

**HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

*Held at The Parish Office, Meeting Rooms, Marsh Lane, B92 0AH  
On: Wednesday 13 November 2024*

*Start: 7:30pm*

*End: 9:05pm.*

**PRESENT**

**Councillors**

Cllr Giles Cook (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Mike Blomer  
Cllr Cat Sellars  
Cllr Peter Green  
Cllr John Eccleston  
Cllr Dave Cuthbert  
Cllr Ken Blanch  
Cllr David Sandells  
Cllr Piers Reid  
Cllr Roger Waring  
Cllr Alexander Clayson

**Clerk**

Mrs Julie Barnes

**Public**

**No**

**ACTION**

**25/66 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received and accepted from Chairman Cllr Beresford and Ward Councillor Alison Rolf.

**25/67 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.

**25/68 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**25/69 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2024**

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

**25/70 MATTERS ARISING**

25/41 CCTV: Cllr Reid confirmed that a quote had now been obtained. The clerk requested a copy be provided to her so that she could forward it to members for information. A report would need to be provided at the next Parish Council

meeting with a proposal seeking member authority.

**PR/AC**

25/51 Streetcare queries: The clerk explained that a productive meeting had been held between the clerk and Tammy Rowley (head of streetcare at Solihull MBC) and that all reported matters were in the process of being completed. The clerk will follow up on any areas not dealt with.

**Clerk**

25/52 Catherine de Barnes Road Safety Scheme: Solihull MBC have now requested a meeting with engineers to provide more information to the Parish Council on the detail of the scheme.

25/56 Planning: Packington Estates: Cllr Green confirmed that a meeting had been held with Packington Estates and that the Council no longer had any concerns regarding the proposed application.

25/56 Planning: Chestnuts Farm and Hampton Nurseries. Members wished to be provided with an update on the current position. The clerk will investigate and report further.

**Clerk**

25/61 Remembrance Sunday: Cllr Sandells confirmed that the Service had gone ahead as planned. Cllr Sandells thanked all those who helped to ensure the smooth running of the event, particularly all the volunteer marshals.

Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that the Catherine de Barnes Residents Association had also led a Remembrance Sunday Service in Catherine de Barnes Village Hall with Father Tom of St Alphege Church leading.

**25/71 FEEDBACK FROM THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

Members were referred to the Maintenance Committee minutes that had been circulated in advance. No further comments were raised.

**25/72 FEEDBACK FROM THE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Cllr Blanch referred to his report circulated in advance, noting in particular:

Hampton in Arden Pedestrian and Road Safety Scheme

Average Speed Cameras are in location and whilst some additional signage is awaited, the speed cameras have been calibrated and are in action.

The Parish Council continues to await the formal consultation relating to the parking scheme.

Diddington Lane being a separate agenda item.

Catherine de Barnes Pedestrian and Road Safety Scheme

Solihull MBC have now indicated that the scheme is ready for members to view. A meeting has been arranged and will take place on 5 December.

Junction 6 Improvement Scheme

The vice-chair stated that several members had attended a meeting with Skanska who had confirmed that Catherine de Barnes Lane is on target to reopen on the evening of 18 December 2024. The next meeting with Skanska will take place on 9 December 2024.

HS2

Cllr Blanch confirmed that temporary lights at Patricks Farm Bridge is now a one-way working system due to HS2 requiring some additional space whilst they complete work on the viaduct.

**25/73 FEEDBACK FROM THE RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTWAY REPRESENTATIVE**

Cllr Waring referred to his report circulated in advance. A general discussion was held regarding the state of footpaths in the area with members agreeing that both Solihull MBC and Network Rail had undertaken some essential repair work at the request of the Parish Council in recent times which was pleasing to see.

**25/74 FEEDBACK FROM CIL COMMITTEE**

Cllr Green referred to his report circulated in advance.

It was noted that a further £178,000 had been received and would appear in the November accounts. This being the first of two tranches linked to the Ash Tree Grove planning application.

The Parish Council had not yet released the £75,000 approved and held in relation to works at Fentham Lodge (GP Surgery). It was hoped that the legal issues would be resolved soon, and the Parish Council could then release the funds.

Cllr Green confirmed that there were no outstanding applications due to be considered but did note that the Committee were looking into several areas where funding could be used. Cllr Sandells requested that the George Fentham Endowed School be added to that list and Cllr Green confirmed he would do so.

**PG**

Members discussed where best to hold CIL funds. Cllr Green requested that the clerk contact Solihull MBC to ask if they could provide any advice.

**Clerk**

**25/75 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Cllr Sellars confirmed that the next Newsletter is due in February so will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting.

The Committee are still investigating the signage and will report further in due course.

**CS**

**25/76 FEEDBACK FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Cllr Cuthbert referred to his report circulated in advance.

01910 – Section 106 Agreement Birmingham International Airport: members discussed the above application noting that Cllr Sandells will apply to address Solihull MBC's Planning Committee at the appropriate time.

51409 – Motorway Service Area: Members were reminded that the current application is an outline proposal and that a full proposal will need to be submitted in due course. Representatives for the MSA have agreed to meet quarterly with the Parish Council with the next meeting taking place on 13 December. It is currently understood that works will commence towards the end of 2025 with the build lasting in the region of two and a half years.

**25/77 FEEDBACK FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP**

Cllr Cuthbert and Green referred to the report circulated in advance. Following a discussion regarding the next steps it was agreed that the draft should now be

submitted to Solihull MBC for them to provide their further comments. Cllr Green would proceed to do that and report further at the next Parish Council meeting.

PG

**25/78 FEEDBACK FROM FUNDING WORKING GROUP**

Nothing to report.

**25/79 FEEDBACK FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP**

Cllr Waring referred to his report circulated in advance.

Following an appeal in the recent Newsletter, several residents had come forward to offer their services as Climate Change Gurus. A meeting would therefore take place shortly to discuss progressing this scheme further.

**25/80 CONSULTATION ON REMOTE MEETINGS**

Members were referred to the report circulated in advance noting that NALC are seeking the support of Parish Councils to allow meetings to take place remotely (and to enable Councils to have that flexibility as a result).

**It was proposed that the Parish Council should support this proposal by Cllr Clayson, seconded by Cllr Cuthbert with all in favour.**

Clerk

**25/81 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE LAYBY ON HAMPTON LANE**

Members were referred to the report circulated in advance and were asked whether they agreed with the proposed course of action to put forward a formal request to Solihull MBC for the closure of the layby on Hampton Lane. Following discussion, it was **proposed by Cllr Cuthbert that a formal request should be submitted this was seconded by Cllr Blanch with all but one member (Cllr Green) being in favour.** The vote was therefore carried, and the clerk will submit the formal request.

Clerk

**25/82 CONSIDERATION OF THE DIDDINGTON LANE – MERIDEN ROAD JUNCTION WORKS**

Members were referred to the report circulated in advance with background information being provided by the vice chair. Following that discussion, members agreed that a formal request should be made as per the terms proposed by Cllr Blanch and agreed by residents on Diddington Lane. An application to fund this scheme would be made by Solihull MBC to the HS2 Road Safety Fund. **It was proposed by Cllr Blanch that a formal request should be made, seconded by Cllr Green, with all in favour save for two members (Cllr Reid and Clayson).** The vote was therefore carried, and the clerk will submit the formal request.

Clerk

**25/83 DEFERRED ITEM – PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MAINTENANCE BUDGET CONSIDERATION**

Members were referred to item 25/60 accordingly. A discussion was held regarding the maintenance of footpaths generally. Cllr Waring confirmed that he accepted that an increase in the precept to fund works would not be possible but that he would like to progress a scheme to replace all stiles in the Parish. Cllr Waring confirmed he would draw up a report in line with that request and submit it for consideration at a future Parish Council meeting.

RW

**25/84 CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON EVENT**

The clerk updated members as per the attached report regarding the Christmas

Light Switch on Event which will take place on Friday 6 December. Marshalls would be required for this event, and it was hoped that it would achieve an excellent turn out like it has done in previous years.

Cllrs Eccleston, Sandells and Green confirmed they would be happy to marshal.

**JE/DS/PG**

## **25/85 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS**

### WALC AGM

Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that he had recently attended the AGM at WALC. He had attended several presentations during the meeting and did vote on behalf of the Parish Council at that meeting (as was agreed by members in advance of his attendance).

### Public Rights of Way Stakeholder Group Meeting

Cllr Waring confirmed he had recently attended the above meeting and found it to be useful.

### Solihull Area Meeting

Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that the next meeting would take place on 16 January 2025 noting that Perry Wardle and Mark Andrews of Solihull MBC would be presenting at that meeting.

### Solihull Masterplan

Cllr Cuthbert wished to raise concerns over the Masterplan and the information contained within it regarding a significant reduction in parking within the town centre. Members were notified that a Consultation Event would be taking place within Solihull Town Centre during the weekend of 16 November.

## **25/86 FINANCE**

The quarterly accounts and payments for 7 months ending 31 October 2024 were accepted as **proposed by Cllr Cuthbert seconded by Cllr Waring** with all members being in favour.

## **25/87 DATES OF NEXT MEETING**

Parish Council and Finance Meeting: 8 January 2025

Maintenance Committee Meeting: 12 February 2025 (via Teams)

***MEETING CLOSED AT 9:05pm.***

***Reports detailed in the minutes are attached.***

*Minutes taken and prepared by Clerk, Julie Barnes*