

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held via Microsoft Teams

7:30pm on 8 June 2022

PRESENT

Councillor T Beresford (Chairman)
Councillor M Blomer
Councillor J Eccleston
Councillor D Sandells
Councillor P Green

Clerk: Julie Barnes

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACTION

22/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted by Rvd Stuart Dimes, Floyd Price and Danny Adams.

22/02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES TAKEN ON 2 FEBRUARY 2022

The Minutes were **approved as proposed** by Councillor Sandells and seconded by Councillor Blomer.

22/03 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

21/18: - Outdoor gym: - Councillor Sandells noted that a stopper was missing from the rowing seat. The clerk will investigate the matter. **Clerk**

21/20: - Bransford Rise: - The clerk will check with Councillor Cuthbert whether any further reports are necessary to Solihull MBC. **Clerk**

21/28: - Station and Planter Maintenance: - The clerk confirmed it had not been possible to obtain CCTV footage.

21/29: - Recreational Ground and Spinney: - The clerk noted that the dog bin had been removed.

Table Tennis Tables: - The chair confirmed he would need to check the matting around the table tennis tables. **TB**

Goal Posts: - The chair stated that the goal nets had been re netted.

21/30: - School Field and Play Area: - The chair confirmed that the boundary fencing had been replaced.

21/31: - Roads and Footpaths: - The clerk noted that following the Parish Council's report to Solihull MBC the lamps on Old Station Road had been repaired.

The clerk also confirmed that the hedges along the High Street had been cut back by The Manor.

Any other business: - The clerk confirmed that following reports of anti-social behaviour on Ravenshaw Lane, the clerk had liaised with the local policing team and the residents effected, the matter was now resolved.

22/04 THE COMMON AND THE DELL, CATHERINE DE BARNES

Councillor Eccleston confirmed that all was in order. A large wildflower meadow was in the planning. A new bench had been installed and regular cuts were now taking place.

22/05 HAMPTON IN ARDEN CHURCHYARD

Rvd. Dimes had confirmed by email that tree works were taking place to ensure the safety of the grounds but that no other improvements or works were being undertaken at present.

22/06 STATION IMPROVEMENTS AND PLANTER MAINTENANCE

The chair confirmed that planters continue to be maintained by the Gardening Club and thanked them for their continued support. Several planters are now maintained by Tracy Draper "Lavender Ladies" noting that the Parish Council were pleased with the works undertaken to date.

The Station does not currently provide step free access. Councillor Sandells noted that if a station is inaccessible, operators must provide, without extra charge, an appropriate alternative service to the next, most convenient, accessible station.

The Parish Council have recently been informed that Network Rail and Transport for West Midlands are currently working on plans for improvements from 2024 onwards and that Hampton in Arden Station will form part of those discussions. The clerk confirmed she had requested that the Parish Council be involved in any future submissions.

The chair requested that the clerk promote the above service to residents via our website and Facebook page. **Clerk**

22/07 RECREATIONAL GROUND AND SPINNEY

In Floyd's absence an update was not available. Councillor Eccleston was able to confirm that the club had re seeded the area where the temporary gazebo had been located and that the new grass was now looking healthy.

The chair noted that the plastic play houses had not yet been removed and confirmed he would ask for that to be done before the festival. **TB**

Councillor Eccleston enquired whether anyone from the Sports Club had been in touch with the Parish Council about the upcoming Arden 9 (a run organised by Knowle Athletic Club but which ran from the Sports Club). The clerk confirmed that no official news had been received and Councillor Eccleston stated that he would request that be done. **JE**

Spinney: - The clerk confirmed that John Walker and Alan Seal had taken over the temporary running of the Conservation Group until a new leader could be found. The clerk was planning to discuss this with the Hampton Society who, in the past, had always worked alongside the Conservation Group. **Clerk**

Village Green: - The chair noted that the Parish Council had been notified of a dead and dangerous tree on the Village Green. A quotation was being obtained from Dawsons Groundcare to undertake the removal work. **Clerk**

The chair noted that the signage around the Under 7s play area was faded and requested that the clerk arrange their replacement. **Clerk**

22/08 SCHOOL FIELD AND PLAY AREA

The chair noted that stated in 21/30 above. Replacement fencing was now in place and the site is secure.

A discussion was held regarding a replacement rocker that is needed for the school play area. A quotation had been obtained but it was in the sum of £5,000 and it was agreed that this was too high. Councillor Sandells will make some further enquiries and report further in due course. **DS**

Councillor Sandells noted that some of the boards on the climbing frame are starting to rot and require replacement. The cost will be in the region of £500/£600 per board. Councillor Sandells will investigate the cost of this repair further. **DS**

22/09 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

The chair confirmed that a recent street clean had been undertaken in Hampton in Arden and that it was now looking much tidier. Councillor Eccleston would check the position in Catherine de Barnes and report back. **JE**

The chair noted that the turning circle at the bottom of Marsh Lane had been given a deep clean and was now looking much tidier also. However, the ditches remain blocked. The clerk will chase the position with Oliver Monk at Solihull MBC. **Clerk**

Councillor Eccleston noted that the Field Lane/Berry Hall Lane one-way system was now on hold following several complaints from local landowners. Further investigations are taking place within Solihull MBC.

Councillor Blomer noted that overhanging vegetation had been reported on the public footpath from the High Street up to Well Meadow Grove. The clerk had forwarded this onto Councillor Waring for him to check the position.

Councillor Sandells noted a concern regarding the new layout of Catherine de Barnes Lane/Shadowbrook Lane. The chair confirmed a meeting was taking place with Skanska the following week and enquiries would be made.

22/10 REFERRALS TO MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Lasting memory for Dave Grimshaw: -

A discussion was held regarding the best possible location for a memorial tree to be planted for Dave Grimshaw. All agreed that Dave spent most of his time working on the Spinney and that would be most appropriate location. The chair confirmed he would investigate which species would be best suited and would make a recommendation at the next meeting. **TB**

22/11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Blomer enquired when the damaged yellow loop in the Recreational Ground would be replaced. The chair noted that to reduce carriage costs this would be done at the same time as the height restricting barrier works on Eastcote Lane.

22/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5 October 2022 at 7:30pm via Microsoft Teams

The meeting closed at 8:26pm.

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