

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held via Microsoft Teams

7:30pm on 4 October 2023

PRESENT

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

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

Clerk: Julie Barnes

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

24/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Dan Adams

24/13 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES TAKEN ON 14 JUNE 2023

The Minutes were **approved as proposed** Cllr Mike Blomer, seconded by Cllr David Sandells.

24/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

22/15 Table Tennis Tables: - The chair confirmed that the table tennis tables would remain in their current locations. Dawsons Groundcare have re-matted the area and this action was therefore now closed. **CLOSED**

22/15 Play Area School Field: - Cllr Sandells requested that the clerk remind Trevor Honeysett to treat the wood on the play equipment over the half term period. **CLERK**

22/33 Sewerage Issue, entrance to the Recreational Ground carpark: - the clerk confirmed that the issue has now been resolved and this action is therefore now closed. **CLOSED**

24/15 THE COMMON AND THE DELL, CATHERINE DE BARNES

Cllr Eccleston confirmed that the cutting schedule was working well at The Common. No other reports.

24/16 HAMPTON IN ARDEN CHURCHYARD

Rvd. Dimes confirmed that quotations are being obtained for some new lighting along the churchyard paths. An approximate timescale for works is within the next 6 months.

Grounds Maintenance continues to be an ongoing issue and the church will open discussions with the contractor at the end of the current schedule of works.

24/17 STATION IMPROVEMENTS AND PLANTER MAINTENANCE

The clerk confirmed that planters in both villages continue to be maintained by Hampton in Arden Gardening Club and Lavender Ladies. All planters are well maintained with no outstanding issues.

No comments regarding station improvements at present other than to remind members that the Communications Group are looking to update the village signage boards.

24/18 RECREATIONAL GROUND, SPINNEY, AND VILLAGE GREEN

Sports Club

John Morgans confirmed that a lot of remedial work had been undertaken at the Sports Club since the last meeting. The subsidence claim had now been concluded and the flooring in the clubhouse had been completely replaced.

The Sports Club are looking at quotes to replace the roof at the Clubhouse and some smaller cosmetic works to the changing rooms/showers is also planned. Funding will be an issue and something the Sports Club are looking into.

Recreational Ground Carpark

The chair confirmed that the entrance to the carpark has now been resurfaced.

Spinney

The chair noted that the Conservation Group is now particularly active with more and more residents volunteering to support at various events that are being held.

Village Green

The clerk confirmed that the War Memorial had recently been sprayed with biocide to protect it during the winter months against frost.

The clerk would request that the roads and footpaths around the War Memorial be swept in readiness for the Remembrance Sunday parade.

CLERK

Under 7s Play Area

The chair confirmed that a successful funding application to the Community Infrastructure Levy had allowed works to place at the Under 7s play area to update the area and make it more suitable for all year-round play.

Roads and Footpaths

The chair noted that Cllr Waring had recently prepared a useful list of roads and footpaths within the village and that the clerk would continue to keep a watching brief to ensure they were being maintained correctly by Solihull MBC.

Tree Report

The chair confirmed that a copy of the tree report had been provided to Dawsons Groundcare who would not proceed with the actions in accordance with the Parish Council's instructions.

24/19 FENTHAM ROAD AND EASTCOTE LANE COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS

The clerk confirmed that an allotment meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 1 November at 6pm in the Parish Council Meeting Room.

The Parish Council had not been made aware of any issues.

24/20 SCHOOL FIELD AND PLAY AREA

The chair confirmed that the goal posts were in need of repair. The posts were broken, and new nets were also required.

A discussion was held as to whether the Parish Council should dispose of the posts or investigate repair or replace options. All committee members felt the Parish Council should continue to offer posts for recreational use in this area as they are well used.

Cllr Sandells confirmed he may have a contact for someone who could quote to repair and would investigate that and report further. Once two quotes are available and further costings for possible replacement are available a recommendation can be made to full council.

DS

24/21 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Cllr Eccleston confirmed that they had received no comments or concerns regarding footpaths within Catherine de Barnes.

Cllr Blomer noted that several of the streetlamps were obstructed by overhanging vegetation. The clerk confirmed she would ask for an article to go into the next newsletter to ask residents to get in touch regarding any lights that were obstructed or out.

CLERK

Cllr Reid noted that the footpath sign was missing from the end of Bellemere Road. The clerk confirmed she would notify SMBC accordingly.

CLERK

24/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Request from the George Fentham Trust for access to the water supply at Eastcote Lane Community Allotments – Orchard

The chair confirmed that the Trust wish to install a Community Orchard in the top end of the allotments, which is on Trust land. Access will be required to the water supply and the Trust have enquired whether they can have a water meter added on to the Parish Council's current supply. The Parish Council would then re-charge any costs incurred to the Trust. All committee members agreed and happy for the Trust to proceed on that basis. The clerk will notify the Trust accordingly.

CLERK

Remembrance Sunday

Cllr Sandells confirmed that all preparations were in hand. Weights may be required for the gazebo. If necessary, Cllr Sandells would order those.

DS

As detailed above (24/18) the clerk will request that the roads and footpaths to be swept in advance of the service.

CLERK

Skanska are providing barriers and have also arranged to move signage in the vicinity of the Memorial on the Friday before the service and to replace them on the following Monday.

John Morgans confirmed that all sporting events had been postponed for that date.

24/23 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
7 February 2024

The meeting closed at 8:10pm.

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