

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

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

On: Wednesday 13 September 2023

Start: 7:30pm

End: 9:03pm.

PRESENT

Cllrs

Cllr Mike Blomer (Chairman)
Cllr Tim Beresford (Vice Chairman)
Cllr David Sandells
Cllr Ken Blanch
Cllr Cat Sellars
Cllr Roger Waring
Cllr Dave Cuthbert
Cllr Giles Cook
Cllr John Eccleston

Clerk

Mrs Julie Barnes

Public

Mrs Sheila Blomer

ACTION

24/50 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ward Cllrs Gail and Bob Sleigh.
Cllrs Green, Reid and Clayson.

24/51 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.

24/52 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

24/53 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 JULY 2023

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

24/54 MATTERS ARISING

None.

24/55 FEEDBACK FROM THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Cllr Beresford referred to his report circulated in advance.

Members discussed the proposal of installing a Basketball Practice Court on the Recreational Ground. Several size options were considered with various cost implications. Members agreed that whilst they felt it would be beneficial to provide something for the older children in the villages it was not clear if this was something residents felt strongly about and therefore felt it necessary to undertake a consultation in the first instance. The clerk will arrange and provide a QR code to Cllr Sellars to go into the next Newsletter.

**CLERK/
CS**

Cllr Beresford wished to place on record his thanks to Elliot Sellars, a resident in the village, who has been involved with helping to pull together costings for this potential project.

24/56 FEEDBACK FROM THE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Cllr Blanch referred to his report circulated in advance.

Members discussed possible noise implications from the proposed HS2 Blythe Valley Viaduct works. Further discussions were also had regarding the way in which HS2 consulted the Parish Council regarding the final design. Members all agreed that they had not felt that an opportunity had been provided to them to make any possible changes. Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that he would make Head of Planning, Mark Andrews, aware of that.

DC

Cllr Sellars referred to an email, circulated by the clerk, from Mr M Blair that had provided the council with detailed information on how to report large construction vehicles going through the village to HS2. It was agreed that information regarding the agreed route would be published in the next Newsletter so that residents were aware. The council continues to liaise with HS2, Skanska and the Quarry regarding construction related traffic.

CS

24/57 FEEDBACK FROM THE RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTWAY REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr Waring referred to his report circulated in advance.

It was noted that a copy of the footpaths had been provided to SMBC with a request that they confirm which they are responsible for maintaining. At present, a response had not been received. The clerk will follow this up.

CLERK

24/58 FEEDBACK FROM CIL COMMITTEE

In Cllr Green's absence the clerk referred Members to his report circulated to all in advance. No further queries were raised.

24/59 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Cllr Sellars confirmed that a meeting of the committee had not taken place. Articles were discussed for the next Newsletter and a deadline of 20 October 2023 was provided.

ALL

It was agreed that the Parish Council's "*places to visit*" signage in the village needed updating and Cllr Sellars confirmed that the committee would investigate that.

CS

24/60 FEEDBACK FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Cuthbert referred to the running report circulated in advance. Noting in particular: -

Lane adjacent to 351 Lugtrout Lane: large hedges had been removed. Stephen Wilkinson SMBC Enforcement had confirmed that this matter was being investigated.

Newlands Bishop Farm: Residents have been in communications with Ward Cllr Bob Sleigh and Louise Baggott, Head of Regulatory Services at SMBC regarding ongoing incidents of noise. Further meetings are to take place.

01660 Land rear of 86 Meriden Road: Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that the Parish Council had a meeting scheduled with Savills to discuss this application. That meeting is to take place on 19 September.

24/61 FEEDBACK FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP

Cllr Cuthbert referred to his report circulated in advance.

Cllr Green is currently in the process of transferring resident responses into the Neighbourhood Plan and amending it where necessary. The plan will then be submitted to SMBC for them to consider it further. **PG**

24/62 FEEDBACK FROM FUNDING COMMITTEE

Cllr Eccleston noted that there was nothing further to report at present.

24/63 FEEDBACK FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Cllr Waring referred to his report circulated in advance noting that the council recognises the importance of the issue. The last Newsletter encouraged residents to send in suggestions but unfortunately only one response was received.

The committee will meet again shortly but Cllr Waring did state that they are limited in their powers in that the Parish Council doesn't have infinite financial resources and have been advised that precept must not be used for Climate Change initiatives.

The Parish Council are currently investigating the possibility of installing electric vehicle charging points at the Recreational Ground and continue to spread awareness regarding climate change issues via their social media page.

24/64 REQUEST FROM HAMPTON YOUTH GROUP FOR PERMANENT SIGNAGE AT THE RECREATIONAL GROUND

Cllr Beresford referred to the email circulated by the clerk in advance of the meeting in which a request had been made to place a commercial sign on the Under 7s play area.

Historically, the Parish Council have not agreed to such a request. Members discussed the matter in detail, but **Cllr Beresford proposed that the request be declined due to it setting a precedent. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Sellars with all members being in favour.**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would be agreeable to the company providing a flyer which could be added to the next Newsletter run. The cost of preparing the flyer would need to fall to the company. The clerk will notify accordingly. **CLERK**

24/65 CONSIDERATION OF THE SOLIHULL ELECTORAL REVIEW

The chair referred members to his report circulated in advance. Members agreed to

maintain a watching brief at this present time.

24/66 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES PLANNING

Cllr Sandells reminded members that this year's Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday 12 November 2023. The Catherine-de-Barnes Lane road closures will mean that access to Shadowbrook Lane will not be possible during the service. A discussion was held regarding possible ways to alleviate the issue. Members agreed that in the interests of the safety of all participants and spectators, the route would remain closed for a two-hour period.

Cllr Sandells will liaise with Hampton Manor and the Sports Club to make them aware. Additional signage will be in place and extra barriers. **DS**

24/67 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. More recently there has been a substantial number of emails relating to the parking issues following the opening of Soho Tavern as well as parking generally - these are not included here. The following are those that depart from the routine:

1/08 Public Sector Executive – Why Carbon Footprints Matter.

26/08 Warwickshire Rural Community Council – Warm Hubs Workshop.

24/68 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

Skanska

The chair confirmed that the Parish Council continue to find meetings with Skanska both productive and useful. Sadly, Steve Van der Park has now moved onto another project. Our new contact is Patrick Thompson and Andi Taylor. Regular meetings will continue.

ACC Meeting

Cllr Sandells referred to a new system that would be introduced shortly called Webtrack. It has not yet gone live but when it does it will be a useful tool to track aircraft.

24/69 FINANCE

The quarterly accounts and payments for 5 months ending 31 August 2023 were accepted as **proposed by Cllr Tim Beresford seconded by Cllr Ken Blanch** with all members being in favour.

24/70 DATES OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting: 8 November 2023

Maintenance Meeting: 4 October 2023

MEETING CLOSED AT 21:12

Reports detailed in the minutes are attached

*Minutes taken and prepared by Clerk, Julie Barnes
Report pack attached.*