

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held via Microsoft Teams

7:30pm on 14 June 2023

PRESENT

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

Rvd. Stuart Dimes (Hampton Church)
Mr John Morgans (Sports Club)

Clerk: Julie Barnes

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACTION

24/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies have been received in advance from Daniel Adams and Cllr Reid.

24/02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES TAKEN ON 8 FEBRUARY 2023

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

24/03 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

22/15 Table Tennis Tables – Members discussed further the location of the table by the Sports Club. The chair stated that he would do a site visit to ascertain what works were required and report further.

TB

22/15 Play Area – School Field – Cllr Sandells confirmed that the spring rocker had now been replaced with a double shark rocker and the top and bottom of the climbing wall had also been repaired. A further repair to the rope is required and Cllr Sandells will look to arrange that. It is anticipated the additional costs of that will be in the region of £300.

DS

22/20 – Goals – School Field – The chair confirmed that replacement of the goal nets is on hold due to the continual damage to the fence surrounding the school field. A watching brief is being maintained. Should the fence be damaged again, the goal posts will be removed.

22/33 – Sewerage Issue, Recreational Ground carpark entrance – the clerk noted that the Parish Council had been assured the matter was resolved but had recently learnt that there does appear to be an ongoing issue. The clerk confirmed she is liaising with Environmental Health to get to the bottom of it.

Clerk

24/04 THE COMMON AND THE DELL, CATHERINE DE BARNES

Cllr Eccleston confirmed that a cut had been undertaken and a further cut was due shortly. In the past the Friends of Catney Common had undertaken quite a lot of work to the wildflower meadow, it wasn't clear whether they still wished to continue with that work. If not, a quote would be obtained from the Family Care Trust. Cllr Eccleston will make further enquiries. JE

24/05 HAMPTON IN ARDEN CHURCHYARD

Rvd Dimes raised a concern over some elements of the maintenance schedule not being done in the way the church would like. He would be contacting the contractor to discuss this separately but would look to use an alternative contractor should the issue not be resolved to their satisfaction.

Separately, the church is looking to form a group called "*Friends of Hampton Heritage*" in which a group of volunteers could offer to assist with the upkeep of areas within the village, to include the churchyard.

24/06 STATION IMPROVEMENTS AND PLANTER MAINTENANCE

The clerk confirmed that the Gardening Club continue to do an excellent job of the planters within the village. In addition, Lavender Ladies, are also regularly pruning and watering the Village Green planter and the 4 planters by the Welcome Signage in both villages. All the planters look fantastic.

No update on the station improvements.

24/07 RECREATIONAL GROUND, SPINNEY, AND VILLAGE GREEN

Sports Club Update from John Morgans

John Morgans provided an update on the insurance claim noting that insurers are now confident that there will be no further movement to the building and repair works to the floor of the sports club can now take place.

Due to a recent unsuccessful attempt to obtain funding for a new clubhouse from the *National Highways Designated Fund Scheme* the management team are now looking to repair the existing building.

Following the recent request from the Parish Council that the sports club put out cones when large events are happening John wanted to state that this was not a feasible long-term solution. Cones are regularly damaged. The sports club would prefer to see parking enforcement put in place such as double-yellow lines.

Update from Daniel Adams on behalf of the George Fentham Trust

The clerk confirmed that in Daniel Adams absence, he had wished her to report that that the wildflower meadow had now been planted up in the Arboretum noting that there will be some tree felling within Shadowbrook Wood. Works will take place on a quarterly basis for a few days each quarter.

Recreational Ground carpark

The chair noted that the tarmac at entrance to Sports Club seems to be breaking up. A quotation will be obtained.

TB

John Morgans noted that the manhole cover appears to be moving and could be a danger. The chair confirmed he would look and let the clerk know if any repairs were required.

TB

Under 7s Play Area

The chair confirmed that a site visit was planned for Friday to discuss what flooring options the Parish Council intended to proceed with.

Basketball Court Project

Elliott Sellars has been looking into this project and bringing together costs estimates for a scheme. The scheme would cost in the region of £53,000. Further quotes are being obtained to see if that figure can be reduced. A formal request will then follow to the Funding Committee so that they can consider whether funds in these sums could be obtained.

War Memorial

The clerk confirmed that M Power & Sons had undertaken a full cut out and repaint of the war memorial followed by a full clean and it now looked much better. A section of stone is still awaited but should be completed within the next few weeks.

24/08 SCHOOL FIELD, PLAY AREAS AND ALLOTMENTS

See 24/03 above for information regarding the school field and play area.

Allotments

The chair confirmed that the Parish Council had held a meeting with plot holders and were investigating several issues that had arisen from that.

24/09 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

The Parish Council had received several complaints regarding overhanging vegetation and were continuing to liaise with Solihull MBC's streetcare team in that regard.

The chair requested that the clerk liaise with Cllr Waring to obtain a comprehensive list of all the footpaths in the area along with corresponding information as to who is responsible for the maintenance of them.

Clerk

24/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tree Survey Renewal

The Parish Council are due to renew their tree survey. A quotation has been obtained from Midland Forestry in the sum of £1,760 plus VAT. The Parish Council had previously used Midland Forestry and found their report to be comprehensive and their assistance post report extremely useful. **Cllr Blomer proposed that the committee accept the quotation and proceed to instruct Midland Forestry to carry out a full tree survey. This was seconded by Cllr**

Clerk

Eccleston will the committee being in full favour. The clerk will proceed to instruct Midland Forestry accordingly.

22/35 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4 October 2023

The meeting closed at 8:37pm.

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