

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held via Microsoft Teams

7:30pm on 12 February 2025

PRESENT

Cllr T Beresford (Committee Chair)
Cllr G Cook
Cllr M Blomer
Cllr J Eccleston
Cllr D Sandells
Cllr P Reid

Rvd S Dimes (Church)
Mr J Morgans (Sports Club)

Clerk: Julie Barnes

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACTIONS

25/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

25/26 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES TAKEN ON 5 JUNE 2024

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

25/27 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

24/30 Goal Posts: Ongoing. Hoping to have in place by Spring.

TB

25/21 School Field Fence: replacement signage installed but has been damaged again. Clerk will investigate and arrange repair or replacement.

Clerk

25/22 Remembrance Sunday: Cllr Sandells requested that the clerk arrange for the Village Green to be cut before the next Remembrance Sunday Service.

Clerk

25/28 THE COMMON AND THE DELL, CATHERINE DE BARNES

Cllr Eccleston noted that the boardwalk at The Common was damaged. Photos had been provided to the clerk who will seek a quote from Dawsons Groundcare for repair.

Clerk

25/29 HAMPTON IN ARDEN CHURCHYARD

Rvd. Dimes confirmed that the churchyard working group would start work shortly on the churchyard asking that if anyone noted any areas of concern to notify him.

25/30 STATION IMPROVEMENTS AND PLANTER MAINTENANCE

The clerk will seek an update on the village signage that requires updating. Planters in the village continue to be maintained by the Gardening Club and Lavender Ladies with no issues raised.

Clerk

25/31 RECREATIONAL GROUND, SPINNEY, AND VILLAGE GREEN

Anti-social behaviour in the village had resulted in some areas suffering from graffiti and property damage. CCTV at the Sports Club and Hockey Pitches is available. The Parish Council will access this should further instances occur and provide data to the Police.

J Morgans confirmed that the Sports Club have now sought the services of a funding advisor linked to the future installation of padel tennis courts. The project remains ongoing.

A discussion was held regarding the path surrounding the Sports Club building. The Chair presented a quote of approximately £1,450 from Dawsons Groundcare for replacing the step outside the Sports Club with an accessible ramp. It was **proposed** to proceed with these works to enhance accessibility. The proposal was **seconded** by Cllr Reid, **and all Committee Members were in favour**. The Chair will coordinate with Dawsons Groundcare to ensure the ramp meets wheelchair accessibility standards and is anti-slip.

TB

The Chair noted that the Parish Council had recently been addressing an insurance issue concerning the Conservation Group. The Chair was pleased to report that following discussions with the insurers, the matter had now been resolved, and the Conservation Group is fully covered by the Parish Council's insurance.

Memorial Bench for D Grimshaw: The chair confirmed that an agreement had been reached with The George Fentham Trust for a memorial bench to be purchased and placed by the original wildflower meadow (located near the Pond/Arboretum). The clerk will purchase the bench and invoice the Trust for 50% of the works when they are completed.

Clerk

25/32 FENTHAM ROAD AND EASTCOTE LANE COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS

The clerk confirmed that all plots are let with one resident on the waiting list.

There is a drainage issue at the Eastcote Lane site which the clerk is liaising with Dawsons Groundcare about to try and reach a solution.

Clerk

25/33 SCHOOL FIELD AND PLAY AREAS

Cllr Sandells requested the clerk send him a further copy of the recent playground inspection reports so that he can ascertain what work is required.

Clerk/DS

25/34 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

The chair noted that the drain that is beneath the carparking area at the bottom of Marsh Lane is blocked. Additionally, there is a section of road and the turning point on Marsh Lane that is silted and requires jetting. The clerk will notify the drainage team at Solihull MBC.

Clerk

25/35 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The chair noted that the Parish Council are in ongoing communication with Tom Rodgers at Solihull MBC regarding overhanging vegetation that is forcing motorists further into already narrow roads. An agreement had been reached that Solihull MBC would undertake the necessary works but have recently been notified that as this falls outside of the *normal schedule of works* additional sign offs would need to be sought. The Parish Council awaits the outcome of that.

25/36 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11 June 2025

The meeting closed at 7:58pm

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