

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

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

On: Wednesday 12 July 2023

Start: 7:30pm

End: 9:03pm.

PRESENT

Councillors

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

Clerk

Mrs Julie Barnes

Public

Mrs Sheila Blomer

ACTION

24/29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ward Cllrs Gail and Bob Sleigh.

24/30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

24/31 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

24/32 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 MAY 2023

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

24/33 MATTERS ARISING

24/08 – ** minute amendment ** Cllr Eccleston recorded twice.

24/13 – 86 Meriden Road. Cllr Cuthbert confirmed the matter is with the Planning

Inspectorate.

24/17 – Under 7s Play Area. Cllr Blanch confirmed that the site inspection went ahead, and works have now been agreed that fall within the CIL budgeted spend. The works will commence during the summer holidays.

24/34 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING HELD ON 24 MAY 2023

The chair welcomed the excellent turn out by residents. The new format was well received. Following the meeting and the strength of feeling conveyed by residents regarding parking difficulties within the village, the Parish Council have launched a consultation relating to the possible introduction of double-yellow lines in several key locations.

24/35 FEEDBACK FROM THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Cllr Beresford referred to the Minutes in the attached report pack noting that he also wished to discuss quotations that had been obtained to undertake necessary repair works to the tarmac surface at opening of the Recreational Ground Carpark.

Members discussed the quotations in more detail noting that Cllr Beresford had been able to secure a reduction in cost if works were undertaken at the same time as separate works being undertaken by The George Fentham Trust. The chair noted that Standing Orders provide that the Parish Council should obtain 3 separate quotes but in this instance the Parish Council was aware that the Trust had already undertaken this task and were happy to accept the exceptional circumstances.

Cllr Sandells proposed that the Parish Council proceed to appoint Surfco Midlands to undertake tarmac works at the Recreational Ground carpark in the sum of £2,900.00 plus VAT. This was accepted as proposed and seconded by Cllr Blanch. Cllr Beresford will instruct accordingly. **TB**

It was noted that a full repair would need to be undertaken in the next 2 to 3 years and a quotation had been sought to gain a better understanding of cost. That cost would be in the region of £32,000 plus VAT. Additional drainage costs would also be necessary. Members agreed that it would be prudent to raise the issue of these costs with the Sports Club in advance. Cllr Beresford confirmed he would draft something for onward transmission. **TB**

Cllr Sandells confirmed that the rocker had been replaced on the school field play area. Further repairs were necessary to a roped area, but it was hoped that those repairs would be completed before the summer holidays. **DS**

24/36 FEEDBACK FROM THE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Cllr Blanch provided a detailed overview of his report, provided in the attached report pack. Members were reminded that the Parish Council's consultation relating to parking restrictions will run until 28 July.

24/37 FEEDBACK FROM THE RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTWAY REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr Waring provided a written update in advance; a copy is provided in the attached report pack.

24/38 FEEDBACK FROM CIL COMMITTEE

Cllr Green confirmed that since the last meeting the Committee had not received any further funds or issued any further payments.

Cllr Cuthbert requested that the clerk investigate whether any CIL funds should have been payable from application 02869 – a new dwelling on Lugtrout Lane. The clerk confirmed she would make further enquiries.

Clerk

24/39 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Cllr Sellars reminded members that the August Newsletter is now due to be drafted. Articles were discussed. A request was made by Cllr Beresford that the Conservation Group be provided with space for an article in the next Newsletter.

CS

24/40 FEEDBACK FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Cuthbert referred to both the running report and detailed written report, a copy provided in the attached report pack noting in particular: -

02259 & 02258 - The Beeches – Solihull MBC are currently liaising with Soho Tavern regarding their retrospective applications. Several additional matters have been raised by Planners. Responses are awaited from Soho Tavern.

00901 – Heath Farm – Application refused on 19/06/2023. Applicant will have the right to go through the appeal process.

01031 – Newlands Bishop Farm - Members of the Planning Committee are due to meet with representatives from Newlands Bishop on 19 July regarding their application for a teepee. The Parish Council have submitted a response but have been made aware that documentation has been added to and altered on the Planning website. A further response will therefore be required to reflect those changes.

DC

24/41 FEEDBACK FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP

Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that there was nothing further to report at this stage. Cllr Green confirmed that he is in the process of updating the plan based on the responses provided by residents.

24/42 FEEDBACK FROM FUNDING COMMITTEE

No further updates. Cllr Eccleston confirmed that the only application in for funds was to replace the play area at the school field. No available funding streams at present.

A possible fund from the Road Safety Trust was being investigated and it was understood that the Grants Programme would open in August 2023.

24/43 FEEDBACK FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Cllr Waring referred to his report circulated in advance and in the attached report pack. An article will go into the next newsletter asking residents for their thoughts.

Cllr Cuthbert notified members that he had recently met with the clerk to Barston Parish Council to discuss proposals they are considering regarding a solar farm initiative. After some discussion, members all agreed they would like to meet with Barston Parish Council to find out more. A meeting will be arranged.

DC

24/44 APPOINTMENT OF SARAH WHITE AS TRUSTEE TO THE GEORGE FENTHAM ENDOWED TRUST

The chair referred to his report circulated in advance. Members were all supportive of Sarah White's appointment as a trustee to the George Fentham Trust. **It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Sellars with all members in favour.**

24/45 PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE HAMPTON SOCIETY

The chair referred to his report circulated in advance and called on members to consider whether they were able to offer any support to the Society. Unfortunately, due to increasing demands upon members they did not feel able to at this current stage. The Parish Council would continue to support the Hampton Society, noting that any queries or concerns they had could be sent to the clerk.

24/46 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 and Skanska. Recently there has been a plethora of emails relating to the parking issues following the opening of Soho Tavern – these are not included here. The following are those that depart from the routine:

10/05 Saqib Bhatti – Ministerial response re MSA.
24/05 Felicity Sharp – Arden 9 Road Race
15/06 SMBC – Moving Traffic Consultation
30/06 NALC – Star Council Awards 2023

24/47 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGSSolihull Area Meeting

Cllr Cuthbert noted that he is standing down as Chairman at the next SAM but would continue to support the group as Vice-chair. The chair thanked Cllr Cuthbert for running the group so efficiently during his tenure.

Airport Consultative Committee Meeting

Cllr Sandells referred to the Noise Action Plan at is currently out for consultation, due to finish on 7 August 2023.

24/48 FINANCE

The quarterly accounts and payments for 3 months ending 30 June 2023 were accepted as **proposed by Councillor Tim Beresford seconded by Councillor Dave Cuthbert** with all members being in favour.

24/49 DATES OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting: 13 September 2023
Maintenance Meeting: 4 October 2023

MEETING CLOSED AT 9:03pm.

Reports detailed in the minutes are attached

Minutes taken and prepared by Clerk, Julie Barnes