

**HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Held via Microsoft Teams

**7:30pm on 5 OCTOBER 2022**

**PRESENT**

**Cllr T Beresford (Chairman)**  
**Cllr M Blomer**  
**Cllr J Eccleston**  
**Cllr D Sandells**

**Rvd. Stuart Dimes (Hampton Church)**  
**Mr Danny Adams (Fentham Trust)**

**Clerk: Julie Barnes**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**ACTION**

**22/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Green and Mr. Floyd Price.

**22/14 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES TAKEN ON 8 JUNE 2022**

The Minutes were **approved as proposed** by Cllr Eccleston and seconded by Rvd. Dimes.

**22/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

- Outdoor Gym: Trevor Honeysett has notified the clerk that the stopper is now in place.
- Bransford Rise: SMBC have confirmed that the overhanging hedge will be cut back in accordance with the schedule.
- Table Tennis Tables: The chair works are required, and further enquiries will continue.
- Station Improvements: The clerk is continuing to liaise with Network Rail to ensure that the Parish Council remain part of any proposed station improvements.
- Plastic equipment at the Sports Club: The chair will ask Floyd Price to check that the equipment is all in good order and to confirm that the Sports Club are responsible for it.
- Conservation Group: There has been a meeting and the group is now expanding and progressing with their works. There is now a greater online presence. The Hampton Society, Fentham Trust and Parish Council are all supporting the group.
- Village Green: The endangered tree has now been removed.
- Rocker: Cllr Sandells will progress this matter.
- Climbing frame: School play area – Cllr Sandells confirmed that the wood on the equipment is starting to deteriorate. This has been

**TB**

**Clerk**

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**DS**

picked up as a low-level risk in the latest inspection but will need attention soon. Cllr Sandells to look at replacements. **DS**

- Roads and Footpaths: Cllr Eccleston confirmed the state of the roads and footpaths in Catherine de Barnes is generally ok except for the odd incidence which is reported and attended to.
- Roads in Hampton: The chair confirmed that the roads and footpaths in Hampton in Arden are also generally looking much cleaner.
- Signage at the Under 7s: The clerk confirmed that signage has been ordered and the items are awaited.
- Dave Grimshaw's Memorial: Discussions remain ongoing regarding the type of tree that would be most suitable and its location. **TB**

**22/16 THE COMMON AND THE DELL, CATHERINE DE BARNES**

Cllr Eccleston confirmed that there had been no August or September cut due to extremely dry weather conditions. It had now been agreed that the Family Care Trust would undertake a complete cut of both The Common and the Wildflower Meadow with all cuttings to be removed during October.

**22/17 HAMPTON IN ARDEN CHURCHYARD**

Rvd. Dimes noted that roof repairs were being undertaken due to some storm damage earlier in the year. General maintenance is ongoing to include work to the footpaths to reduce the amount of moss.

**22/18 STATION IMPROVEMENTS AND PLANTER MAINTENANCE**

The clerk confirmed that the Gardening Club continue to maintain and do an excellent job of the planters within the village. Lavender Ladies also maintain a small amount of the planters; they have been planted up for the autumn/winter period. All are looking fantastic.

**22/19 RECREATIONAL GROUND, SPINNEY, AND VILLAGE GREEN**

Dog Fouling

The chair noted that there had been an increase in dog fouling within the village. The Parish Council continue to provide dog bins and dog fouling bags to help and will continue to raise awareness of the issue.

Basketball Court – Recreational Ground

The Committee considered whether this was something that could be progressed and, if so, in what location. The chair, along with Cllr Eccleston and Danny Adams will meet separately to investigate how this idea can be progressed. **TB/JE/DA**

Village Green Power Supply

The chair confirmed that due to not being able to reach an agreement with Solihull MBC's lighting department, the Parish Council were now proceeding to install their own power supply on the Village Green. A connection will be installed shortly, and it is hoped will be in place for the Remembrance Sunday service.

Boules Pitch – Sports Club

Cllr Eccleston confirmed that planning permission was now in place for the boules pitch, and it was hoped that Dawsons Groundcare were going to proceed with the proposed works shortly.

Cllr Eccleston will remind the chair of the Boules Committee to provide an update to the Parish Council. **JE**

**22/20 SCHOOL FIELD AND PLAY AREA**

The chair confirmed that Dawsons Groundcare have undertaken some works to remove some of the Russian Vine growing in the hedging and some fencing repair works have also been undertaken.

Play Area Inspection Report

Cllr Sandells confirmed that the play equipment is now showing signs of wear and tear. Due to its age, it does not comply with current up to date standards but that there is no legal requirement for us to change the current provision. The clerk will provide a copy of the latest report to our insurers to check that all elements are adequately covered. **Clerk**

The chair will investigate having the goals re-netted and will make enquiries about having the paintwork touched up. **TB**

The chair enquired whether the Funding Committee could investigate available funding to replace the current equipment. The clerk will submit a request. Cllr Sandells confirmed funding would be needed in the region of £60,000 to £70,000. **Clerk**

**22/21 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS**

Catherine de Barnes

Danny Adams noted that a recent conversation with Stephen Hawley of Solihull MBC had confirmed that plans to make Field Lane and Berry Hall Lane one-way were currently on hold.

Hampton in Arden

The chair noted that the High Street requires regular sweeping due to the mud from farm vehicles passing through the village. **Clerk**

Overhanging vegetation has been reported to Solihull Connect on the public footpath from the High Street to Wellmeadow Grove.

Various parts of Shadowbrook Lane remain in a poor condition. The clerk will report this for inspection. **Clerk**

**22/22 REFERRALS TO MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

Lasting memory for Dave Grimshaw

This matter was discussed in 22/15 above.

Update on Allotments

The chair confirmed that the plots were now prepared and ready. A draft lease had been agreed in principle and a final copy is now awaited from The George Fentham Trust. Water supply should be installed shortly. It is hoped that the waiting list can be cleared by this new provision.

**22/23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**22/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

8 February 2023 via Microsoft Teams

The meeting closed at 8:10pm.

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