

## HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES

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

*On: Wednesday 4 January 2023*

*Start: 7:30pm*

*End: 9pm.*

#### PRESENT

#### Councillors

Cllr Mike Blomer (Chairman)  
Cllr Tim Beresford (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr David Sandells  
Cllr Ken Blanch  
Cllr Peter Green  
Cllr Alexander Clayson  
Cllr Piers Reid  
Cllr Roger Waring  
Cllr Dave Cuthbert  
Cllr Giles Cook  
Cllr John Eccleston

#### Clerk

Mrs Julie Barnes

#### Public

Mrs Sheila Blomer

#### NO.

#### ACTION

#### 22/87 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received and accepted from Cllr Sellars.

#### 22/88 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.

#### 22/89 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

#### 22/90 RISK ASSESSMENT

The chair noted that all insurances were up to date, a valid tree survey was available and that the Parish Council continued to comply with their GDPR regulations.

#### 22/91 BUDGET SETTING FOR 2023/24

The chair referred members to the proposed budget and accompanying notes that had been circulated by the clerk in advance. Members discussed the proposals in detail noting the price increases imposed upon the Parish Council that would continue to rise. **Cllr Eccleston proposed a 5% increase, this was seconded by Cllr Cuthbert.** A vote was carried out with 6 members in favour and 4 against.

**The motion was therefore carried.** The clerk will notify Solihull MBC.

**Clerk**

**22/92 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER 2022**

The draft Minutes taken and prepared by Julie Barnes were **approved as proposed by Cllr Cuthbert, seconded by Cllr Sandells** with all members being in favour.

**22/93 MATTERS ARISING**

(22/76): Stagecoach Bus Service Complaints: The clerk confirmed that following contact with the provider no further complaints had been received.

(22/81): Remembrance Sunday Event: The clerk noted that the event was a success, and all was in good order. Cllr Beresford requested the clerk order more high-vis jackets for this year's event.

**Clerk**

(22/82): Christmas Lights: The Chair confirmed that this had been another successful event. It had been noted that an additional marshal would be required for this year's event.

**Clerk**

**22/94 FEEDBACK FROM THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

Cllr Beresford referred to his report circulated in advance and attached to these minutes.

Specific attention was drawn to the request by the *Cricket Club* in the village that they be entitled to continue to rent out the pitch to other local clubs when they are not using it to bring in revenue to help pay for the upkeep of the square. As a result, it was agreed that whilst members were happy for this arrangement to continue, they would no longer allow the rental income from the football training rent to be used to subsidise its upkeep. The clerk will notify the cricket club accordingly.

**Clerk**

**22/95 FEEDBACK ON PEDESTRIAN AND ROAD SAFETY SCHEMES**

Cllr Blanch referred to his report (attached) noting that the report also contained information regarding the recent HS2 Implementation Committee meeting and the Blythe Valley Viaduct.

Cllr Cuthbert enquired whether there had been any development from Solihull MBC regarding the Catherine de Barnes scheme and Cllr Blanch confirmed that he would raise this with them and seek an update.

**KB**

Cllr Blanch noted that a meeting was due to take place on 11 January at the request of Solihull MBC to discuss the next pedestrian and road safety phase in Hampton in Arden.

**22/96 FEEDBACK FROM THE RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTWAY REPRESENTATIVE**

Cllr Waring referred members to his report circulated in advance noting that a quotation for the work associated with the revised path (M111 Shadowbrook Lane to Bickenhill) is still awaited.

**22/97 FEEDBACK FROM CIL COMMITTEE**

Cllr Green confirmed that no new CIL requests had yet been considered by the Committee. A further £2,925.00 had been received taking sums held to £84,390.70. The committee continues to hold a reserve for various applications to

include pedestrian and road safety schemes and works proposed to the under 7s play area.

**22/98 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

In Cllr Sellars absence the clerk provided members with a breakdown of the articles required for the next Newsletter.

Deadline for articles is 12 January. It is imperative that Cllr Sellars receives articles promptly due to the Neighbourhood Plan Review Consultation that will also be included in the next Newsletter. That review commencing from 1 February 2023. **ALL**

**22/99 FEEDBACK FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Cllr Cuthbert referred members to the running report and his more detailed planning report, attached, noting in particular:

Levelling Up Consultation

SAC are meeting on 26 January. The Committee are looking to form a working group to consider the consultation in more detail and provide an appropriate response.

86 Meriden Road

Cllr Beresford enquired what the present position was on this, and Cllr Cuthbert confirmed he would make additional enquiries with Solihull MBC's enforcement team. **DC**

Appeals

Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that notification of two appeals had been received: 339 Lugtrout Lane and Chestnuts Farm. A previous response had not been provided on 339 Lugtrout Lane and as such, the Parish Council had responded. No further response would be submitted on Chestnuts Farm.

A discussion was held regarding unauthorised development and Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that he would prepare an article for the next newsletter to remind residents to be vigilant and to report any issues to us. **DC**

**22/100 FEEDBACK FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP**

Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that the plan, a covering letter, and a response form were now ready for the review consultation to go live. Residents would be provided with a hard copy in the February newsletter. The consultation will go live on 1 February 2023.

A meeting will shortly take place with Clare O'Connor of Solihull MBC. An update would be provided following that.

**22/101 FEEDBACK FROM FUNDING WORKING GROUP**

Cllr Eccleston noted that the working group had not yet met but that he was continuing to investigate various funding sources to replace the play area located next to the George Fentham Endowed School.

Cllr Cuthbert requested that the clerk contact National Highways to enquire whether they were now able to communicate with us regarding our various applications to the designated fund schemes. **Clerk**

**22/102 FEEDBACK FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP**

Cllr Sellars confirmed in advance of the meeting that there had been no further progress to report.

**22/103 RESIGNATION OF MARTIN SHALLEY AS A PARISH COUNCIL NOMINEE FOR THE GEORGE FENTHAM TRUSTS**

The chair referred to his report circulated in advance noting that Martin had given notice of his resignation effective 1 April 2023.

Members discussed the policy whereby the Parish Council appoints 3 trustees in more detail and agreed to continue to await further information from the Trust before a decision could be made on who to appoint in Martin Shalley's place.

**22/104 CO-OPTION OF PIERS REID**

The chair confirmed that following Cllr Grimshaw's resignation and a subsequent interview, to co-opt Piers Reid, a resident of Hampton in Arden. Members were asked to formally co-opt Piers and **it was therefore proposed by Cllr Bersford, seconded by Cllr Clayson with all members being in favour.**

The chair welcomed Cllr Reid to the Parish Council and confirmed that now leaves the Parish Council with a full compliment of 8 Hampton in Arden councillors and 4 Catherine de Barnes councillors.

**22/105 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:

15/12 Warwickshire County Council – Warwickshire Minerals Plan 2018 – 2032 – Post Adoption Statement.

**22/106 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS**HS2 Implementation Committee

Cllr Blanch referred to his meeting with the HS2 Implementation Committee with more information being available in the attached reports.

SKANSKA

Cllr Cook referred to a meeting held with SKANSKA noting that the next meeting was due to take place on 13 February 2023.

**22/107 FINANCE**

The quarterly accounts and payments for 9 months ending 31 December 2022 were accepted as **proposed by Councillor Tim Beresford seconded by Councillor Dave Cuthbert** with all members being in favour.

**22/108 DATES OF NEXT MEETING**

Parish Council Meeting: 8 March 2023 (at Catherine de Barnes Village Hall)

Maintenance Meeting: - 8 February 2023

**MEETING CLOSED AT 9pm.**

**Reports detailed in the minutes are attached.**