

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES

Held at: The George Fentham Meeting Rooms, Marsh Lane, Hampton in Arden

On: Wednesday 09 November 2022

Start: 7:30pm

End: 9:14pm.

PRESENT

Councillors

Cllr Mike Blomer (Chairman)
Cllr Tim Beresford (Vice Chairman)
Cllr David Sandells (*to item 22/87*)
Cllr Catherine Sellars
Cllr Ken Blanch
Cllr Peter Green
Cllr Alexander Clayson
Cllr Min Grimshaw
Cllr Roger Waring
Cllr Dave Cuthbert
Cllr Giles Cook
Cllr John Eccleston

Clerk

Mrs Julie Barnes

Public

Mrs S Blomer
Mrs L Cuthbert
Mr D Stokes

NO.

ACTION

22/66 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received in advance of the meeting.

22/67 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- John Eccleston: President of Sports Club. Recreational Trust Trustee.
- Dave Cuthbert: chair of the Catherine de Barnes Residents Association and Trustee of Catherine de Barnes Village Hall.
- Tim Beresford: George Fentham Trustee and George Fentham Endowed School - School Governor.

22/68 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Stokes, Marsh Lane

Mr Stokes expressed serious concern over the Parish Council's phase II proposals stating that in his view the phase should not proceed until a decision had been made on Average Speed Cameras something that Solihull MBC are now considering for the village of Hampton in Arden.

The Chair thanked Mr Stokes for his contribution stating that the Parish Council are involved in ongoing discussions with Solihull MBC Highways Department and that residents in the village are supportive of the proposals that are being progressed.

22/69 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2022

The draft Minutes taken and prepared by Julie Barnes were **approved as proposed by Councillor Tim Beresford, seconded by Cat Sellars** with all members being in favour.

22/70 MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

22/71 FEEDBACK FROM THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor Beresford confirmed that the Maintenance Committee are considering the possibility of installing a basketball court on the Recreational Ground. Members of the Committee recently met with a resident in the village and a possible location has been discussed in more detail. Costings are now being investigated.

Councillor Eccleston noted that works on the boules pitch located at the Recreational Ground will commence next week following planning approval having been received.

22/72 FEEDBACK ON PEDESTRIAN AND ROAD SAFETY SCHEMES

Members are referred to the attached report.

In addition, members discussed in detail residents' views on the phase II proposals noting that responses had been positive overall. The key issue is for the Parish Council to provide a solution to concerns over speeding vehicles travelling through the village. The proposals put forward by the Parish Council in conjunction with Solihull MBC Highways, ensure that vehicle speeds will be reduced.

22/73 FEEDBACK FROM THE RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTWAY REPRESENTATIVE

Members are referred to the attached report.

22/74 FEEDBACK FROM CIL COMMITTEE

Members are referred to the attached report.

22/75 FEEDBACK FROM THE FUNDING COMMITTEE

Councillor Eccleston confirmed that the Funding Committee are due to meet shortly. A request had been received to investigate available funding to replace the play equipment on the school playing field. The Committee will report on this this at a later stage.

**Funding
Group**

22/76 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Councillor Sellars referred to Minutes circulated in advance.

A village tidy will take place in both Hampton in Arden and Catherine de Barnes on 18 March 2023. The clerk will arrange litter picking equipment and will publish the information to all in advance.

CLERK

The next newsletter will go out in February 2023. That newsletter will include the Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that online communications had indicated an issue with the Stagecoach "82" bus route regularly not turning up. The clerk will make

further enquiries.

CLERK

22/77 FEEDBACK FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor Cuthbert referred to the running report and his detailed written report, attached.

Councillor Beresford requested that the running report be altered so that it was easier to spot multiple applications. The clerk will make the necessary amendments.

CLERK

*** Councillor Sandells left the meeting ***

22/78 FEEDBACK FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP

Members are referred to the attached report.

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that all members have been provided with a copy of V.19 of the Neighbourhood Plan (*which remains subject to numbering and formatting*).

It was **proposed by Councillor Cook** that V.19, once formatted, be made available to all residents as part of the consultation process. **This was seconded by Councillor Eccleston with all members being in favour.**

PG

The chair issued his special thanks to Councillor Green and the working group for all their hard work and support in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

22/79 FEEDBACK FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

Councillor Sellars confirmed that the working group had prepared an *Interim Statement of Intent*. That statement will shortly be forwarded to members for their further consideration before being published online for residents to see.

ALL

The goal was that the group would set achievable objectives and work towards those whilst at the same time bringing together a full Climate Change Emergency Statement.

22/80 REAPPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR TIM BERESFORD'S FOUR-YEAR TERM TO THE GEORGE FENTHAM TRUST CHARITY – INFORMATION ONLY

Members are referred to the attached report.

Councillor Eccleston proposed that Councillor Beresford's four-year term as a Parish Council nominated trustee to The George Fentham Trusts be extended. **This was seconded by Councillor Blanch with all members being in favour.**

22/81 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PLANNING – UPDATE

In Councillor Sandells absence, the clerk confirmed that everything was in good order for the upcoming Remembrance Sunday Service.

22/82 CHRISTMAS LIGHT EVENT – PLANNING UPDATE

Members are referred to the attached report.

22/83 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 and National Highways (Skanska). The following are those that depart from the routine:

27/09 West Midlands Rail – Industrial Action in October
27/09 West Midlands Community Flood Resilience - Free training
14/10 SMBC – National Grid Grants for cost-of-living crisis
28/10 Solihull Age UK – Electric under blanket swaps
28/10 West Midlands Rail – Industrial Action for November

Min Grimshaw – Resignation

Councillor Grimshaw notified members that she would shortly be leaving the village and has tendered her resignation to the chairman.

The chair thanked Councillor Grimshaw for her contribution during her short time with the Parish Council.

The clerk will notify Solihull MBC.

CLERK

22/84 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

Solihull Area Meeting

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that AGE UK had presented at the last meeting, providing useful information that had subsequently been circulated by the clerk to residents.

22/85 FINANCE

The quarterly accounts and payments for 7 months ending 31 October 2022 were accepted as **proposed by Councillor Tim Beresford, seconded by Councillor Giles Cook** with all members being in favour.

22/86 DATES OF NEXT MEETING

Finance and Parish Council Meeting 4 January 2023.
Maintenance Meeting: - 8 February 2023

MEETING CLOSED AT 9:14pm.

Reports detailed in the minutes are attached.

Minutes taken and prepared by Clerk, Julie Barnes