

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Held at: The Parish Office, Meeting Rooms, Marsh Lane, B92 0AH

On: Wednesday 11 September 2024.

Start: 7:30pm

End: 8:52pm

PRESENT	Councillors	Cllr Tim Beresford (Chairman) Cllr Giles Cook (Vice Chairman) Cllr Mike Blomer Cllr Cat Sellars Cllr Peter Green Cllr John Eccleston Cllr Dave Cuthbert Cllr Ken Blanch
	Clerk	Mrs Julie Barnes
	Public	Carol Grant Lesley Cable

NO

ACTION

25/46 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received and accepted from Ward Cllr Alison Rolf, Cllrs Sandells, Reid and Waring.

25/47 STANDING 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.

25/48 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

25/49 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 8 MAY 2024

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

25/50 MATTERS ARISING

25/15 – EV Charging Points. The Parish Council is maintaining a watching brief and liaising regularly with Solihull MBC regarding the possible installation of EV Charging Points within both villages.

25/41 – CCTV. Neither Cllrs Reid nor Clayson were at the meeting. The clerk will seek an update from them.

Clerk

25/51 FEEDBACK FROM THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The chair referred to his report circulated in advance.

It was requested that the clerk make enquiries with Solihull MBC as to when the next street clean would take place of Marsh Lane and the footpath from Peel Close to Fentham Road.

Clerk

Cllr Cook noted that several streetlights were covered by overhanging vegetation. The clerk requested that the number of the lamps be provided to her so that she could report it.

GC

Overhanging vegetation remains an issue causing an obstruction to the footpath on Hampton Lane. The clerk will follow this up with Solihull MBC.

Clerk

The chair noted several potholes on Lugtrout Lane and requested that the clerk notify Solihull MBC so that they can arrange their repair.

Clerk

The clerk confirmed that all plots are now let on both Allotment sites.

25/52 **FEEDBACK FROM THE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Cllr Blanch provided a verbal update to members noting in particular: -

Hampton in Arden Pedestrian and Road Safety Scheme

All speed cushions are now in place following further recent works on Meriden Road. Average Speed Cameras are in the process of being installed. The Committee will seek data information from Highways so that information can be published in our newsletters.

Parking Difficulties within Hampton in Arden

The Parish Council are aware of resident frustrations surrounding the various parking difficulties within the village and the danger that poses to pedestrian safety. Following an informal consultation with residents, a formal approach was made to Solihull MBC. They are now in the process of liaising with their legal department to arrange a formal consultation with residents before approved works may take place.

Diddington Lane

The Parish Council is continuing to liaise with residents of Diddington Lane regarding pedestrian and road safety and it is hoped that a formal meeting can take place shortly.

Catherine de Barnes Pedestrian and Road Safety Scheme

The Parish Council have received confirmation that funding is now in place between National Highways and Solihull MBC. The clerk will follow up where Solihull MBC are regarding progressing the scheme.

Clerk

Junction 6 Improvement Scheme

Members of the Committee continue to meet regularly with Patrick Thompsom of Skanska where updates on the progress of the scheme are provided and then passed onto residents.

More recently, a formal request was made for Skanska to assist with reinstating several blocked footpaths. Skanska have confirmed that they will not undertake any works that fall outside of the designated scheme but have stated that, as a gesture of goodwill, they will clear overhanging vegetation from the section located near the Birmingham Dogs Home towards the Catherine de Barnes Island. All other locations will need to be referred to Solihull MBC for their attention.

25/53 FEEDBACK FROM THE RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTWAY REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr Waring's report was circulated and in his absence the chair enquired whether members had any additional queries.

Members wished to thank Cllr Waring for his work with regards the footpaths within both villages.

25/54 FEEDBACK FROM CIL COMMITTEE

Cllr Green referred to his report circulated in advance noting that since that date, the committee had met again and therefore further information was available: -

The committee have now identified four priority major schemes likely to cost in the region of 0.5m each. These were: -

Resolution of Parking Congestions within Hampton in Arden
Acquisition of the title of Catney Village Hall by the Community and its upgrade.
Provision of Wheelchair friendly access to the north bound railway platform.
Provision of a new Parish Church Hall.

Other possible improvements and solutions were also considered.

It was noted that future CIL payments are never guaranteed.

The committee will continue to consider and further develop the proposed schemes, alongside additional options over the coming period.

25/55 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Cllr Sellars confirmed that articles for the next Newsletter will be due by no later than 16 October. It is essential that the next Newsletter is delivered promptly at the beginning of November due to it containing information regarding the Remembrance Sunday Services in both Hampton in Arden and Catherine de Barnes.

The committee are continuing to work on the improved village information signage and will report further in due course.

25/56 FEEDBACK FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Cuthbert referred to the planning reports circulated in advance, noting in particular: -

00195 – Destiny Cottage – Application refused.

01173 – Oak Farm – had this evening had received approval for the outline application. A full application will follow.

MSA: - The Parish Council are due to have a meeting on 11 October with representatives from Pegasus Group and Solihull MBC. A further update will be provided after that date.

00754 – Packington Estates: - Members of the committee have requested a meeting with Packington Estates to better understand this application. The clerk will notify Solihull MBC Planning Officers and invite Ward Councillors when a date and time has been confirmed.

Clerk

The chair requested that the clerk seek updates from Planning Enforcement on both Chestnuts Farm and Hampton Nurseries.

Clerk

25/57 FEEDBACK FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP

Cllr Green noted that the Working Group had today met with Solihull MBC. An overview of that meeting was provided to members noting that it was now felt that further amendments were required to the current draft due to the uncertainty surrounding Solihull MBC's Local Plan.

The Committee will continue to work on the draft and keep members updated.

25/58 FEEDBACK FROM FUNDING WORKING GROUP

Nothing to report.

25/59 FEEDBACK FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

Members were referred to Cllr Waring's report in his absence.

25/60 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MAINTENANCE BUDGET CONSIDERATION

Members were referred to both the Chairman's report and Cllr Waring's report before being requested to provide their further views.

Cllr Sellars enquired whether the CIL fund may be a more appropriate way to fund necessary repairs rather than increasing precept. Cllr Green clarified that CIL cannot cover "maintenance works" but could possibly fund some aspects. The committee would investigate that further.

PG

Cllr Cuthbert expressed concerns, shared by other members that it sets a dangerous precedent to increase precept, particularly when Solihull MBC are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of footpaths within the Borough and residents already pay a proportion of that cost through their Council Tax.

Members agreed that in the first instance the Parish Council should increase pressure upon Solihull MBC to undertake any necessary works that are required. Noting that some footpaths fall on private land and therefore landowners should be made aware of their responsibilities.

Given Cllr Waring's absence, the matter will be deferred to the next Parish Council meeting for further consideration.

25/61 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PLANNING

The clerk confirmed that Cllr Sandells has now submitted all necessary road closure documentation to Solihull MBC. The clerk has contacted Birmingham Sound Hire regarding the PA System, barriers and the gazebo are being managed by Trevor Honeysett and Marshalls for the event have been contacted.

**25/62 APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE FENTHAM TRUSTREE
MR G LAKIN**

The appointment of Mr G Lakin as a George Fentham Trustee was approved by all members.

25/63 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

ACC Meeting

Cllr Cuthbert provided an update on the most recent Airport Consultative Committee meeting noting the groups disappointment that night flying was due to increase by approximately 25 to 30%.

Due to the increase representing a change in the current Section 106 Agreement a Planning Application will need to be submitted. The Parish Council will submit a formal response at that stage.

There is also now a noise group that will be monitoring the situation closely.

VASA – Voluntary Transport Scheme

The chair confirmed he had recently attended a meeting with VASA a Voluntary Transport Scheme. The scheme provides residents with an alternative transport method should they need assistance in attending medical appointments etc. Flyers have been distributed. Further information will also be included in the next Newsletter.

CS

25/64 FINANCE

The quarterly accounts and payments for 5 months ending 31 August 2024 were accepted as **proposed by Cllr Blomer seconded by Cllr Blanch** with all members being in favour.

25/65 DATES OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting: 13 November 2024

Maintenance Committee Meeting: 9 October 2024

MEETING CLOSED AT 8:52pm.

Reports detailed in the minutes are attached.

Minutes taken and prepared by Clerk, Julie Barnes