

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

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

On: Wednesday 8 November 2023

Start: 7:30pm

End:

PRESENT

Cllrs

Cllr Tim Beresford (Vice Chairman)
Cllr David Sandells
Cllr Cat Sellars
Cllr Roger Waring
Cllr Dave Cuthbert
Cllr John Eccleston
Cllr Peter Green
Cllr Alexander Clayson
Cllr Piers Reid

Clerk

Mrs Julie Barnes

Public

Anne Atkinson

ACTION

24/71 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ward Cllrs Gail and Bob Sleigh.
Chairman Mike Blomer and Councillor Giles Cook and Blanch.

24/72 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.

24/73 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

24/74 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2023

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

24/75 MATTERS ARISING

24/55: - Maintenance Committee

Basketball court project: - The vice-chair confirmed that an article had been sent out in the newsletter regarding this project and that several emails had been sent in offering support. This will be discussed in more detail at the next Maintenance

Committee.

No further comments.

24/76 FEEDBACK FROM THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Cllr Beresford referred to Minutes circulated in advance to all members noting in particular:

School Playing Field and Play Area – Goal posts.

Members are aware that the goal posts are broken. Replacement costs would be in the region of £500 each. **Cllr Beresford proposed that the Parish Council proceed to purchase new goal posts, this was seconded by Cllr Sandells with all members being in favour.** **TB**

Eastcote Lane Community Allotments

The George Fentham Trust are looking to install a sub meter at the Eastcote Lane Community Allotments (to allow water supply to the Community Orchard). A gate will also be installed to the Orchard. The Trust will be meeting the costs of this.

Dawsons Groundcare will shortly install a standpipe to allow handwashing facilities at the site.

Play Area Inspection Report

Cllr Sandells confirmed that there are several repairs required following the recent inspections. The clerk will liaise with Dawsons Groundcare and Trevor Honeysett about that.

Cllr Cuthbert enquired whether the Parish Council would be commencing weekly play area inspections and Cllr Sandells confirmed he would investigate that and arrange a schedule urgently. **DS**

24/77 FEEDBACK FROM THE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Nothing further to report at present.

24/78 FEEDBACK FROM THE RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTWAY REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr Waring referred to his reports circulated in advance.

Reference was made to the footpath from The Crescent to Hampton Green and members discussed possible ways to improve that area. Cllr Waring will make further enquiries.

24/79 FEEDBACK FROM CIL COMMITTEE

Cllr Green referred to his report circulated in advance noting that the Committee will be convened shortly to plan for future anticipated income and to agree upon the best way to utilise those sums for the benefit of the Parish.

24/80 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Cllr Sellars thanked members for their articles and noted that the November newsletter had been successfully delivered.

The next newsletter is due in February so nothing further to report at present.

24/81 FEEDBACK FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Cuthbert noted that there had been several applications, namely numbers 01969, 01616 and 01227 that the Parish Council had not been notified about. He would write to the Planning Department at Solihull MBC to clarify the situation. **DC**

Members were referred to the report, circulated in advance for additional points. Members discussed the possibility of sharing information about applications that may fall outside of the Parish but that would have an impact upon services within the village. Cllr Cuthbert confirmed he would discuss with Solihull MBC whether this was possible and engage with neighbouring Parish Councils to obtain their thoughts. **DC**

24/82 FEEDBACK FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP

Cllr Cuthbert thanked Cllr Green for his work on finalising Version 24 of the draft Neighbourhood Plan. That has now been sent to Solihull MBC for their consideration and comments.

24/83 FEEDBACK FROM FUNDING COMMITTEE

Nothing to report at present.

24/84 FEEDBACK FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Cllr Waring referred members to his report circulated in advance stating that it was his intention to prepare an article for the next Newsletter so that residents were up to date with the Parish Council's manifesto.

24/85 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY UPDATE

Cllr Sandells provided members with an update noting that all necessary road closures were now approved, marshals and barriers prepared, and all residents notified of the plans.

24/86 CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON UPDATE

The clerk confirmed that the road closure was approved, Central Fast Response booked to assist with Father Christmas and his Sleigh ready.

The Corner Shop had kindly offered to donate free mince pies, the Church Choir are singing carols, and the Hampton in Arden Pre-School will be running a stall selling light up toys.

Dave Lusty of Ebner Consultants is booked to attend the official switch on, and the lights will be in place ready to go. The event will be held on Friday 1 December from 5:30pm with the lights going live at 6pm.

24/87 CONFIRMATION OF AGREEMENT WITH HAMPTON SPORTS CLUB REGARDING A WEDDING – FORMAL RATIFICATION

An application had been received from the Sports Club for a member to use the club as a wedding facility (this included the use of a temporary marquee). By email of 28 September 2023 members unanimously agreed to the request (along with several conditions) and this was subsequently communicated to the Sports Club. **The request has therefore been approved as proposed by all members.**

24/88 CORRESPONDENCE

Most correspondence is received by email and is forwarded to members as a matter of course with the majority being routine in nature. The following are those that depart from the routine:

18/09: Sam Grimshaw – Clearing out Dave Grimshaw’s House.
19/09: Clerk – Ring and Ride.
21/09: Peter Green – Church Meeting.
03/10: SMBC – Social Value – Expression of Interest.
12/10: SMBC – Planting Our Future.
13/10: SMBC – Community Development Team Update.

24/89 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

Solihull Area Meeting

Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that NALC fees are due to increase. It was also noted that Meriden Parish Council had seen an increase in complaints regarding the 82 Bus Service.

Airport Consultative Committee

Cllr Cuthbert had recently attended a meeting where nighttime noise levels had been discussed in more detail. Members discussed this in more detail. Members of the Committee are due to meet in advance of the next ACC meeting to discuss a uniformed approach. The next meeting is due to take place on 07/12/2023.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points – SMBC

The vice-chair noted that members had recently met with Martin Schaeferbarthold of SMBC to discuss the best way to proceed with the installation of electric vehicle charging points within both villages. It was a beneficial meeting. Further information is awaited from Martin and the clerk will follow this up.

Clerk

HS2 – Viaduct Presentation

Some members had recently met with HS2 who had provided a presentation relating to the viaduct design. Members noted that whilst it was useful to know the position, they had not felt consulted upon more notified of the proposed plans. It was noted that when the planning consultation goes live the Parish Council will then be provided with an opportunity to respond.

Other Business

Cllr Eccleston noted that sadly David Burton had recently passed away. A long-standing member of the community.

24/90 FINANCE

The quarterly accounts and payments for 7 months ending 31 October 2023 were accepted as **proposed by Cllr Dave Cuthbert seconded by Cllr Roger Waring** with all members being in favour.

24/91 DATES OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council and Finance Meeting (Budget Setting) 3 January 2024
Maintenance Meeting: 7 February 2024

MEETING CLOSED AT 8:43pm.

Reports detailed in the minutes are attached

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