



Hampton-in-Arden

Annual Report

2022/23

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Chairman's Report

With Covid 19 largely behind us, the year to the end of March 2023 has been one of recovering from the ravages of the pandemic and attempting to resume something like a normal way of life. Unfortunately, some residents have continued to have problems associated with Covid and the community has rallied round once more and helped wherever possible.

The Parish Council has been able to return to normal business and its usual schedule of meetings although, in several instances, we have continued to hold virtual meetings using Teams or Zoom which proved to be so effective and time saving for many during lock down.

For this Annual Parish Meeting we have decided to change the format that has been used for many years in that we will not be reading out the individual reports on the work and achievements of our various Committees, which is quite time consuming. Instead, the full report has been posted on social media and the Parish Council website and notice boards. This enables residents, who are able, to read the reports in advance of the meeting and to have time to think about any questions or comments they may have. For those unable to access the reports beforehand, copies will be available at the meeting. The expectation is that this change will allow more time for questions and answers and some debate on contentious issues.

There are, of course, several matters which continue to cause us concern. Amongst these are HS2, the M42 Junction 5a work including the continuing closure of Solihull Road, traffic calming in both Hampton and Catherine de Barnes, the proposed motorway service area and the review of the Solihull Local Plan and our own Neighbourhood Plan. All these issues will be covered during the meeting.

I must refer to the membership of the Parish Council where just one change has occurred. Min Grimshaw resigned on 21 November 2022 leaving Hampton and moving to Herefordshire and was replaced by the co-opting of Piers Read. I express my thanks to Min for her helpful contribution to council business during her relatively short time with us. Although not in the Council year under review, a word about the local council elections held on 4th May. As has been the case for some considerable time there were again twelve nominations for the twelve seats on the Council and consequently all were declared elected without the need for a ballot. It is also pleasing to report that our Ward Councillor, Bob Sleight, was once again re-elected.

Chairman, Mike Blomer

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee is responsible for the management of all property under the Parish Council's control and works with other partners who share our interests in the appearance and upkeep of the now wider Parish and its environs.

The Committee includes members of the Parish Council together with a Governor of George Fentham School and representatives from the George Fentham Trust Charity, the Parochial Church Council, Hampton in Arden Sports and Social Club and Catherine de Barnes Residents Association.

The Maintenance Committee is responsible for overseeing grounds maintenance of Parish Council land which essentially comprises the village green, the recreation ground and Catherine de Barnes Common. It also has responsibility for any Parish Council occupied land such as the school field, play area, the allotments and grounds where a financial contribution is made like the upkeep of the churchyard, or on those areas in the control of Solihull Council where the quality of workmanship and level of maintenance impact on the appearance and well-being of the village – such as the roads and footpaths.

For areas in the control of Solihull Council we keep a watching brief of incidents such as overgrown vegetation, blocked road gullies, faulty streetlamps, potholes, and reports of dog fouling (which continues to be a problem in the Parish). We also monitor works undertaken by the utilities in the parish and that have an impact on local residents, particularly with regards traffic controls.

Contractors are regularly engaged to conduct routine work on behalf of the Parish Council. In addition, we would particularly like to thank Alan, John and Michael plus all the volunteers of the Conservation Group for their regular maintenance of the spinney and in particular the works they undertook to improve the paths. We also extend our thanks to Trevor Honeysett for his generous help with many minor issues throughout the year.

We are also responsible for maintaining the various planters located throughout the parish. Whilst a number of these, such as the large planter by the railway bridge in Hampton are maintained by a paid contractor, we would like to extend our thanks to the gardening club and other volunteers who help maintain the others and keep them looking so vibrant throughout the year and a times of celebration such as this year's coronation.

Similarly, we would also like to thank the Friends of the Common volunteers who do an excellent job in looking after the care and maintenance of Catherine de Barnes Common, which is the only common ground in the whole of Solihull.

This year in conjunction with the Fentham Trust, and funded by HS2, we have been able to provide some much-needed additional allotments on Eastcote Lane, next to the Nursery. All these allotments have been let to residents, meaning whilst we do still have a very small waiting list, it is much reduced.

During the past financial year, we have replaced the lights at the Recreation Ground carpark with LED fittings and have also installed bollard lighting along the footpath towards the Recreational Ground to improve visibility for those walking during the evening.

A significant cost each to the Parish Council year relates to tree management and maintenance. To meet our legal obligations, we periodically commission a comprehensive survey which provides a detailed record of all the trees on Parish Council land and the health of each tree. We then work through the recommendations of this report, which unfortunately does sometimes require us to fell any tree considered dangerous or posing a Health and Safety risk. Where it is necessary to fell a tree the Parish Council does look to provide a native replacement

The Parish Council recently held a highly successful Village Tidy event in both Hampton in Arden and Catherine de Barnes. We would like to thank Alison Rolf and all her Wombles who partnered with us for this event and for all their regular litter picks that keep the village of Hampton so tidy. We would also like to thank Catney Residents Association who helped to make the event in Catherine de Barnes highly successful also. This is not just appreciated by the Parish Council but all residents.

Councillor Tim Beresford

High Speed Rail (HS2)

Like last year, the main HS2 construction work has been both to the north and south of our Parish. To the north of the A45 construction works are concentrated in the area around the new interchange station. To the south the main construction work is on the diversion of the A452 and the completion of the new Park Lane roundabout.

Within Hampton in Arden Parish preparatory work continues for the River Blythe Viaduct including haul roads and drainage works close to the A452. Viaduct construction is expected to commence in late summer/autumn 2023. The major effect on the Parish will be speed restrictions and temporary traffic control on Meriden Road by Patrick Bridge.

During the past year we have been disappointed to learn that Diddington Lane will remain open as part of the HS2 works. This is despite safety concerns at the northern junction of the lane with the A452. Detail design continues at Stonebridge and we await with interest to see the final interchange layout and the results of the required highway safety audit.

A direct result of the decision to keep the lane open is that traffic calming measures will now be required for the section through the village. Discussions are on-going with SMBC and HS2 to determine the extent of these measures. Possible measures are detailed under the Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety section.

Finally, we have had the construction of HS2 on our doorstep for a couple of years now and several residents and businesses have raised concerns regarding the extent of the works. These comments have included phrases such as 'wholesale destruction of the countryside' and why is such a large area being used when the width of the completed railway will be only 20 – 30 metres wide. Most residents will be unfamiliar with the construction of major infrastructure projects, and we in this Parish don't just have one we have two! Namely the M42 Junction 6 and HS2.

To try and reassure residents that what is happening is normal for major infrastructure construction work, and the situation will improve when the work is completed, the Parish Council has obtained a booklet containing aerial images of the completed section of HS1 as it runs through Kent. This work was completed in the early 2000's and the photographs were taken a year or two after this. They show how the mainly rural areas along the line of the railway have been regenerated. Five images have been selected from this booklet and are available for viewing on the Parish website.

Councillor Ken Blanch

Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety

Hampton in Arden

Phase 1 of the Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming Plan for Hampton in Arden was constructed in 2021 and concentrated on improving pedestrian access at key locations through the village. It was always envisaged that further traffic calming measures would be required after the Phase 1 works and the Parish Council has held discussions with SMBC Highways to determine what additional measures are deemed necessary to reduce traffic speeds and further improve the village environment.

The agreed measures for Phase 2 include the following items:

- Gateway with raised cushion on Solihull Road close to the start of the 30-mph zone
- Addition of a raised cushion at the existing gateway on Meriden Road

- Addition of raised cushions either side of the existing traffic island on Meriden Road close to the junction with The Crescent

The gateway on Solihull Road was originally planned for Phase 1 but could not be constructed due to the road's closure as part of the M42 Junction 6 works. This measure is now expected to be constructed before Solihull Road is due to re-open in July 2023.

The other Phase 2 measures are expected to be constructed later in the summer/autumn and will need to be phased with planned HS2 works and temporary road closures.

We are very pleased to report that Phase 3 traffic calming works will consist of average speed cameras for the village. SMBC Highways are using HS2 Road Safety Fund monies to install average speed cameras at four locations within the Borough and Hampton in Arden is one of the selected locations. Design is on-going and installation is expected this financial year hopefully before Christmas.

Finally, a direct result of the decision to keep the Diddington Lane open is that traffic calming measures will now be required for the section through the village. Discussions are on-going with SMBC and HS2 to determine the extent of these measures which will form part of HS2's construction work. The Parish's recommendation is for:

- Gateway with raised cushion at the northern limit of the village (like the existing gateway on Meriden Road).
- Raised informal crossing part-way along the lane close to the service road entrance.
- Upgraded junction with Meriden Road to improve pedestrian access.

Catherine de Barnes

Discussions have been on-going with SMBC Highways to determine the extent of traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures in Catherine de Barnes. A pedestrian crossing has been installed in the village centre and the agreed additional measures are as follows:

- Four pairs of speed cushions on Lugtrout Lane between Damson Parkway and Catherine de Barnes.
- Street lit gateway and speed cushion on Lugtrout Lane at the edge of housing in Catherine de Barnes.
- Gateway with speed cushion on Hampton Lane on the approach to village centre.
- Informal crossing on Hampton Lane close to Lugtrout Lane junction.
- Possible raised table to the existing pedestrian crossing.

The total estimated cost is £55k excluding the raised table at the pedestrian crossing (estimated £10k). The preferred funding option is through the M42 Junction 6 Improvement Designated Funding sponsored by National Highways. Discussions with NH indicate that this proposal may qualify for funding but we await confirmation.

Councillor Ken Blanch

M42 J6

The re-opening of Solihull Road between Hampton in Arden and Catherine de Barnes is scheduled for July 2023. Skanska are hoping to bring this date forward but is dependent on the demolition of the existing M42 bridge and the completion of the diverted road over the new bridge. Commencing in July this year after Solihull Road is reopened, works along Catherine de Barnes Lane will mean occasional

closures to facilitate these works. Details have yet to be finalised but we will publish details as soon as known.

Several residents and businesses have raised questions regarding the future landscaping around the new link road. We have received several landscape drawings from Skanska showing the completed works and these will be available for inspection on our website.

The project team have been trialing new ground-breaking technologies on the scheme that could be game changers for other National Highways road projects and the construction and highways industries as a whole. These include innovative hydrogen power cells and low carbon concrete. SKANSKA use electric vehicles on site and all other construction vehicles run on Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil. This is made from 100% renewable waste. The embodied carbon within hydrotreated vegetable oil is 90% lower than traditional diesel vehicles and burns cleaner, reducing exhaust emissions and the carbon footprint.

Regarding biodiversity and environmental impact, we understand from Skanska that the project aim is that there should be no net loss of biodiversity through our activities. Roads can compromise the quality of the environment by wildlife, can fragment important habitats and put pressure on plant and animal populations, particularly where they're already under stress from other factors such as changes in climate and land use. The network can be managed to provide areas of habitat. Also road verges can be used to connect fragmented habitats in the wider landscape, enabling plant and animal populations to move and interact, and so become stronger and more resilient. They have committed to a biodiversity net gain on this project and as a result, will leave a richer, more biodiverse environment from when we had first arrived.

The Parish Council and SMBC Highways are in discussions with National Highways seeking approval for the use of designated funds for three projects related to The J6 scheme. These are:

- Traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures throughout the village as described in the Traffic Calming section of this report.
- Footpath and cycleway along Solihull Road between the two villages to improve connectivity and as part of SMBC's Borough wide footpath and cycleway improvement plans.
- Improvements to the Catherine de Barnes Village Hall; and
- Electric Vehicle Charging points to be located at the Recreational Ground Carpark.

Councillor Ken Blanch

Planning Subcommittee

The Parish Council receives notification of all planning applications in the Parish, these are considered by the Planning Committee and a decision made whether to respond, based on compliance of the application to planning policies and the Neighbourhood Plan. We responded to 20 planning applications during the year – all responses can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

The following is a brief resume of the more significant planning and planning related issues that we have been involved with during the year: -

PL/2015/51409/ Outline planning permission Motorway Service Area (MSA) adjacent to the new junction 5a on Solihull Road/M42

The current design of the approved MSA dictates that the system of All Lane Running (ALR) must exist on this section of the M42.

You may recall the Government put a hold on introduction of new Smart Motorways until the results of a 5 year safety study were available. The study was due to end during 2024 indicating that work couldn't start on the MSA until sometime in 2025 if the programme re-started. At the end of the year that still was the situation however matters did change in April when it was announced that no new Smart Motorways(ALR) would start but those underway would be completed .

The Planning Committee also liaises with Planning Enforcement where developments either don't have planning approval or the development is not in accordance with the approved application.

SKANSKA are endeavoring to establish how their situation is affected. They feel work to convert the current Dynamic Hard Shoulder running system to ALR hasn't started, so should not proceed. In the event this is the situation, then the MSA design approved would need to be reviewed raising the question – would a re-design require a new planning application.

PL/2019/02546/PPOL Outline Planning Application for 109 new houses on land rear of 86 Meriden Road.

This application was approved on 18th May 2022. There have been 4 new applications in 2022 concerning reserved matters, the latest one approved in Dec 2022. We submitted an extensive response to one of these 2022/01660 detailing our concerns with the design at that time – again details can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

We are awaiting a response as to the current build status of the development.

PL/2021/01631-3/PPFL Chestnut Farm, Eastcote Lane, Barston (not in the Parish).

Two applications were refused by the planning committee and their decisions were subsequently appealed by the applicant. The appeals are still being considered.

PL/2020/02784/PPFL Erection of a triple combined tepee tent for use by adults with learning disabilities and groups whilst on site at Newlands Bishop Farm. | Newlands Bishop Farm Berry Hall Lane Catherine De Barnes Solihull B91 2RY

The Parish Council supported residents in objecting to this application back in 2020 and were concerned that after nearly a year of dialogue with SMBC the applicant withdrew the application although the construction is still in use. The events held in the tepee give rise to considerable noise nuisance to residents and the Parish Council are actively working with our Ward Councillors to try and resolve a difficult situation. No new planning application has been lodged although an application for a license to hold marriages which has implications is currently under consideration .

PL/2023/00694/PPOL Land at the east side of the railway embankment Old station Road

We were recently made aware of this application in March which proposes a development of market and or affordable homes on the site. We understand that there are concerns over the sustainable accessibility to the site but have indicated in our response that should these concerns be adequately addressed and in line with "brownfield first" for development would under, appropriate circumstances, support development of affordable homes on the site.

Jct. 6 Improvement scheme – new junction and link road Solihull Road

The Parish Council have had regular meetings with the main contractor Skanska over the last 12 months discussing road closures, communication, cleanliness of the road etc. A meeting was recently

held in Fentham Hall allowing residents the opportunity of raising various issues with both Skanska and national Highways and it is the intention that further meetings of this type will be held on a regular basis. We understand that Solihull Road will open around the end of June /early July, but Catherine de Barnes Lane will then close (permanently) for access to the Clock roundabout.

Solihull Local Plan Review – Update

Following an email exchange between the Inspectors (examining the plan) and SMBC, and recent announcements concerning likely changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, the parties have agreed to suspend the process awaiting details of the changes. Consequently, no progress has been made concerning the proposed housing developments in the 4 sites (2 each in Hampton and Catherine de Barnes)

Parishioners are reminded that details of all the planning applications that the Planning Committee respond to, are available to view on the Parish website under “Planning”.

Councillor Dave Cuthbert

Neighbourhood Plan Review

Our current Neighbourhood Plan was adopted by Solihull MBC in August 2017. Since then, the Parish boundary has been extended to include the greater part of Catherine de Barnes, and some other aspects are out of date.

As a result, we embarked on a process of consultation in 2020 with a view to creating a new, updated plan covering the enlarged Parish. Over the last 12 months the working group have been developing the policies etc. for inclusion in the new plan. This resulted in the launch of the Regulation 14 public consultation of the new Draft Parish Neighbourhood Plan at the end of February which closed on the 22 of March. A total of 49 responses were received from residents, business and stakeholders including SMBC. The responses have been thoroughly evaluated and will be incorporated into the review document as and where relevant. The issue concerning the new Solihull Plan mentioned under planning means that it would be unwise for us to proceed any further until the Local Plan has been adopted.

Councillor Dave Cuthbert

Communications Group

The Communication Group has continued to work hard over the last 12 months to ensure that the Parish is kept up to date with important news, key issues, and events of interest. We want to ensure that our residents are aware of what the Parish Council is working on and how we are working towards achieving the best we can for our wonderful community.

We continue to deliver our Newsletter to every home in the Parish - a total of nearly 1,200 every quarter! We strive to include important local news, information on local societies / groups and dates of upcoming Council meetings and other important events in the Parish. The Newsletter is published in February, May, August, and November and is delivered by several dedicated volunteers giving up their free time to help with the distribution of the Newsletter across the Parish. Many thanks to all who assist with this task. We consider the Newsletter to be a keyway for the Parish Council to communicate with all residents in our area. Delivery of a hard copy of the Newsletter to every home ensures that everyone (including those without access to technology/are not computer savvy) is kept up to date with what is going on in our area.

In addition, we regularly update our website to ensure that the information there is as up to date as possible and is helpful to those in the village and beyond.

Our Facebook page (which now has over 740 followers) is a fantastic way to keep in touch with residents on a day-to-day basis. We also recognise that Facebook is also a great way for residents to highlight any local issues that we need to be aware of (over the last year this has included reporting problems with fallen trees and fly tipping).

Our Parish Clerk, Julie, is instrumental in keeping the Facebook page and website up to date and we extend our thanks to her for all her hard work.

Lastly, in March 2023, the Parish Council joined forces with Solihull MBC and the Hampton Wombles for our annual participation in Great British Spring Clean (a 'Keep Britain Tidy' initiative). It was our most successful event yet. We had over 46 volunteers in Hampton-in-Arden and 33 in Catherine-de-Barnes and in total we collected over 80 bags of rubbish. Thank you to everyone that took part and to Solihull MBC for providing the litter picking equipment (and the removal of the litter collected). We look forward to taking part in the event again next year.

Councillor Cat Sellars

Climate Change Committee

The Parish Council recognises the Climate Change Emergency that we are facing and in 2022 the decision was taken to set up a Climate Change Emergency Committee. We recognise the gravity of the climate change emergency, and we fully support the statement of intent to protect the environment agreed on 8th October 2019 by Members of Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.

As a first step the Committee has written a '*Climate Change Emergency - Interim Statement of Intent*' (which is available on our website). This recognises that the Parish Council has a key role to play in supporting climate change mitigation activities and the adoption of this Interim Statement of Intent will help focus on those ends. As part of this we will seek opportunities to improve the wider environment through local action.

Seven high-level objectives are set out in the Interim Statement of Intent:

- Objective 1 - Community Engagement
- Objective 2 - Reduced Consumption and Waste
- Objective 3 - Enhancement of Green Space
- Objective 4 - Ensuring environmentally sensitive development
- Objective 5 - Encouragement of environmentally friendly travel
- Objective 6 - Reduced environmental impact of Local Businesses
- Objective 7 - Creation of a Healthier and More Resilient Community

The aim of the Committee for 2023 is to identify more detailed actions and objectives to support and drive these objectives. We would be keen to hear from residents in relation to possible actions to pursue in our community so please do get in touch to share your ideas.

Councillor Cat Sellars

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a tax levied by local authorities on developers to pay a contribution towards improving local infrastructure for the benefit of the community. So, for example, the development of the old Cricket Pitch has been generating some CIL funds. Under the rules most of the funds raised are held by the local authority (in our case Solihull MBC), but 25% is handed over to local Parish Councils where there is an agreed Neighbourhood Plan in place; currently our Neighbourhood Plan only covers the pre 2019 Parish Boundary, which excluded much of Catherine de Barnes, but we are working to change this.

During the year ending March 2023 we received a further £2.9k in CIL funds (in connection with development on the site of the old Cricket Pitch) and awarded grants of £2.2k to the Hampton Festival Committee to purchase a new marquee, £36k to the Catherine de Barnes Village Hall Trust to fund the creation of a play area, and £3k to help the George Fentham School with the cost of outside play equipment. As a result, our available funds currently amount to £12.8k.

Councillor Peter Green

Remembrance Sunday Event

The Annual Remembrance Day service and parade took place on Sunday 13 November 2022. As normal the High Street was closed to all traffic to allow the procession from the church to the War Memorial. The complete service was held at the memorial. The Parish Council arranged for a PA system to be available to ensure residents could hear. Our thanks go to all the members of the public, as well as Ward Councillors and Parish Councillors, who acted as marshals to allow the proceedings to go ahead safely. In addition, the Parish Council arranged for Central Fast Response first aiders to be at the service to ensure first aid safety measures were adhered to.

Councillor David Sandells

Public Footpaths and Rights of Way Report

I have been responsible for monitoring footpaths and rights of way in the parish, and frequently walk as many of them as possible.

The work involves the following activities:

1. Assessing requests for diversions.
2. Reporting access problems.
3. Reporting damage or a need for repairs.
4. Considering alternative paths.
5. Planning to reduce the number of stiles.
6. Liaising with landowners on matters of concern.

1. Diversions:

The owners of Hampton Manor have requested a diversion across the meadow leading from the woodland off the High Street to Shadowbrook Lane. In conjunction with the officer from SMBC and the owner I visited the site and agreed that the alternative route was acceptable. I therefore recommended accordingly to the Parish Council. This application is currently being processed by SMBC.

2. Access Problems.

We have excellent relations with the local landowners and I have not experienced any specific access problems.

3. Repairs.

A number of requests for repairs have been made to SMBC during the past year. The boardwalk at Catherine-de-Barnes has been repaired to a very good state of use.

The boardwalk approach to the packhorse bridge has been part repaired but is still unsatisfactory.

There are other minor issues with missing broken planks on bridges across streams.

I continue to pursue these repairs but must state that I believe that SMBC will only attend to repairs at the point where a path leaves a metaled highway. That results in very low priority for repairs on private land. I am a member of Solihull Ramblers, and will be seeking the assistance of Solihull Bramblers, a group of volunteers, to assist me in addressing the outstanding repairs.

4. Alternative paths.

I have looked at a path continuing from the Arboretum through the wildflower meadow and woodland across to Bickenhill. This will avoid the short section of Shadowbrook lane and the stiles. I have tentative approval from the landowners for this path. I am waiting to see how the final diversions of paths associated with the M42 J6 work before finalising my proposal. Once again, I expect to recruit Solihull Bramblers to assist.

5. Planning to reduce the number of stiles.

There is one broken stile on the footpath alongside Fentham Hall which I plan to replace with a gate from the Hampton Manor estate.

6. Liaising with landowners on matters of concern.

Path M117 runs from The Crecent to Corbetts Close, with a spur to Meriden Road. This path is marked on the official map in red, and Unmade. That means that it is not surfaced. It also means that it is not maintained by SMBC.

Given the new developments on Hampton Green, the path is now narrower and liable to deteriorate in poor weather. I am in discussion with the appropriate landowners to see what may be possible.

Councillor Roger Waring

FINANCE

Parish Councils are required by law to appoint an internal auditor to verify the accounts, asset register, insurances, and financial controls. From the report of our internal auditor a summary report is submitted for external examination by auditors appointed by the Audit Commission. Audited accounts are made available each year should residents wish to view.

The un-audited accounts for 2022/23 are presented in this report. The “precept” is the major form by which the Parish Council raises funds to carry out its work during the year: -

ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR 12 MONTHS ENDING 31 MARCH 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		220,794.51

RECEIPTS for 12 months ending 31 March 2023

	Budget 2022/23	Actual 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	1000.00
Recreation Trust	670	670.00
Bank interest	150	441.54
Other Income:		
Football Training	0	340.00
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	20.00
Remembrance Sunday Wreath - Probus	0.00	20.00
CIL payment SMBC	0.00	2925.34
Scout & Guide Barrier Request **recharge**	0.00	190.00
Wayleave	0.00	3.55
	0.00	0.00
VAT refund from Customs and Excise	0.00	5910.43
	48,329.00	58,963.19

PAYMENTS for 12 months ending 31 March 2023

	Budget 2022/23	Actual 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	8,470.25
Clerk's salary and expenses	17,200.00	18,610.75
Donations and subs (WALC fee)	686.46	687.00
Office expenses (monthly email fee and room hire)	1,083.00	909.20
Website and IT Support Fee (Parish Online)	450.00	468.00
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	5,794.05
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 la:	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 Invoices	0.00	31.75
Total			103,653.68
Transfer to allocated reserves		940.00	940.00
Total Expenditure		48,328.66	104,593.68
Traffic Calming Fund (to include £8,000 from WALC in 2021)		13,000.00	13,000.00
TOTAL		61,328.66	117,593.68
<u>Cash Book Reconciliation</u>			
Opening Balance			220,794.51
Add receipts for 12 months to 31 March 2023			58,963.19
Less payments for 12 months to 31 March 2023			103,653.68
Total			176,104.02
<u>Bank Account Reconciliation</u>			
Balance due from fixed term high interest a/c at 31 March 2023			40,534.09
Balance due from deposit a/c per bank statement at 31 March 2023			135,487.75
Balance due from current a/c per bank statement at 31 March 2023			82.18
			176,104.02
REMAINING CIL MONIES HELD:			81,390.70
Reserves			94,713.32

Asset Register and Expenditure exceeding £100

Details of the assets held by the parish council and expenditure exceeding £100 per item are given at the end of this report.

YOUR COUNCIL

The Parish Council from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 was as follows:

Councillor	From	To
Mike Blomer MBE	10 November 2010	PRESENT
Tim Beresford	13 May 2015	PRESENT
David Sandells	11 September 2014	PRESENT
Catherine Sellars	12 March 2016	PRESENT
Ken Blanch	6 May 2015	PRESENT
Dave Cuthbert	13 May 2015	PRESENT
Peter Green	1 October 2018	PRESENT
Alexander Clayson	8 May 2019	PRESENT
John Eccleston	8 May 2019	PRESENT
Giles Cook	8 May 2019	PRESENT
Min Grimshaw	15 May 2021	21 November 2022

Roger Waring	10 March 2021	PRESENT
Piers Reid	21 November 2022	PRESENT
Julie Barnes (Clerk)	25 January 2017	PRESENT

CLERK

Julie Barnes

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The following sub-committees and representatives were appointed in the last year:
(The Chair and Vice-Chair are ex-officio members of all committees).

Appointment of Committees and Committee Chairs / Year 2022 to 2023

Hampton in Arden Parish Council

The Chair and Vice-Chair are ex-officio members of all committees:

Subcommittee/Working Group	Members
Maintenance Committee	Councillor Tim Beresford Councillor David Sandells Councillor Peter Green Councillor John Eccleston Non-Councillors Rvd Stuart Dimes (Representative for the Church) Daniel Adams (Representative for the George F Trust) Floyd Price (Representative for the Sports Club).
Planning Committee	Councillor Dave Cuthbert Councillor Cat Sellars Councillor Ken Blanch Councillor Peter Green Councillor Giles Cook Councillor John Eccleston
Communications Working Group	Councillor Cat Sellars Councillor Peter Green Councillor Alexander Clayson Councillor Roger Waring
Neighbourhood Plan Working Group	Councillor Dave Cuthbert Councillor Cat Sellars Councillor Ken Blanch Councillor Peter Green Councillor Giles Cook Councillor John Eccleston
Community Infrastructure Levy Committee	Councillor Peter Green Councillor Giles Cook Councillor Dave Cuthbert Councillor Ken Blanch Councillor John Eccleston
Remembrance Sunday Working Group	Councillor Alexander Clayson Councillor David Sandells
HS2/Pedestrian and Road Safety Scheme / M42 J6 Improvement Scheme Working Group	Councillor Ken Blanch Councillor Cat Sellars Councillor Min Grimshaw Councillor Dave Cuthbert Councillor Giles Cook Councillor Alexander Clayson Councillor John Eccleston

Appointments to other bodies:

Footpaths and Right of Way Representative	Roger Waring
Airport Consultative Committee	David Sandells
Solihull Area Committee	Dave Cuthbert
Meriden Quarry Liaison	Mike Blomer
Library Working Group	Cat Sellars & Roger Waring

The Parish Council also appoints trustees to:

The Charity of George Fentham	Mr M Abbott from January 2022
	Dr M Shalley (resigned effective April 2023)
	Councillor T Beresford
The Hampton in Arden Recreational Trust	Mr G Hollway
	Ken Blanch

Meetings:

The Parish Council held 5 meetings from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. Attendance was as follows:

Councillors	Attendance
Mike Blomer	5
Tim Beresford	4
David Sandells	3
Cat Sellars	4
Ken Blanch	5
Peter Green	5
Roger Waring	5
Alexander Clayson	3
Giles Cook	4
John Eccleston	5
Dave Cuthbert	4
Min Grimshaw	4
Piers Reid	2

Asset Register**Community Assets**

The Common, Catherine de Barnes
 War Memorial and surrounding wall, Hampton in Arden
 Village Green, Hampton in Arden
 The Recreation Ground
 Recreation Ground Car Park
 The Spinney

Other Assets

Chairman's Insignia and Chain of Office
 Recreation Ground Notice Boards X 2
 Recreation Ground Outdoor Gym Equipment
 Recreation Ground Table Tennis x 2

Recreation Ground Children's Play Area Equipment
 Parish Noticeboard X 3
 Bus Shelter X 3
 Recreation Ground Dog Bins X 5
 Recreation Ground Dog Waste Dispensers X 3
 Catney Common Dog Bins x 1
 Catney Common Dog Waste Dispensers x 1
 Oak Bench – Recreation Ground
 Telephone Box & Shelving
 Parish Office Computer
 Parish Office Photocopier
 Allotments (Fentham Road and Eastcote Lane Community Allotments).
 School Children's Play Area Equipment
 Benches – School Play Area
 Goal Posts – School Playing Field.

Flower Planter Tubs:

Station

- Six planters on the walls - two on the Coventry bound platform and four on the Birmingham bound platform.

Village

- Two planters at the bus stop by Belle Vue Terrace
- Two planters at the war memorial
- One large planter by the railway bridge by the path from the sports ground
- One planter at Diddington Lane/Meriden Road
- One large planter by the Catherine de Barnes Roundabout
- One large planter on Hampton Lane.
- Two large planters on Meriden Road.

The Parish Council is responsible for maintenance costs of these assets.

**Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council - Expenditure over £100
 1st April 2022 to 31 March 2023**

DATE	PAYEE	£	DETAILS
15/04/2022	Dawsons Groundcare	1,779.60	Grass Cutting and Lighting Ducting
15/04/2022	WALC	791.00	Subs
20/04/2022	J Barnes	1,223.66	Clerk's April Salary
26/04/2022	PH Design	170.00	Newsletter Design
26/04/2022	Lavender Ladies	150.00	Gardening/Planters
29/04/2022	HMRC	221.91	Tax and NI
03/05/2022	Inktree	620.30	Newsletter and Insert Leaflets
03/05/2022	Dawsons Groundcare	2,534.52	Grass Cutting and Chain Link Fence
06/05/2022	Ebner Consultants	3,571.20	Lighting Recreational Ground Carpark
06/05/2022	Family Care Trust	254.40	Catney Common Grass Cutting
09/05/2022	Lavender Ladies	150.00	Gardening/Planters
20/05/2022	T Honeysett	110.00	Bin Emptying
20/05/2022	J Barnes	1,223.66	Clerk's May Salary
25/05/2022	HMRC	221.91	Tax and NI
15/06/2022	Gardening Club	106.64	Planters

15/06/2022	Realpoint	273.60	IT Support Package
15/06/2022	Dawsons Groundcare	2,159.16	Grass Cutting and Tree Cutting
15/06/2022	Family Care Trust	254.40	Catney Common Grass Cutting
20/06/2022	J Barnes	1,223.46	Clerk's June Salary
20/06/2022	HMRC	222.11	Tax and NI
20/06/2022	Festival Committee CIL	1.800	CIL Payment – Gazebo
22/06/2022	Festival Committee CIL	400.00	CIL Payment – Gazebo
24/06/2022	JRB Enterprise	287.52	Dog Fouling Bags
18/07/2022	Ebner Consultants	1,080.00	LED Bollards
18/07/2022	Family Care Trust	254.40	Catney Common Grass Cutting
18/07/2022	Dawsons Groundcare	1,103.16	Grass Cutting/Gravel Pathways
20/07/2022	J Barnes	1,253.47	Clerk's July Salary
21/07/2022	HMRC	192.10	Tax and NI
29/07/2022	P Howard	170.00	Newsletter Design
19/08/2022	PKF Littlejohn	360.00	Audit Fees
19/08/2022	Dawsons Groundcare	1767.72	Grass Cutting/Tree Removal
19/08/2022	Inktree	365.10	Newsletter Print Run
20/08/2022	J Barnes	1253.47	Clerk's August Salary
24/08/2022	HMRC	192.10	Tax and NI
09/09/2022	T Honeysett	£160.00	Bin Emptying
09/09/2022	Dawsons Groundcare	£1,875.72	Grass Cutting and Tree Maintenance
09/09/2022	G Fentham Trust	£100.63	Annual Meeting Room Hire
09/09/2022	Catherine de Barnes Trust	£36,000	CIL Payment
20/09/2022	J Barnes	£1,253.27	Clerk's September Salary
22/09/2022	Playsafety Limited	£277.20	Play Area Inspections
27/09/2022	HMRC	£192.30	Tax and NI
30/09/2022	Parish Online	£129.60	Subscription Service
05/10/2022	Lavender Ladies	£390.00	Plants & Planter Maintenance
05/10/2022	Ebner Consultants	£6,000	Feeder Pillar (Village Green)
05/10/2022	Dawsons Groundcare	£1,312.92	Grass Cutting and Tree Maintenance
05/10/2022	HP Print	£259.99	New Office Printer
11/10/2022	JRB Enterprise	£287.52	Dog Fouling Bags
20/10/2022	J Barnes	£11,253.47	Clerk's October Salary
26/10/2022	HMRC	£192.10	Tax and NI
25/10/2022	P Howard	£170.00	Newsletter Design
07/11/2022	Inktree	£365.10	Newsletter Print Run
07/11/2022	Family Care Trust	£254.40	Catney Common Cut
07/11/2022	Dawsons Groundcare	£771.72	Grass Cutting and Maintenance Works
07/11/2022	Ebner Consultants	£1,440.00	Install feeder pillar.
14/11/2022	Robannas	£288.00	PA System Remembrance Sunday
21/11/2022	Central Fast Response	£100.00	Remembrance Sunday First Aid
21/11/2022	J Barnes	£1,727.88	Clerk's November Backpay and Salary
21/11/2022	HMRC	£497.72	Tax and NI
05/12/2022	Central Fast Response	£100.00	Christmas Light Switch on Event
07/12/2022	Dawsons Groundcare	£622.92	Grass Cutting and Maintenance Works
19/12/2022	Ebner Consultants	£780.00	Christmas Lights, installation and storage
20/12/2022	J Barnes	£1,316.04	Clerk's December Salary
22/12/2022	HMRC	£220.50	Tax and NI
12/01/2023	Dawsons Groundcare	£192.00	Mustard Seed and Flailing at Allotments
12/01/2023	JRB Enterprise	£287.52	Dog Fouling Bags
16/01/2023	George Fentham School	£3,000	CIL Payment School Play Equipment

20/01/2023	HMRC	£220.50	Tax and NI
19/01/2023	George Fentham Trust	£200.00	Eastcote Lane Allotment Rent
19/01/2023	Inktree	£383.02	Neighbourhood Plan Print
19/01/2023	PH Design	£170.00	Newsletter Design
20/01/2023	J Barnes	£1,316.04	Clerk's January salary
01/02/2023	Inktree	£839.37	Newsletter Print Run
02/02/2023	Dawsons Groundcare	£524.40	Drainage and Edging Pathways
09/02/2023	George Fentham Trust	£1,950.57	Office Rental
09/02/2023	Zurich Insurance	£1,511.23	Yearly Insurance Premium
20/02/2023	J Barnes	£1,316.04	Clerk's February Salary
22/02/2023	HMRC	£220.50	Tax and NI
28/02/2023	Inkree	£261.60	Road Closure Signage
01/03/2023	T Honeysett	£160.00	Bin Emptying
16/03/2023	Realpoint	£108.00	Webhosting
16/03/2023	Lavender Ladies	£340.00	Spring Planters and Maintenance
20/03/2023	J Barnes	£1,316.04	Clerk's March Salary
21/03/2023	HMRC	£220.50	Tax and National Insurance

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY INCOME TO DATE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2023

DATE	PAYMENT	TOTAL	Fund Expiry
April 2017	£2,308.00	£2,308.00	April 2022
October 2017	£5,356.50	£5,356.50	October 2022
April 2018	£5,692.50	£5,692.50	April 2023
April 2020	£61,471.17	£61,471.17	April 2025
October 2020	£30,735.59	£30,735.59	October 2025
April 2021	£30,725.59	£30,725.59	April 2026
December 2022	£2,925.34	£139,214.69	December 2027
TOTAL		£139,214.69	

PAYMENTS MADE FROM CIL FUNDS

DATE	PAYMENT	TOTAL
02/10/2019	Church Clock Repair Contribution	£163.99

14/01/2021	Catney Residents Associations – Defibrillator	£1,532.00
20/02/2021	George Fentham Endowed School – Dining Tables	£7,650.00
31/03/2021	Catherine de Barnes Village Hall – Double Glazing	£7,278.00
28/06/2022	Festival Committee – New Marquee	£2,200.00
09/09/2022	Catherine de Barnes Village Hall Trust – Play Area	£36,000
16/01/2023	George Fentham Endowed School – Play Equipment	3,000.00
TOTAL		£57,823.99

RUNNING CIL TOTAL: £81,390.70

Chairman’s Closing Remarks

I do hope that the change in the way we have presented our annual report this year is acceptable. My take is that it is an improvement, and I am hopeful that we will be able to adopt it for future meetings.

As is the custom I close with thanks to those who continue to help our community in a variety of ways. Whether it be by being members of the many varied voluntary and statutory organisations or groups, their contribution is invaluable in so many ways. I express our gratitude for the work of the George Fentham Trust and their staff and volunteers for the many ways they help and assist residents and to the Hampton Society for their continuing interest in many aspects of village life. I thank my fellow Councillors who work selflessly, often behind the scenes, and for no reward other than a desire to do what is best for our residents and the community. Can I also thank our Ward Councillors Gail and Bob Sleigh for their advice and wise counsel on many matters, particularly on planning issues, HS2 and the M42 junction 6 improvement works.

Finally, I am pleased to say that the Parish Council continues to run efficiently and effectively due to the hard work of our Clerk, Julie Barnes, and on behalf of all your Parish Councillors I again extend my thanks to her for her dedication and hard work.

Thank you everyone for attending.

Councillor Mike Blomer