

Hampton in Arden Parish Council
Community Infrastructure Committee Meeting
17 November 2025 at 10:30am

In attendance

Cllr Green (Chairman)
Cllr Cook
Cllr Eccleston

Clerk: Julie Barnes

No.	Notes	ACTION
1	Review of the Chairman's Report to the Committee It was noted that Cllr Beresford had sent his apologies in advance due to being on holiday. The Chairman referred to his report circulated to all in advance for information purposes. Attached to these Minutes for reference.	
2.	Up to date Financial Report for the CIL Fund A copy of the Financial Report had been circulated to all members in advance. The report was approved as proposed by Cllr Eccleston and seconded by Cllr Cuthbert with all members being in favour.	
3	Review of all applications received since the last Parish Council Meeting: The following applications have been received since the last Parish Council Meeting with the following outcomes on behalf of the Committee: Application from Hampton in Arden Sports Club approx. £75k Rejected The application was rejected on the basis that approving it would set a precedent, particularly as it involved funding for a privately owned business, a grey area that would be difficult to regulate. An appeal was submitted and subsequently reconsidered by the Committee, but the decision to reject was upheld. The Committee noted that the applicants	

	did not dispute their intention to make the area available for community use; however, concerns about precedent and the distinct circumstances of the application remained overriding factors. Kissing Gates. Approx £12k. Referral to Full Council. Recommendation to Accept. The Committee discussed the request for funding for kissing gates and a separate sum for vegetation clearance. It was noted that vegetation clearance was not an appropriate use of CIL funds. While the kissing gates did not constitute an urgent health and safety requirement, they would provide an improvement that would benefit elderly and infirm residents within the parish. After considering the principle involved, the Committee agreed to refer the matter to Full Council with a recommendation for approval. Solihull MBC advised that funding from them would only be supported where there was an urgent health and safety need or risk. Cllr Waring will speak with the landowners to secure their agreement in advance of any works being undertaken, after which the landowners would assume responsibility for ongoing maintenance. Quotes for the proposed works have already been obtained.	
4.	Any Other Business Catherine de Barnes Village Hall: The Committee is awaiting a formal request from the Village Hall Trustees before any further action can be taken. CCTV: The Committee are awaiting a formal request from Cllrs Reid & Clayson. Hampton-in-Arden Railway Station: Funding efforts continue in relation to the lack of step-free access at the station. Various letters have been issued by the main parish council, all parties involved acknowledge the importance of securing funding and express their support. At this stage, no request has been made for the use of CIL funds for this project.	

CIL Report attached.



Mrs Julie Barnes
Clerk & Financial Officer
Hampton in Arden Parish Council

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CIL Summary to date

Received since inception of scheme in 2017 - **£504k**

Spent to date - **£204k**

Available - **£300,000.**

Commentary

- **GF School IT Equipment (£33k)** – Paid.
- **Padel Tennis (£75k)** – Rejected.
- **Kissing Gates (circa £12k)** – Approved by CIL Committee - On hold pending full PC review of principle.
- **Catney Village Hall** – On hold pending PC confirmation of strategic direction.
- **Security Cameras Marsh Lane (circa £5k)**– On hold pending submission of an application.
- **Church Clock (circa £3k)** - On hold pending submission of an application.
- **Church Lighting (circa £15K)** - On hold pending submission of an application.
- **Provision of wheelchair friendly access to the north bound rail platform** - On hold; awaiting any update from Robin Etherington’s campaign.
- **Provision of a new Parish Church Hall** – On hold pending submission of an application.
- **Footpath lighting – Fentham Road to Peel Close** - On hold pending submission of an application.
- **Support for parking, Marsh Lane** – On hold pending submission of an application/agreement on a solution.

Cllr Peter Green

Chairman of the Community Infrastructure Committee.