

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held via Microsoft Teams

7:30pm on 5 June 2024

PRESENT

Cllr T Beresford (Chairman)
Cllr G Cook (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr M Blomer
Cllr J Eccleston
Cllr D Sandells

Mr John Morgans (Sports Club)
Rvd Dimes

Clerk: Julie Barnes

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

25/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Reid and Waring.
Mr Daniel Adams.

25/02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES TAKEN ON 7 FEBRUARY 2024

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

25/03 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

22/40 The chair confirmed that he is looking into replacement goal posts and hopes to provide a quote for that shortly. **TB**

24/26 The clerk confirmed that the footpath sign at the end of Bellemere Road has been replaced (action closed).

29/29 Village Information Sign: the clerk confirmed that Cllr Sellars was continuing to progress this matter and hoped to have a design for consideration shortly.

24/30 Padel Tennis: John Morgans confirmed that the Sports Club Committee are meeting with Padel Tennis developers to bring together the design. Before it is submitted to planners a copy will be provided to the Parish Council. **JM**

24/33 Cllr Waring has now joined the Maintenance Committee.

24/33 Eastcote Lane: the clerk confirmed that the Parish Council has sought an update from Dean Ward at Solihull Council and will forward that to the Committee when a response is received. **Clerk**

25/04 THE COMMON AND THE DELL, CATHERINE DE BARNES

Cllr Eccleston confirmed that the first cut has been put on hold until the ground has dried out following prolonged periods of rainfall. It is hoped the first cut will take place shortly.

25/05 HAMPTON IN ARDEN CHURCHYARD

Rvd. Dimes confirmed that Dawsons Groundcare continue to strim and maintain the grassed area. In addition, a group of volunteers are working towards tidying some of the unkept graves. The church is looking for more volunteers to help with this scheme and would like an article to go into the next Newsletter.

The clerk requested some words from Rvd. Dimes.

SD

25/06 STATION IMPROVEMENTS AND PLANTER MAINTENANCE

The clerk noted that the Gardening Club continue to do an excellent job of maintaining the planters at the Station.

No further news to report.

25/07 RECREATIONAL GROUND, SPINNEY, AND VILLAGE GREEN

Sports Club

John Morgans confirmed that the Sports Club had now had new windows and doors fitted. The benches had also been re-painted.

John enquired whether the Sports Club could submit a CIL application. A brief discussion was held regarding the status of CIL funds and John was asked to submit any applications to the clerk.

JM

John reported an attempted break in at the Sports Club. Due to the installation of high-definition CCTV however the police had been able to reprimand the suspect.

The Spinney

The chair confirmed that all tree works were up to date. Woodchip supplies were limited which had stalled the footpath work. The chair was due to meet with a supplier with a view to purchasing some and would report further in due course.

TB

The Village Green

The clerk confirmed that Martin Powers would be undertaking the War Memorial clean within the next week.

25/08 FENTHAM ROAD AND EASTCOTE LANE COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS

The chair noted that following a recent inspection some of the plots on the Eastcote Lane site were unworked. Several plots were therefore expected to become available, and the Parish Council would notify residents accordingly.

25/09 SCHOOL FIELD AND PLAY AREAS

Cllr Sandells enquired when the outdoor gym equipment would be repainted. The clerk will follow up with Trevor Honeysett.

Clerk

Two play panels at the Under 7s play area require new wooden boards. The clerk will request Dawsons Groundcare undertake this work.

Clerk

The chair noted that he had also requested a quote from Dawsons Groundcare for a gravel entrance and for new matting underneath the rocking equipment. Quote awaited.

25/10 ROADS AND FOOTPATHSCatherine de Barnes

Cllr Cook noted that Solihull Council had undertaken *some* maintenance work to Berry Hall Lane but that it had not been completed. Cllr Cook would be raising the issue with Highways.

A general discussion was held regarding blocked drains along Hampton Lane. The clerk confirmed she would ask Solihull Council to investigate this issue.

Clerk

Cllr Sandells noted some possible fly tipping on Catherine de Barnes Lane. He will provide photos to the clerk so that she can investigate this matter further.

DS

Hampton in Arden

Cllr Sandells noted that overhanging vegetation along the High Street was making the public footpath unpassable. The clerk will write to the owners of the properties responsible.

Clerk

The chair referenced several Highway issues within the village, in particular the road surface on Solihull Road and at the other end of the Village (Meriden Road/New Development). Further areas included a split footpath and overhanging vegetation on Marsh Lane. All issues are being discussed with Solihull Council.

Clerk

Cllr Waring's report was discussed in detail. The clerk noted that all issues had been reported to the Rights of Way Department at Solihull Council and a follow up scheduled.

Clerk

John Morgans referred to a complaint the Sports Club had received from a Farmer on Shadowbrook Lane who was having difficulty manoeuvring his agricultural vehicles due to the overflowing parking difficulties. The chair confirmed that following the Parish Council's recent parking consultation the matter was now with Solihull Council.

25/11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Sandells stated that the Red Telephone Box on the High Street required re-painting. The clerk confirmed she would ask Trevor Honeysett to undertake this work.

Clerk

25/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
9 October 2024.

The meeting closed at 8:14pm

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