

**HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

To be held at Catherine de Barnes Village Hall  
On **WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2023 AT 7:30PM**

**AGENDA FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. Public Participation.
4. Approval of the Finance and Parish Meeting Minutes held on Wednesday 4 January.
5. Matters arising from the above meeting.
6. Feedback from Maintenance Committee.
7. Damage to War Memorial. Agreement by members on repairs. Information item.
8. Feedback on the Pedestrian and Road Safety Schemes/HS2 and Junction 6 Improvement Scheme.
9. Feedback from the Rights of Way and Footway Representative.
10. Feedback from CIL Committee.
11. Under 7s Play Area. Flooring progress report. Agreement needed on available funding and next steps.
12. Feedback from the Communications and Climate Change Committee.
13. Feedback from the Planning Committee.
14. Feedback from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.
15. Feedback from the Funding Working Group
16. Clerk's Pension, application to the West Midlands Pension Fund.
17. Correspondence (for information only).
18. Reports from other meetings.
19. Finance;     a) Quarterly Accounts  
                  b) Payments
20. Dates of next meeting:

Annual General Meeting: 10 May 2023

Annual Parish Residents Meeting: 24 May 2023

Maintenance Meeting: 14 June 2023.

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

*Held at: The George Fentham Meeting Rooms, Marsh Lane, Hampton in Arden  
On: Wednesday 4 January 2023*

*Start: 7:30pm*

*End: 9pm.*

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	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
	<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs Julie Barnes
	<b>Public</b>	Mrs Sheila Blomer

<b>NO.</b>		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>22/87</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Received and accepted from Cllr Sellars.	
<b>22/88</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John Eccleston: President of Sports Club. Recreational Trust Trustee.</li><li>• Dave Cuthbert: chair of the Catherine de Barnes Residents Association and Trustee of Catherine de Barnes Village Hall.</li><li>• Tim Beresford: George Fentham Trustee and George Fentham Endowed School - School Governor.</li></ul>	
<b>22/89</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> None.	
<b>22/90</b>	<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b> 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.	
<b>22/91</b>	<b>BUDGET SETTING FOR 2023/24</b> 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. <b>Cllr Eccleston proposed a 5% increase, this was seconded by Cllr Cuthbert.</b> 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.**

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

Held via Microsoft Teams

**7:30pm on 8 February 2023**

**PRESENT**

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

**Rvd. Stuart Dimes (Hampton Church)**  
**Mr Floyd Price**

**Clerk: Julie Barnes**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**ACTION**

**22/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Daniel Adams in advance of the meeting.

**22/26 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES TAKEN ON 5 OCTOBER 2022**

The Minutes were **approved as proposed** by John Eccleston and seconded by Mike Blomer.

**22/27 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

- 22/15 Sports Club Plastic Equipment Floyd Price confirmed that the plastic play equipment would be checked prior to the Spring/Summer season and the Sports Club would continue to take full ownership of it.
- 22/15 Table Tennis Table The chair floated the idea of repositioning the table tennis table located near to the Sports Club to ensure better usage. He will investigate the costs of this and report further at the next meeting. **TB**
- 22/15 Repairs to Play Area – School Field Councillor Sandells stated that he had now obtained a price for the replacement rocker and flooring for the play area located next to the George Fentham Endowed School in Hampton in Arden. The cost of that replacement to include some additional works required to the climbing wall was £3,897. It was agreed by all members to proceed with the works and Councillor Sandells will notify the company accordingly. **DS**
- 22/15 Memorial Tree The chair noted that conversations are ongoing with the George Fentham Trust regarding a memorial tree for Dave Grimshaw.
- 22/19 Basketball Court, Recreational Ground The chair confirmed that Elliott Sellars is working with the Committee with regards to proposals

for a Basketball Court. The chair has recently met with Paul Millor of Fairways Contracting Limited and a price is awaited.

- 22/19 Boules Pitch Floyd Price confirmed that the pitch is now all up and running. Some electrical works are still required but it is hoped they would be completed in time for the Summer Village Festival.
- 22/20 Goals Play Area The chair will investigate getting the goal nets re-netted. **TB**

## **22/28 THE COMMON AND THE DELL, CATHERINE DE BARNES**

Councillor Eccleston stated that there was nothing to report other than favourable comments from residents as to how well The Common is now looking.

He is continuing to liaise with Family Care Trust to arrange the same cuts as per the previous year. **JE**

## **22/29 HAMPTON IN ARDEN CHURCHYARD**

Rvd. Dimes confirmed that the Church Committee are looking to widen the footpaths slightly and are currently working on that. They are continuing to monitor and treat the moss along the paths to ensure any trip hazards are alleviated.

A tidy up of the churchyard will happen just before spring.

## **22/30 STATION IMPROVEMENTS AND PLANTER MAINTENANCE**

No further updates.

## **22/31 RECREATIONAL GROUND, SPINNEY, AND VILLAGE GREEN**

Floyd Price confirmed that the hedges are being trimmed in readiness for the summer.

The open insurance claim regarding subsidence has recently showing that the clubhouse has moved significantly.

The chair stated that the Conservation Group is now an extremely active group with a recently successful volunteer day in which residents all helped to relay footpaths in the Spinney.

Village Green Update: The war memorial has been damaged by frost and needs repointing and cleaning. The Parish Council are looking to arrange repair works as a matter of urgency.

## **22/32 SCHOOL FIELD AND PLAY AREA**

Note comments made above (22/15). No further reports.

## **22/33 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS**

The chair confirmed that the Parish Council continue to press Solihull MBC to regularly maintain the roads and footpaths within the village.



A trailer is still in place on Shadwowbrook Lane. Clerk to investigate when it will be removed. **Clerk**

Sewerage issue on Shadowbrook Lane remains unresolved. The clerk is regularly liaising with Solihull MBC and Severn Trent. **Clerk**

The chair confirmed there are various drainage issues around the village which the clerk is continuing to receive regular updates on.

The Junction 6 Improvement Scheme Working Group are meeting with Skanska soon and will seek clarification on when Solihull Road will re-open.

**22/34 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The chair requested the Allotments becomes a standing agenda item going forward. **Clerk**

Allotments

The chair confirmed that there has been a drainage issue at the new Eastcote Lane Allotment Site. The Parish Council have requested that Dawsons Groundcare investigate a fix for the issue.

King's Coronation

Floyd stated that no plans were yet in place, but should residents wish them to then they will look to provide an offering.

The Parish Council are aware of a number of planned street parties.

**22/35 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

14 June 2023.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.

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

## **Reports for March 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

### **Agenda Item 7 – Damage to War Memorial**

Members will be aware that the Council is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the Hampton in Arden War Memorial which is a Grade II listed monument.

Currently the memorial is in need of repairs to the Portland stonework and pointing and also needs specialist cleaning. It is believed that much of the problem has been caused by water ingress and frost damage.

A quote from local stonemasons, M. Power and Sons Ltd, in the sum of £3,099.00 plus VAT has been received. The company has been well recommended and is a contractor to SMBC for the repair and maintenance of memorials around the borough.

Grants are available from the War Memorials Trust and an investigation by the Chair of the Grants Committee shows it to be an extended process with no guarantee of success. The work has not been budgeted for and, given the urgency, Members are recommended to approve the expenditure from reserves.

### **Agenda Item 16 – Clerks pension – application to West Midlands Pension Fund**

As an employer the Parish Council has a legal obligation to make pension arrangements for its employees. As the sole employee Julie Barnes has requested that arrangements are now made for her to join a suitable pension scheme.

The West Midlands Pension Fund is one of the UK's largest pension funds, managing and administering the pension interests of its members and scheme employers. The City of Wolverhampton Council is the administering authority responsible for the administration of the Fund. The seven metropolitan boroughs in the West Midlands are all members of the scheme. Town and Parish Councils are eligible to apply for membership of the Fund and if accepted nominate members for pension benefits. The support of Solihull Council to an application is required.

The employer rate for the Parish Council is calculated by the Funds actuary once the Fund receives details of the member(s) the Parish Council wishes to admit. The actuary fee that would be payable by the Parish Council is up to £330 plus VAT.

Members are recommended to agree to an application being made by the Parish Council for membership of the West Midlands Pension Fund and if accepted to nominate Julie Barnes as a scheme member.

### **Agenda Item 17 – Correspondence**

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- 03/01 – SMBC – Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill – reforms to national planning policy.
- 03/02 – Warwickshire Rural Community Council – Warm Hubs News.
- 17/02 – Solihull Community Development Team – updates.
- 20/02 – West Midlands Combined Authority – Commonwealth Games Underspend.
- 01/03 – SMBC – Consultation on Economic Strategy 2023 - 32

## **Item 8 Pedestrian and Road Safety**

### **HS2**

As reported earlier Hs2 and SMBC have confirmed that Diddington Lane will remain open as part of the HS2 construction work. For the village this means that traffic will be able to use the lane as a cut-through to the new HS2 interchange station. Discussions are now underway to agree the extent of necessary traffic calming measures for the lane to better control traffic speeds and maintain pedestrian safety. This work will be at HS2 expense. Possible measures include:

- A new gateway at the northern limit of the village
- An informal crossing part-way along the lane close to the service road entrance
- Revised junction layout at Meriden Road to alter kerb lines and improve pedestrian access along Meriden Road

The detail design for Stonebridge junction has not yet been completed and safety issues regarding the northern junction of Diddington Lane have not yet been resolved. We await this completion of the design and the subsequent road safety audit with interest.

Within Hampton in Arden the details of the Traffic Calming Phase 2 scheme have been agreed with SMBC Highways and will include the following:

- Provision of average speed cameras for High Street and Meriden Road
- New gateway on Solihull Road including a single speed cushion at the narrowing point
- Addition of a single speed cushion at the Meriden Road gateway

The plan is to install the Solihull Road Gateway while the road remains closed at part of the M42 J6 works. The cameras are planned to be installed later this year when detail design is complete. We have also asked SMBC to consider upgrading the existing informal crossing at the church to a full pedestrian crossing.

### **M42 Junction 6**

The closure of Solihull Road continues and is not now expected to re-open until May/June this year. National Highways/Skanska have cited unforeseen ground conditions and materials delivery delays as the main reasons for the delay.

The PC has had a meeting with Leyton Rahman, from National Highways to discuss suitable projects for their Designated Funds Scheme.

Three potential projects are under consideration by National Highways. These are:

- Traffic Calming for Catherine de Barnes
- Footpath/cycleway between Hampton in Arden and Catherine de Barnes
- Catherine de Barnes Church Hall

The traffic calming scheme for Catherine de Barnes has been favourably received by SMBC and awaits approval from National Highways.

The feasibility of the footpath/cycleway is being investigated by National Highways.

The church hall development is in an early stage of planning.



Public Footpaths and Rights of Way Report

March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023

My apologies for little work done this month due to potential house move.

Diversions:

Hampton Manor. SMBC inform me that it is in the final stages of authorisation.

Repairs:

I have been unable to check on all repairs reported this month, but expect to do so during March.

New paths:

Path M111 Shadowbrook Lane to Bickenhill.

I am awaiting a quotation for the work associated with the revised path.

I shall provide full details of the proposal once I have the probable costs identified.

**Roger Waring**

Councillor

Public Footpaths and Rights of Way.

Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council

**Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council - CIL Committee Report  
March 2023**

Since the last meeting we have approved the award of **£3k** of CIL funding for George Fentham Play Equipment. There have no new CIL proposals since.

We have spent **£57.8k** on schemes since October 2019. We continue to hold a reserve of **£60k** for the traffic calming schemes at Hampton and **£8.6k** for the Hampton U7 Play Area surface, although in the latter case we are reviewing the requirement. Available funds are down to **£9.9k**.

No new CIL funds have yet been received, although future sources of CIL are understood to be:

- Further funds from the development on the old cricket pitch
- The planned additional apartments in the roof void of Hampton Court.
- The proposed development adjacent to Lapwing Drive (Ashtree Grove)

**Peter Green**  
**Chair, CIL Subcommittee**

### **Item 11 U7 Play Area**

The original plan was to resurface the whole area with an 'all-weather' surface which would allow use throughout the year. Quotations were obtained from three companies and these ranged from a little below to a little above £20k. An application for £10k was made from the HS2 Community Fund with the balance from CIL funds. This application was a very time consuming and bureaucratic process and was rejected by HS2 for various reasons including lack of consultation.

A suggestion was made to reduce the resurfaced area by approximately 50% to only protect the playground under the various slides and swings. This would reduce the cost to around £10k in total which could be funded totally by the PC.

A further low-cost option was suggested to only use wood chip or similar materials to protect the slides and swings. Dawsons were approached for a quotation but have yet to respond.

It's therefore 'Decision Time' for the PC. Do we want to proceed with this project and if so how much do we want to spend. The next issue is how will the project be funded? Are any external funding options available and are they suitable? HS2 Community Fund is a possible route but as stated earlier is a very bureaucratic and time consuming route with no guarantee of success.

Councillors are invited to discuss and agree the way forward.



**Parish Council Planning Report**  
**Report prepared up to: RUNNING REPORT UP TO 6 MARCH 2023**

Date	App. No.	Details	Outcome	Decision Level	Deadline Response
29/03/21	00644	31 Shadowbrook Lane, single storey extension.	<b>WITHDRAWN 09/02/2023</b>	MinFHO	19/04/2021
02/07/21	01789	Buckie, 11 The Grove, First Floor Extension.	Pending	MinFHO	23/07/2021
16/05/22	00324	The Brickworks – Carpark area at Arden Brickworks.	Pending	MinFOT	06/06/2022
22/06/22	01187	Hampton Garden Nurseries, develop existing area.	Pending	PPFL	13/07/2022
18/07/22	01514	89 Hampton Lane, front, and side boundary with gates. <b>** EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **</b> <b>**ADDITIONAL EMAIL SENT ON 21/12/2022 **</b>	<b>APPROVED 24/01/2023</b>	MinFHO	08/08/2022
24/09/22	01785	Newlands Bishop Farm – two storey extension. <b>** EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **</b>	<b>APPROVED 23/02/2023</b>	PPFL	24/09/2022
23/09/22	01958	9 Diddington Lane, two storey and side extension.	<b>APPROVED 02/02/2023</b>	MinFHO	14/10/2022
12/10/22	01634	Hampton Court, 55 Marsh Lane, conversion of roof space <b>** EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **</b>	<b>REFUSED 24/01/2023</b>	PPFL	02/11/2022
12/10/22	02104	21 The Crescent, single storey utility extension and pantry	<b>WITHDRAWN 23/02/2023</b>	MinFHO	02/11/2022
13/10/22	02154	15 Bellemere Road, extension and internal alterations.	<b>APPROVED 31/01/2023</b>	MinFHO	03/11/2022
31/10/22	02283	104 Lugtrout Lane, erection of 5 dwellings and associated landscaping.	Pending	PPFL	21/11/2022
04/11/22	02338	Engbo, 25 Solihull Road, extension works.	<b>APPROVED 19/01/2023</b>	MinFHO	25/11/2022
07/11/22	02321	188 Lugtrout Lane, first floor extension <b>** EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **</b>	<b>WITHDRAWN 02/03/2023</b>	MinFHO	28/11/2022
30/11/22	02469	Stonebridge House, Balsall Common, listed building consent	<b>APPROVED 24/01/2023</b>	LBC	21/12/2022
30/01/23	00123	Coldland Colts FC, Field Lane, erect fencing.	Pending	PPFL	20/02/2023
02/02/23	00201	North Lodge, front extension.	Pending	MinFHO	23/02/2023
07/02/23	00164	7 The Crescent, tree works	Pending	TPO	28/02/2023
21/02/23	00348	15 Diddington Lane, single storey front garage extension. <b>** EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **</b>	Pending	MinFHO	14/03/2023
28/02/23	00385	Aspbury, Bickenhill Lane, Tree Works	Pending	TPO	21/03/2023
<b>SITES WITH MULTIPLE LOCATIONS</b>					
27/10/22	02259	The Beeches – Retrospective Application patio area.	Pending NA	LBC	17/11/2022
27/10/22	02258	The Beeches – Retrospective Application patio area.	Pending NA	PPFL	17/11/2022
09/11/22	02175	The Beeches - replacement extraction system. <b>** EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **</b>	<b>REFUSED 17/01/2023</b>	LBC	30/11/2022
09/11/22	02174	The Beeches – replacement of extraction system. <b>** EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **</b>	<b>REFUSED 17/01/2023</b>	PPFL	30/11/2022
02/03/23	02259	The Beeches – Retrospective Patio Area.	Pending	LBC	23/03/2023
02/03/23	02258	The Beeches – Retrospective Patio Area.	Pending	PPFL	23/03/2023
28/06/22	01289	21A Meadow Drive, demolition, and construction of new premises. <b>** EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **</b>	<b>APPROVED 06/02/2023</b>	MinFDW	19/07/2022
08/08/22	01402	21A Meadow Drive, construction of two storey dwelling <b>** EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **</b>	<b>REFUSED 06/02/2023</b>	MinFDW	29/08/2022
11/08/22	01660	Land rear of 86 Meriden Road, erection of residential dwellings with parking. <b>** EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **</b>	Pending	PPRM	19/09/2022
26/09/22	01812	Land rear of 86 Meriden Road, amendments to previous application: 2019/02546)	Pending	VAR	17/10/2022
06/01/23	01660	Land rear of 86 Meriden Road – re-issued:	Pending	PPRM	26/01/2023
24/11/20	02784	Newlands Bishop – Tepee <b>** ongoing issues **</b>	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>	PPFL	15/09/2022

**Responses submitted relating to property outside of the Parish:**

2022-09-02 - Parish Council response to application: PL/2021/01633/PPFL Chestnuts Farm, Eastcote Lane, Hampton in Arden

**NOTIFICATIONS OF APPEAL**

**339 Lugtrout Lane (application number 03288). Deadline for responses: 4/01/2023. \*\* APPEAL DISMISSED \*\***  
**Chestnuts Farm (application number 01633). Deadline for responses: 16/01/2023.**

**Notes**

\*PPFL = Planning Portal Full Application (full application from commercial organisation as opposed to a domestic application).  
\*LBC = Listed Building Consent \*VAR = Variation to existing approval \*PNAG = Prior Notification Agriculture \*COU =  
Change of Use \*CLD = Certificate of Lawful Development \* TPO = Tree(s) subject to Preservation Order  
\*TCA = Trees in Conservation Area \* MinFHO = Minor Housing.

Prepared by Clerk, Julie Barnes, updated on 06/03/2023

### Neighbourhood Plan Review Update

As you know the consultation is well under way , but unfortunately the response so far is very disappointing. Using the CdeB RA database and the social media sites residents have been made aware of the importance of having their say and encouraged to respond suggesting if they agree with the contents of the plan to at email us saying so .

Attendees at the RA AGM on 3<sup>rd</sup> March were also encouraged to respond .

Arrangements are in hand to place a reminder note on the Hampton facebook page and we should take the opportunity of placing reminder notices at any club events being held in the villages over the next few weeks In the meantime I have been working through the document and have found an number of points that need addressing and it would be extremely useful if you could do the same and enter any comments you have on the response form

The consultation ends on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March let's hope things improve.

Dave Cuthbert Chair NP Working Group

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023



The Funding Committee has not met but the undernoted matters have been actioned

- Telephone call to HS2 Community & Environment Fund (CEF Local) for funding to replace the play area equipment adjacent to the school. We were advised that as the site was over 300m(1.1Km) from the works funding would not be available
- We have registered the Parish Council's interest with the War Memorials Trust – WMO/199655 (WM 5183). The funding application for current works was withdrawn because the project was deemed by the Trust to be 'low priority' and unlikely to be successful
- I telephoned the WMCA regarding Andy Street's comments concerning the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 underspend of c £60m. An email has been received confirming that details of the programme are being discussed in the coming weeks and more information will be available on the website. We have a case reference no 221707

## Fw: Solihull Economic Strategy 2023-32 consultation

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Wed 01/03/2023 14:28

To: Clerk <clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk>

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 1 attachments (11 KB)

S Economic Strategy 2023-32 PC - BPC Response.docx;

Hi Julie

I have just been made aware of another consultation by SMBC on their Economic Strategy .

The consultation ends on the 15<sup>th</sup> March and if we want to respond we should do so as a matter of urgency. I was made aware of it by Liz Macdonald at Balsall PC and as you will see from the email below ,she has included their draft response, yet to be put to full council, which we are welcome to use as we see fit .

The consultation can be viewed using the link below

[Solihull Council seeks views on its new Economic Strategy for the borough | solihull.gov.uk](https://www.solihull.gov.uk)

Reading the Balsall PC response it looks like there are issues we should respond to.

Dave

**Dave Cuthbert**

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**Sent:** 01 March 2023 13:46

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**Subject:** Solihull Economic Strategy 2023-32 consultation

Hi Dave and Rosie

I have just read through this consultation and delivery plan - I think inadequate sums up my view of it.

I have put together a draft response for Balsall PC to be considered next week. I thought you might be interested as some of the general points starting with no mention of town and parish councils as partners is undermining of the charter!

Feel free to use/adapt (some is Balsall Common specific).

Kind regards

Liz

## DRAFT RESPONSE

Mary Morrissey  
Director of Economic and Infrastructure  
Solihull MBC

### Draft Solihull Economic Strategy 2023-32 Public Consultation

Balsall Parish Council's response to the above consultation is set out below. As the parish council's concerns do not fit into the on-line questions we are submitting this response by email to you directly. It would have been helpful for transparency if the lead officer details had been linked to the consultation page.

The parish council is supportive of the overall vision, themes and direction of the strategy but has a number of issues with the detail, its omissions and measurement of the delivery. These are set out below as bullet points in no particular order.

#### Issues

1. There is no mention in either the strategy or delivery plan of town and parish councils either as partners or stakeholders. This is contrary to the [Parish and Town Councils and Solihull MBC Charter](#) designed to support partnership working. Can you explain this omission?
2. What rural impact assessment has there been of the strategy? The only mention of the rural areas of the borough comes on page 31 of the economic strategy and seems a bit of an afterthought. Given the current concerns with food security and the number of SME businesses (and part of JLR) located in the rural areas this seems to us to be a major omission.
3. The strategy claims to be for everyone but the whole focus is on Solihull Town Centre, Shirley and Chelmsley Wood town centres, UK Central/Arden cross (these should be clearly defined as they appear to be used interchangeably) and major employers nowhere else seems to merit any mention.
4. Balsall Common is identified in the emerging Local Plan as a large Local Centre and will have a significant increase in housing (2000+) but nothing in either the emerging Local Plan or this strategy for economic growth, leisure, retail or additional health support (no NHS dentist here) and only one new small primary school. Nothing either on local energy networks on these large housing sites. How then will Balsall Common be included in the "15 minute" neighbourhoods and how will our "residents be able to participate in their local economy"?
5. Why is there no mention of the Balsall Common village centre improvements masterplan? It was developed by Balsall and Berkswell parish councils with assistance by Solihull officers, submitted to and accepted by SMBC to support the policy in the emerging Local Plan.
6. What does "provide people in the rural east of the Borough sufficient access to public transport" mean? The rationale in the draft Local Plan basis for the volume of housing here was that there would be regular and reliable public transport, a very different



proposition to “sufficient” and an on-demand service is not reliable for commuters. The parish council has seen nothing that gives it confidence that there will be an improvement in “public transport so that our communities can all access future opportunities and not be reliant on their own vehicles“ here. Balsall Common has the highest ownership of vehicles and longest journeys.

7. There is nothing in the strategy about working from home, particularly useful in the Rural East, and the need to provide us with 5G broadband and good mobile networks to facilitate this trend. There are areas in the parish where residents in the rural areas have to go outside to get a mobile signal now. How are the residents and workers to be provided with the infrastructure to enable them to fully participate in the online economy?
8. The strategy proposes a “transition into more environmentally friendly places” whereas Balsall Common has become less environmentally friendly. Balsall Common had less green space than the rest of the Borough and this has been aggravated by a combination of the loss of ancient trees and land to HS2 and the loss to future housing of a significant area of Green Belt. There is nothing in this strategy that addresses this loss.
9. The strategy considers the needs of Solihull station but we think there should also be a reference to the HS2 paid for improvements to Berkswell Station car park and the Greenway - the latter would allow residents to cycle to Warwick University to work in good weather.
10. The strategy proposes low carbon energy networks in the UK Central Area why not all large housing sites over a certain size? Balsall Common is still waiting for a public electric vehicle charging point and there is nothing in the recent strategies to address this lack. Does this area not count in the move to net zero?
11. There are proposals to extend activity between Solihull and Coventry down the A45 corridor. Will this further erode the Meriden Gap Green Belt. If not then there should be recognition that it will be protected.
12. The economic strategy highlights climate change, the move to net zero, road transport as the biggest emitter of CO2 and cites the Solihull Connected strategy as a support in delivering the economic strategy. Yet no mention of how this will be controlled in the rural east where the Local Plan has identified Balsall Common for over 2000 new homes and which will be dependent on commuting due to the limited public transport. Attached is a copy of the parish council’s concerns with the Solihull Connected 2023 strategy as it affects this area to give context.
13. The strategy focuses on youth unemployment/skills development. There is reference to the economically inactive but there is nothing in the measures how the over 50s will be supported back into the workforce - a current topic with central government.
14. The indicators in Monitoring and Evaluation do not read across to the 3 year Delivery Plan. Vacancy rates should apply to Local centres as well as town centres. Nothing to measure effects in rural areas.
15. There are grammatical errors, bits of text missing and a lack of clarity on other strategies and plans e.g. which Local Plan is meant (there is an existing approved one with the draft emerging Local Plan still at examination) needs to be more consistency in the text.
16. Delivery Plan (DP) is for 3 years and has 4 themes, 37 activity areas and 61 “outcome/impact” indicators. Is this really deliverable in 3 years?

17. The DP is weak as it has no baseline data or counterfactual (what would have happened without any of the actions in the DP) against which to measure delivery.
18. There are no clear targets to judge the success of the strategy delivery e.g the number of new businesses will increase from 20 a year to 25 a year by year 3.
19. The DP has no resource information - how many staff will be managing the activity areas, the funding available to deliver them (only suggestions on possible sources when delivery is supposed to be from 2023).
20. The proposed indicators are duplicated across activity areas so no way to determine which was effective in making a change.
21. The DP "outcome/impacts" are in fact a mix of inputs and outputs not outcomes or measurable. For instance what does "increased higher education presence" mean, how is to be measured - 1 additional course? Presence is not an impact provision of higher education relevant courses is an input which should lead to % increase in skills in Solihull (output) and the outcome would be skilled residents getting better quality/remunerated jobs.
22. Will UK Central/Arden Cross actions be deliverable in the DP 3 year period?

Balsall Parish Council looks forward to seeing the final strategy document when it expects the points identified above will have been addressed.

Clerk  
Balsall Parish Council

Cc Clerk Berkswell Parish Council  
Ward Councillors

## ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR 11 MONTHS ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2023

## Opening bank and cash balances at 1 April 2022

	Account number	£
Fixed term high interest		40,372.97
Investment account	7420002	177,474.06
Current account	932717	2947.48
Total		<b>220,794.51</b>

## RECEIPTS for 11 months ending 28 February 2023

	<u>Budget</u> 2022/23	<u>Actual</u> 2022/23
Precept	43834	43,834.00
SMBC Support Grant	0	0.00
Rental income:	0	0
Sports Club <i>(rent increase from 29/03/2022 to £3,380)</i>	3035	3,380.00
Scouts and Guides Supporters Association	100	100.00
Allotments	190	920.00
Recreation Trust	670	670.00
Bank interest	150	206.59
Other Income:		
Football Training	0	310.00
Additional Cricket Cuts	350	0.00
Fentham Trust Contribution to HP Printer	0	108.33
Remembrance Sunday Wreath - Trust	0.00	20.00
Remembrance Sunday Wreath - Society	0.00	0.00
Remembrance Sunday Wreath - Probus	0.00	20.00
CIL payment SMBC	0.00	2925.34
Scout & Guide Barrier Request <b>**recharge**</b>	0.00	190.00
Wayleave	0.00	3.55
	0.00	0.00
VAT refund from Customs and Excise	0.00	5910.43
	<b>48,329.00</b>	<b>58,598.24</b>

## PAYMENTS for 11 months ending 28 February 2023

	<u>Budget</u> 2022/23	<u>Actual</u> 2022/23
Section 137	0.00	0.00
Parish Land Grass cutting	5,202.00	3,698.00
Extra Cuts on Cricket Pitch *Offset	0.00	312.40
Churchyard maintenance	1,234.20	1,381.80
Catherine de Barnes Common	1,428.00	1,060.00
PC Maintenance - PC lands in the village	7,200.00	7,890.25
Clerk's salary and expenses	17,200.00	17,074.21
Donations and subs (WALC fee)	686.46	687.00
Office expenses (monthly email fee and room hire)	1,083.00	845.80
Website and IT Support Fee (Parish Online)	450.00	348.00
Insurance	1,600.00	1,349.31
Sundries	500.00	551.48
Audit and legal fees	500.00	300.00
Office Rental from Fentham Trust	1,800.00	1,800.00
General Printing Costs	175.00	175.00
Training	400.00	212.44



Data Protection Fee	80.00	35.00
Parish Newsletter	2,850.00	2,869.87
VAT *Offset	0.00	5,756.15
Tree Survey and Tree Maintenance Requirements	2,000.00	2,000.00
Neighbourhood Plan Review	3,000.00	422.38
Election Year Costs (next election May 2023)	0.00	0.00
Other Expenses	0.00	0.00
Footpath Bollards	0.00	2,976.00
CIL Payment - Festival Committee	0.00	2,200.00
CIL Payment - Catherine de Barnes	0.00	36,000.00
Parish Online	0.00	108.00
Power Supply Village Green	0.00	6,200.00
Height Barrier Recharge	0.00	190.00
Security Loop Repair (recovered las	0.00	451.00
RS and Christmas Lights Costs	0.00	1,190.00
CIL Payment - G Fentham School	0.00	3000
Eastcote Allotment Rent	0.00	200
Water Plus First Eastcote Lane Inv	0.00	25.65
<b>Total</b>		<b>101,309.74</b>
Transfer to allocated reserves	940.00	940.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>48,328.66</b>	<b>102,249.74</b>
Traffic Calming Fund (to include £8,000 from WALC in 2021)	<u>13,000.00</u>	<u>13,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61,328.66</b>	<b>115,249.74</b>
<b><u>Cash Book Reconciliation</u></b>		
Opening Balance		220,794.51
Add receipts for 11 months to 28 February 2023		58,598.24
Less payments for 11 months to 28 February 2023		101,309.74
Total		<u>178,083.01</u>
<b><u>Bank Account Reconciliation</u></b>		
Balance due from fixed term high interest a/c at 28 February 2023		40,372.97
Balance due from deposit a/c per bank statement at 28 February 2023		135,353.97
Balance due from current a/c per bank statement at 28 February 2023		2356.07
		<u>178,083.01</u>
<b>REMAINING CIL MONIES HELD:</b>		<u>81,390.70</u>
Reserves		<u>96,692.31</u>

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b><u>Payment Entries out through Bank Account since 1 January 2023</u></b>			
<u>Payee</u>			
<b><u>CHEQUE payments</u></b>			
National Grid	3.55	Wayleave	20/01/2023
<b><u>BACS payments</u></b>			
Dawsons Groundcare	192.00	Flailing Ground - Eastcote Allotments	12/01/2023