

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held via Microsoft Teams

7:30pm on 2 February 2022

PRESENT

Councillor T Beresford (Chairman)
Councillor M Blomer
Councillor J Eccleston
Councillor D Cuthbert
Councillor D Sandells
Councillor P Green
Mr Floyd Price
Mr David Colman
Rvd. Stuart Dimes
Mr Danny Adams
Clerk: Julie Barnes

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACTION

21/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

21/24 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6 OCTOBER 2021

Adopted by full parish council meeting.

21/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

19/34 Footpath Sign at The Common – Councillor Eccleston confirmed that the works were now complete.

21/18 Recreation Ground and Spinney: - Councillor Blomer noted that the Conservation Group had recruited some additional members but that more were needed.

Floyd Price confirmed that the rubbish and old goal posts located near the Sports Club had now been removed.

Councillor Sandells confirmed that the replacement seat was now in place but that a stopper was required. He would look to progress this. **DS**

21/19 School Field and Play Area: - The chair noted that he will ask Dawsons Groundcare to monitor the situation regarding the Russian Vine. **TB**

21/20 Roads and Footpaths: - Councillor Cuthbert noted that he would check the position regarding Bransford Rise and report further to the clerk. **DC**

21/26 THE COMMON AND THE DELL, CATHERINE DE BARNES

Councillor Eccleston confirmed that a regular cost cutting schedule had now been agreed with The Family Care Trust.

Councillor Cuthbert noted that The Friends of the Common were investigating whether any funding could be obtained towards the installation of a pond.

A working party for pollarding trees would come together when the weather improves.

The Catherine de Barnes Residents Association are looking to put another bench on The Common.

21/27 CHURCHYARD

Rvd Dimes provided a brief update confirming that an owl box had recently been placed in the churchyard grounds. Grass cutting is ongoing and all in order. A local gardener and member of the congregation had also tidied around the bottom of the tress and around the gravestones to provide greater protection to the burial plots.

21/28 STATION AND PLANTER MAINTENANCE

The chair confirmed that new planters were now in place at the Welcome to the Village Signs in both Hampton in Arden and Catherine de Barnes because of funding successfully obtained from SMBC's Welcome Back Fund.

Unfortunately, plants had been stolen from the planters at the Station. The Clerk is looking into whether CCTV can be obtained in order. **Clerk**

21/29 RECREATION GROUND AND SPINNEY

Floyd Price confirmed that several lights were out at the Recreation Ground. The clerk confirmed that a lighting engineer had been appointed to repair and that the works would be completed soon.

Rvd. Dimes noted that a black bin had been placed on the Recreation Ground and that residents were putting dog poo bags in it. The Parish Council were not aware of this bin and will arrange its removal and remind residents to utilise the bins provided that are emptied regularly. **Clerk**

Floyd Price explained that the Sports Club were dealing with several maintenance issues to include :- reseeding grass, arranging for some of the old play equipment to be removed, repairing benches and arranging for the black areas surrounding the clubhouse to be repainted.

A brief discussion was held as to whether the matting surrounding the Table Tennis Tables would need replacing. The chair confirmed he would investigate this. **TB**

Floyd Price noted that the nets were falling off the goal posts on the Cricket Field. The chair will obtain a quote to get them re-netted and provide that information to the clerk. **TB**

Danny Adams noted that the disabled access to the Sports Club looked quite old and worn and enquired whether this could be improved. Floyd confirmed he would investigate. **FP**

The chair confirmed that the Under 7s play area had an issue with moles unsettling the ground, but it had been decided to wait until they moved on rather than looking into alternative options.

Lighting Request – Graham Holway

The chair confirmed that a lighting request had been received from Graham Holway to light the pathway located at the rear of the BT Building. The Parish Council had received one quote and were now awaiting a further quote from Dawsons Groundcare regarding the trench works.

SCHOOL FIELD AND PLAY AREA

The chair noted that the boundary fencing between the ash path from Peel Close to Fentham Road that provided security to the school was coming down. A quote was being obtained from Dawsons Groundcare for repair works to be undertaken. **TB**

ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

The chair noted that the Parish Council continued to liaise with the SMBC Streetcare Team regarding road and footpath cleaning within the village.

Floyd Price noted that there are several lamps out on Old Station Road. The clerk confirmed she would report it. **Clerk**

Floyd Price also enquired as to the type of lanterns being installed on Old Station Road noting that some are the more decorative type whilst others as the newer modern style. The clerk will investigate further. **Clerk**

Rvd. Dimes noted that a number of the hedges along the High Street were overgrown on the left-hand side. He would speak with James at The Manor to see if they could be cut back. **SD**

Councillor Blomer provided a brief update regarding the Pedestrian and Road Safety Scheme, in particular, the gateway on Meriden Road. There had been some safety concerns and a subsequent safety audit undertaken by SMBC. Subsequently, it had been agreed that further works will be undertaken to improve the visibility of the site.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Eccleston confirmed that a resident in Catherine de Barnes had raised the issue of antisocial behaviour along Ravenshaw Lane. The clerk requested further information be sent to her so that she could make additional enquiries with Ward Councillor Alison Rolf and the local Policing Team. **Clerk**

Floyd Price noted that the Cricket Club are looking into installing side screens. The chair confirmed that the Parish Council would be willing to hear more about this proposal.

Councillor Blomer confirmed that the Pedestrian Crossing in Catherine de Barnes would be installed during the w/c 7 February and would take approximately 2 weeks.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8 June 2022 at The Sports Club.

The meeting closed at 8:21

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