted to SMBC, Councillor Beresford confirmed he would make additional enquiries and report further. The Parish Council has not yet submitted comments on this application. **TB**

02874 – Newlands Bishop: - This application remains pending. Councillor Cuthbert will make additional enquiries as to its status and report further. **DC**

51409 – Motorway Service Area at Solihull Road: - The chair updated members on the numerous meetings that have taken place with both Ward Councillors Rolf and Sleigh and our local MP Saqib Bhatti. The Parish Council continues to strongly resist this application and is supported by our Ward Councillors and local MP. Correspondence has been sent to the Rt. Hon. Michael Gove MP and Rt. Hon. Grant Shapps. A further meeting is scheduled to take place tomorrow with Ward Councillors Rolf and Sleigh. Ward Councillor Ryan is also fully supportive of the Parish Council.

02732 6 High Street: - Members were asked to consider this application that is to replace an existing awning. Whilst the building is not listed it is a noted building and sits within the Conservation Area. Comments from the Planning Subcommittee by the end of the week. **ALL**

Solihull Local Plan: - The enquiry is still ongoing and is due to complete the end of the month.

02469 Beeches: - This application has now been approved.

02423 – Hampton in Arden Parish Council's planning application for the Eastcote Lane allotment site has now been approved.

Councillor Green enquired what the present position was regarding Chestnuts Farm and Councillor Cuthbert confirmed he would investigate the matter and report further to the subcommittee. **DC**

21/89 FEEDBACK FROM CIL SUBCOMMITTEE

Councillor Green confirmed that no further applications for CIL funding had been received but did note that an application is anticipated for the intended works to the Petanque gravel pitches.

Councillor Green reminded members that an application had been received from the Catherine de Barnes Village Hall Trustees for funding for their play area but that investigations were taking place as to whether it could be possible to enter into lease with the Birmingham Diocese so that the Parish Council would own and maintain the area. Discussions are ongoing.

21/90 FEEDBACK FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP

Councillor Green confirmed that following recent discussions with SMBC it had been agreed to proceed gently with the Neighbourhood Plan review process.

At the last meeting with SMBC CIL contributions was discussed in detail, specifically the unadopted part of the Parish that is not currently covered by the 25% CIL contribution. SMBC have verbally stated that they do not consider this to be an issue, but Councillor Green has requested something more formal from them and SMBC have confirmed they will investigate how best to do this. The next meeting will take place with SMBC in February.

Various areas of discussion took place with SMBC, in particular, Oak Farm and the consultation process. Councillor Green has enquired whether SMBC can provide contact details for all local landlords and SMBC are again going to investigate this further.

Councillor Green will provide a copy of the latest draft to members and asked that they consider the content and refer to him with any comments they may have. **ALL**

21/91 PEDESTRIAN AND ROAD SAFETY PROGRESS/PROPOSED CATHERINE DE BARNES TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN

Hampton in Arden

Councillor Blanch confirmed that there was nothing further to report at present with the Parish Council awaiting the outcome of an audit of the newly implemented road safety measures.

Catherine de Barnes

Councillor Blanch confirmed that the Parish Council were awaiting drawings from the SMBC Highway Engineers so that they could put this information to residents for their initial views.

Speed Watch

The chair explained that Hampton in Arden did not presently have an appointed PCSO as both Emma and Aktar had recently moved to new duties. A new appointment is awaited at which time speed watch will recommence.

21/92 UPDATE ON M42 JUNCTION 6 IMPROVEMENTS AND EFFECTS ON LOCAL BUSINESSES

The chair updated members on a meeting that had taken place earlier in the day with Jonathan Compton of SKANKSA noting that Jonathan will now be the Parish Council's main point of contact.

The chair firstly reminded members of the various applications that had been put forward under the Community Funds umbrella. Namely, an application for a footpath between Catherine de Barnes and Hampton in Arden, funding for the pedestrian and road safety scheme in Catherine de Barnes, a new kitchen for the Catherine de Barnes Village Hall and funding for the Hampton in Arden Sports Club redevelopment. The chair noted that funds would not become available until 2023 but that a further update is expected around May this year.

The chair confirmed that it had not yet been possible for Councillor Blanch to attend a technical briefing because of Covid-19 restrictions but it is hoped that this will soon be possible. In the meantime, Jonathan had said that he would arrange for some images to be sent over to the Parish Council.

The chair noted that the Parish Council have urged Skanska to seek compensation for local business from National Highways however, the Parish Council has been informed that a formal process must be followed. The Parish Council has asked Skanska to contact local businesses to explain this process. In the meantime, the Parish Council will be contacting the head of finance at SMBC to enquire whether any support can be provided by them.

The chair confirmed that reports of additional aircraft Noise created from flights taking off from Runway 3, the A45 end of the runway out over the city had been received. Jonathan has requested plans so that he can arrange noise monitoring. Councillor Waring stated that he was happy to undertake further enquiries and draft some plans that he will provide to the chair in due course.

RW

Monthly meetings have now been scheduled with Jonathan Compton.

21/93 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 since the last meeting:

10/11 – NEC Group – Launch of new masterplan for the NEC Campus.

29/11 – SMBC – Invitation to Conservation Culture event.

02/12 – Warwickshire Search and Rescue (a registered charity not to be confused with the Fire Brigade) – To raise awareness of their work in assisting statutory bodies (including West Midlands Police) in search and rescue operations.

09/12 – WALC – Promoting “20’s Plenty for Us”, two seminars on the campaign to introduce 20mph limits in towns and villages.

23/12 – SMBC – Commonwealth Games stakeholders non-disclosure agreement.

21/94 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that there would be a Solihull Area Committee meeting on 18/01/22 where the Commonwealth and Neighbourhood Development areas would be discussed.

21/95 FINANCE

The quarterly accounts and payments for 9 months ending 31 December 2021 were accepted **as proposed by Councillor Cuthbert, seconded by Councillor Blanch with all members being in favour.**

21/96 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 9 March 2022 at 7:30pm – Catherine de Barnes Village Hall

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

Meeting finished at: 9:25pm.