

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held via Microsoft Teams

7:30pm on 7 February 2024

PRESENT

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

Mr John Morgans (Sports Club)

Clerk: Julie Barnes

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

24/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Neither Mr D Adams nor Rvd. Dimes were present at this meeting.

24/25 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES TAKEN ON 4 OCTOBER 2024

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

24/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

22/15 Play Area and School Field – the clerk confirmed that Trevor Honeysett had treated the wood on the Play Area over the half term (action closed).

22/40 – The chair confirmed that he was looking into replacement goal posts and hoped to have a price on that shortly. **TB**

24/21 Roads and Footpaths – The chair requested the clerk put a post on Facebook asking residents to contact us if they see any obstructed streetlights due to overhanging vegetation. **Clerk**

The footpath sign at the end of Bellemere Road was still missing. Clerk to follow up. **Clerk**

24/27 THE COMMON AND THE DELL, CATHERINE DE BARNES

Cllr Eccleston noted that the grass cutting season had not yet recommenced. Nothing further to report.

24/28 HAMPTON IN ARDEN CHURCHYARD

In Rvd Dimes absence there was nothing to report.

24/29 STATION IMPROVEMENTS AND PLANTER MAINTENANCE

The chair enquired what the position was regarding the replacement of the Village Information Boards. The clerk noted that this matter was in the hands of the Communications Group and an update would be requested.

Clerk

The clerk provided an update on planters around the village, specifically that all was in hand with routine maintenance being undertaken.

24/30 RECREATIONAL GROUND, SPINNEY, AND VILLAGE GREEN

Sports Club

John Morgans provided an update on the Sports Club facility to include ongoing maintenance works that have taken place to ensure its long-term viability.

Padel Tennis is becoming increasingly popular, and the Sports Club Committee are looking into the possibility of installing a padel tennis court. Various locations were discussed. The Sports Club would need to put a formal request into the Parish Council.

A tidy event was planned for 17/02/2024 to clear the Petanque area (to include the grassed surrounding it).

An enquiry was made about installing a more permanent outdoor structure to face towards the Petanque area. The chair noted that it was likely that this would require planning permission.

Spinney

The chair confirmed that the Conservation Group is extremely active and undertaking a lot of fantastic work in the area. They are also currently investigating the possibility of a woodland play area.

Village Green

The chair noted that there were no issues regarding the War Memorial or Village Green, but illegally parked vehicles do continue to be an issue in that area. The Parish Council are liaising with local policing teams and the vehicle enforcement department at Solihull Council.

24/31 FENTHAM ROAD AND EASTCOTE LANE COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS

The clerk noted that all plots on the Eastcote Community Site had been relet in November with no plots unused. The Fentham Road Community Allotments had two plots ready to be issued out to those on the waiting list.

24/32 SCHOOL FIELD AND PLAY AREA

The clerk confirmed that it had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that weekly visual inspections should be undertaken. That has now commenced and is in hand.

24/33 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Catherine de Barnes

The clerk confirmed that a recent fallen tree on Ravenshaw Lane in Catherine de Barnes had led the Parish Council to request that tree officers from Solihull Council attend and undertake a review of the various trees in order that they could then write to relevant landowners to remind them of their responsibilities.

Berry Hall Lane – there is an ongoing issue regarding this Lane being difficult to pass due to there being no safe passing points. The Parish Council had asked Highways to investigate what could be done.

The Parish Council had been notified of poor road surface leading towards Catney Island. Discussions had taken place with Highways and repair works subsequently scheduled.

Hampton in Arden

Cllr Waring is looking into several footpath issues and the chair enquired whether it would be beneficial for him to join this Committee as a result. The clerk will make enquiries.

Clerk

Dog fouling remains an issue within the village. The clerk will put a post on Facebook to remind dog users and to let residents know that there is a “report it” tool on Solihull Council’s website whereby they will collect any dog waste on the public highway.

Water pooling at the bottom of the High Street after the speed cushion: - the chair confirmed that this had been noted previously but stated that it can be raised again with Highways to see if anything could be done to alleviate that.

Clerk

Marsh Lane: - the Parish Council had recently raised the issue of the poor road surface and water pooling along the stretch of road after the gate on Marsh Lane. Solihull Council had confirmed that they would liaise with landowners regarding the ditches and would also arrange for the area to be swept.

Eastcote Lane – the chair enquired whether there was any update from the investigations that were due to be undertaken following the recent vehicle collision on Eastcote Lane. The clerk confirmed she would investigate and report further.

Clerk

24/34 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The clerk confirmed she would be preparing some Terms of Reference for the Committee that would be circulated and would need to be agreed at the next Committee Meeting.

24/35 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5 June 2024

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

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