

## HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES

*at Catherine de Barnes Village Hall*

*Start: 7:30pm*

*End: 8:50pm*

**PRESENT**

**Councillors**

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

**Clerk**

Mrs Julie Barnes

**Public**

Janet Hilton  
Sheila Blomer  
Frances Cook  
Martin Hunt

**No.**

**ACTION**

**25/107 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr John Eccleston, Cllr Cat Sellars and Ward Councillor A Rolf.

**25/108 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.

**25/109 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**25/110 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2025**

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

**25/111 MATTERS ARISING**

25/41 CCTV A second quote is awaited. The Parish Council will also write to the Landlord of the Corner Shop to seek their authority should the scheme proceed.

**PR/AC**

25/95 The chair confirmed that the Parking Consultation was scheduled to go live on Friday 21 March.

**25/112 FEEDBACK FROM THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

Members considered the report circulated in advance. No further issues were raised.

**25/113 FEEDBACK FROM THE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Members had considered the report circulated in advance; additional issues were raised as follows:

*Build Out – Hampton Lane Catherine de Barnes*

There are concerns regarding the length of the build-out. Further clarification will be sought from Highways. The Parish Council are also investigating the possibility of a need for a further speed hump prior to the build-out.

MIC

*Fading White Lines:*

Fading white lines have been noted. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting with Solihull MBC.

MIC

**25/114 FEEDBACK FROM THE RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTWAY REPRESENTATIVE**

Cllr Waring referred to his report circulated in advance. No further queries were raised.

**25/115 FEEDBACK FROM CIL COMMITTEE**

Cllr Green referred members to his report circulated in advance noting a recent approval of funding for a litter picking kit for Hampton in Arden Parish Council.

The Committee had also authorised CIL funding in principle for a condition survey for the Village Hall in Catherine de Barnes.

Cllr Green confirmed that the Committee had received a further application from The George Fentham Endowed School for replacement IT equipment in the region of £30,000. The Committee would consider that request in due course.

**25/116 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Cllr Sellars was absent from the meeting. The clerk noted that Cllr Sellars had confirmed that she was engaging the services of Paul Howard Design to draw up a replacement sign. Further information would be circulated in due course.

CS

**25/117 FEEDBACK FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Cllr Cuthbert referred to the running report circulated in advance, noting in particular:

00037 104 Lugtrout Lane: Planners are awaiting further reports before referring it to Committee on or around 02/04/2025.

00113 Heath Farm 26 Henwood Lane: The current building does not match approved plans. Enforcement is investigating the issue.

Oak Farm: The Urban Design Department have objected to the current application and have requested extensive changes.

Cllr Cuthbert provided members with an update on the Local Plan; the recent Call for Sites and the recent categorisation of Grey Belt within the National Policy Framework (NPPF).

Cllr Green confirmed that he would now be the liaison with The Hampton Society on any planning issues.

**25/117 FEEDBACK FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP**

Cllr Green referred to the report circulated in advance confirming that Version 28 is now being prepared in order that it can be submitted for review.

An overview was provided to members regarding the NPPF, the recategorisation of Grey Belt and the potential impact that may have on the Parish.

Cllr Green confirmed that *Grey Belt* had been devised by the current Government to enable planning to be granted without the usual Green Belt caveats.

Cllr Green noted that the Parish Council have not been able to establish how *Grey Belt* will be differentiated from traditional Green Belt by Solihull MBC so it is difficult to establish now what land within the Parish might fall into this new category. Further information is awaited.

**25/118 FEEDBACK FROM FUNDING WORKING GROUP**

Nothing to report.

**25/119 FEEDBACK FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP**

Cllr Waring referred to his report circulated in advance. It was noted the positive impact the introduction of *Climate Change Gurus* had had, and it was intended that further information would be made available to residents at the upcoming Summer Festival.

**25/120 WEST MIDLANDS CYCLE HIRE SCHEME**

The chairman referred to his report circulated in advance. Members considered the request but raised concerns over the lack of cycle footpaths and safe travel equipment for a scheme that is usually considered in an urban setting. Furthermore, the Parish Council would need to ascertain demand for such a project. The matter will be deferred until further information from residents has been obtained. An article on this issue will go into the next Newsletter.

CS

**25/121 GREEN HOME INTRODUCTION**

The chairman referred to his report circulated in advance providing members with an overview of David Chapman's recent presentation to the Parish Council. Members discussed the scheme in further detail. It was agreed that the Climate Change Working Group would pick this up.

RW

**25/122 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME UPDATE & OUTCOME**

Members referred to the chairman's report circulated in advance. Cllr Cuthbert requested that the matter be deferred until he had met further with VASA.

**25/123 SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION REQUEST**

Members were referred to the chairman's report circulated in advance. Members unanimously agreed that the installation of solar panels at the Scout and Guide Head Quarters was a positive addition, **and it was accepted as proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Clayson with all members being in favour.**

**25/124 ANNUAL VILLAGE ASSEMBLY MEETING PREPARATION**

The chair referred to his report circulated in advance reminding members of the

agenda and requested that Committee Chairs provide the clerk with their reports by no later than 31 March.

**ALL**

The clerk will check the distribution round with Cllr Sellars. The clerk will also ask local businesses to display a copy of the flyer.

**Clerk**

Some discussion was had regarding the title of the meeting and how more information could be issued to ensure that the residents of Catherine de Barnes also knew the meeting applied to them. The clerk confirmed she would put something out on social media.

**Clerk**

## **25/125 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS**

### *Airport Consultative Committee Meeting*

Cllr Sandells referred to a recent Airport Consultative Meeting that he had attended. Discussions were ongoing about how those meetings could be better utilised to ensure communities and Parish Council's are being fully updated.

### *Solihull Area Meeting*

Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that the next Solihull Area Meeting would be taking place on 1 May. Cllr Cook confirmed he would like to attend.

## **25/126 FINANCE**

The quarterly accounts and payments for 11 months ending 28 February 2025 were accepted as **proposed by Cllr Cuthbert seconded by Cllr Reid** with all members being in favour.

Cllr Sandells requested that the clerk provide further information regarding the type of accounts the Parish held to ensure the safety of the same.

## **25/127 DATES OF NEXT MEETING**

Annual Village Assembly 29 April 2025

Annual General Meeting: 14 May 2025

***MEETING CLOSED AT 8:50pm***

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

*Minutes taken and prepared by Clerk, Julie Barnes*