

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held at The George Fentham Meeting Rooms on
WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2025
AT 7:30pm

AGENDA FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. Public Participation.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting.
5. Matters arising from the above meeting.
6. Co-option for vacant Parish Council position.

Committee Updates

7. Feedback from Maintenance Committee.
8. Feedback from the Major Infrastructure Working Group.
9. Feedback from the Rights of Way and Footway Representative.
10. Feedback from CIL Committee.
11. Feedback from the Communications Committee.
12. Feedback from the Planning Committee.
13. Feedback from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.
14. Feedback from the Greener Hampton & Catney Working Group

Other Business

15. George Fentham Trustee, Parish Council representative appointments.
16. Hampton in Arden Train Station – Infrastructure/lack of disabled access.
17. Hampton in Arden Sports Club – Planning Application for Padel Courts, Lease & Community Use Agreement consideration.
18. Hampton in Arden Sports Club – Request for Village Ball.
19. TRO – Catherine de Barnes – Plans for consideration.
20. Village Film – Hampton in Arden History Group – Ratification Item
21. Village Signage – Consideration and approval by members.

22. Flag Policy for consideration. Request from a member of the public to install a flagpole on the Village Green in Hampton in Arden.
23. Solihull MBC Humanitarian Emergency Planning Assistance.
24. Parish Council response to Solihull MBC Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) Consultation.
25. Christmas Light Switch on Event – Hampton in Arden.
 - b) Request to hold a licenced bar to sell Mulled Wine (Pre-School).
26. Reports from other meetings:
 - b) Meeting with SMBC Highways
 - c) Hampton in Arden Village Planning Meeting
 - d) Parish Council Meeting with the Hampton in Arden Parking Group
 - e) Meeting with representatives regarding the MSA.
 - f) Meeting with Ward Councillors regarding disabled access at Hampton in Arden Train Station.
 - g) Any other meetings
27. Finance:

Quarterly Accounts
Payment Approvals (spreadsheet sign off); and
Up to date CIL position.
28. Date of next meeting: 7 January 2026 (budget setting meeting).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Julie Barnes', is written above the printed name.

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

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

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

On: Wednesday 17 September 2025

Start: 7:30pm

End: 8:20pm

PRESENT	Councillors	Cllr Tim Beresford (Chairman) Cllr Giles Cook (Vice Chairman) Cllr Cat Sellars Cllr Peter Green Cllr Ken Blanch Cllr John Eccleston Cllr Piers Reid Cllr Roger Waring Cllr Alexander Clayson
	Clerk	Mrs Julie Barnes
	Public	4 residents in attendance.

NO.		ACTION
26/50	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Received and accepted from Cllr Dave Cuthbert and Cllr David Sandells.	
26/51	STANDING DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - John Eccleston: President of Sports Club. - Dave Cuthbert: chair of the Catherine de Barnes Residents Association and Trustee of Catherine de Barnes Village Hall.	
26/52	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None.	
26/53	APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD 16 JULY 2025 The draft Minutes taken and prepared by Julie Barnes were approved as proposed by Cllr Sellars, seconded by Cllr Clayson with all members being in favour.	
26/54	MATTERS ARISING 26/11 Overgrown Vegetation: This remains an ongoing issue with several areas in the Parish being followed up with the Public Realm department at Solihull Council. 26/44 Pargeting: The Parish Council continues to await a response from Solihull Council's Heritage Officer. 26/45 Scout & Guide Lease: The appendix has now been signed by both parties and attached to the lease as agreed. 26/46 Fentham Road Community Allotments Water Supply: The chair is continuing to investigate ways in which to get a water supply at the site without	Clerk

incurring the substantial costs quoted by Severn Trent Water.

TB

26/55 POLICIES FOR APPROVAL

Members considered both the IT policy and social media policy circulated in advance and contained within the report pack.

It was proposed by Cllr Sellars to adopt both policies. This was seconded by Cllr Green with all members being in favour.

26/56 FEEDBACK FROM THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The chair referred to his report circulated in advance no comments were raised.

26/57 FEEDBACK FROM THE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Cllr Blanch referred to his report circulated in advance.

Cllr Cook confirmed that National Highways had now issued a new digital booklet detailing the road closures and works being undertaken in the vicinity. The clerk confirmed she would circulate this online.

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Solihull Road Closure: The chair requested that the clerk investigate the exact dates that Solihull Road would reopen for over the festive period.

Clerk

26/58 FEEDBACK FROM THE RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTWAY REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr Waring referred to his detailed report and clarified that the Parish Council does have authority to carry out improvement works within the Parish. He emphasised that this does not alter Solihull Council's responsibility to maintain the land within its remit.

Members had no further comments for Cllr Waring.

26/59 FEEDBACK FROM CIL COMMITTEE

Cllr Green referred to his circulated report and advised that the Committee would be convened shortly to review several recent applications. He noted that some of these may require further guidance from full council, which would be sought in due course.

It was further noted that additional members for the Committee would be welcomed.

26/60 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Cllr Sellars referred to the Minutes circulated from the recent committee meeting. No comments were raised upon the same.

The next Newsletter is due to go out in early November. Articles are requested by no later than 10 October.

ALL

26/61 FEEDBACK FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

In Cllr Cuthbert's absence the clerk referred to the planning report contained within the report pack. The chair highlighted the following issues:

01404 Woodhouse Farm, Catherine de Barnes: The Parish Council have objections to this application and will be submitting a response in due course.

01572 Old Station Road: The Parish Council have arranged a village meeting that is to take place on 03/10/2025 at the Fentham Hall at 6:30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss with residents the various planning issues that the Parish faces and the ways in which we can work together to protect it. The Parish Council have obtained an extension until 13/10/2025 and will be submitting a response following the upcoming village meeting. It was noted that Saqib Bhatti MP and Ward Councillors Sleight and Rolf will attend that meeting.

The Parish Council had now received a revised application in on Ashtree Grove and would be considering that further in due course.

Cllr Cook noted that Oak Farm had recently been approved but it was understood that various issues were raised and therefore a watching brief will be maintained on that application.

The chair noted that whilst not in our Parish, it should be noted that the outcome of the Chestnuts Farm appeal had now been received with 5 appeals being considered separately. Further information regarding the outcome of those appeals is located within the attached report pack with parts being allowed and others dismissed. The farm has a period in which to comply with the appeal outcomes.

26/62 FEEDBACK FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP

Cllr Green reported that the Neighbourhood Plan comprises three elements: the draft Neighbourhood Plan, the Basic Conditions Statement, and the Consultative Statement. He advised that Solihull Council has now formally accepted both the Consultative Statement and the Basic Conditions, and the next step is to finalise the draft Neighbourhood Plan. A watching brief will be maintained to gather any further information before the Neighbourhood Plan is submitted.

26/63 FEEDBACK FROM THE GREENER HAMPTON AND CATNEY WORKING GROUP

The group had nothing to report at present. Jane Humprey's had organised a successful visit to Sherborne Recycling Centre with several residents attending that visit. Juliet Main is in the process of arranging meetings with parish organisations and further updates will be available at the next Parish Council meeting.

The chair thanked both Jane and Juliet for all their hard work in this working group.

26/64 PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES – THE GEORGE FENTHAM TRUST

The chair noted that the Parish Council appoints 3 representatives to The George Fentham Trust. In recent times Greg Lakin had resigned from that position and more recently he had also resigned from his position as both Vice-Chair and Trustee. The Trust are therefore advertising for two vacant positions. The Parish Council have requested sight of any applicants, prior to interviews taking place.

26/65 SOLIHULL COUNCIL STREETCARE – UPDATE TO MEMBERS

The chair wished to update members that Solihull MBC's streetcare department have notified the clerk that pavement sweeps will now take place on a "request only basis". This system relies on residents notifying Solihull MBC who will then undertake an inspection before agreeing whether to undertake the sweep.

26/66 ROAD CLOSURES (SOLIHULL ROAD AND CATHERINE DE BARNES

LANE)

Both Solihull Road and Catherine de Barnes Lane will close from 22 September 2025 until 23 January 2026 to enable remedial works to the steel bridge to be undertaken. The Parish Council understands that Solihull Road will reopen over the Festive Period but no clarification on the exact dates has been provided.

The Parish Council have raised residents' concerns over this closure directly with National Highways.

26/67 CCTV – THE CORNER SHOP

The chair noted that quotes in the region of £4,000 had now been obtained and confirmation of authority to proceed offered by the owner of the Corner Shop and its tenant. Members were reminded that a decision on whether to proceed had not yet been agreed and **it was therefore proposed by Cllr Clayson to proceed with the installation of CCTV in this vicinity. Cllr Reid seconded this proposal with all members being in favour.**

Cllrs Clayson and Reid will now proceed to draft a formal application to the CIL Committee for funding. **AC/PR**

26/68 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PLANNING

Cllr Sandells was not present at the meeting. The clerk will follow up with him about the necessary road closure paperwork. The clerk confirmed that a PA system had been hired for the event and Central Fast Response booked to attend to support.

The clerk would arrange for the Tommy to be erected, contact marshals, arrange for road closure signs to go out and organise village organisation wreaths. **DS/Clerk**

26/69 HAMPTON IN ARDEN SOCIETY'S SHOWCASE EVENT

The chair confirmed that the Parish Council would be hosting a table at the upcoming Showcase Event. The chair confirmed he would be in attendance alongside Cllrs Clayson, Blanch and Reid.

The chair confirmed that a representative from the Greener Hampton & Catney Working Group would also be present.

26/70 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

Cllr Waring reported on a recent Public Rights of Way meeting with Paul Tovey of Highways, Solihull MBC. Discussions included the condition and replacement costs of boardwalks, with some concern expressed about the way forward. It was noted that the Packhorse Bridge is weakened on both sides, and that an attractive stone rebuild could be a potential option for the future.

Cllr Cook confirmed that the next meeting with Skanska would take place on 06/10/2025.

26/71 FINANCE

The clerk referred members to the financial report circulated in advance.

Payments for the last 2 months were authorised by the Chairman in accordance with the Parish Council's Financial Regulations.

Members received the outcome of the Audit undertaken by Moore UK with a copy

of the external auditor's report contained within the attached report pack. The Notice of Conclusion of the Audit has been posted on our website.

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

26/72 DATES OF NEXT MEETING
Parish Council Meeting: 19 November 2025

MEETING CLOSED AT. 8:20pm.

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Clerk to the Hampton in Arden Parish Council

**Parish Councillor Vacancy
Recommendation to appoint John Ainsworth**

Following Cllr Mike Blomer's decision to step down from the Council, we currently have a vacancy that we need to fill.

As this is a mid-term vacancy, and following an uncontested election for the post, the current councillors can co-opt a replacement with the person appointed serving until the end term of our current period of office in May 2027.

The vacancy was therefore advertised and whilst we received 3 applications one applicant decided to withdraw for personal reasons before interviews could take place.

The remaining two applicants were Jane Humpreys, who many of you will already know as she is a member of our Greener Hampton and Catney Working Group, and John Ainsworth.

By coincidence both have a science/medical background and are both retired and so have time to commit to becoming active members.

The Chair and Vice-Chairman recently met with both applicants for an informal discussion/interview and whilst they were both great candidates, they have agreed they would like to recommend to members the appointment of John Ainsworth.

The reason for choosing John over Jane was that they felt Jane was already doing an excellent job with the Greener Hampton and Catney Working Group and further felt the PC would benefit more if Jane stayed focused on this until it was more established.

They also felt John had the time, inquisitive nature as well as an interest in matters around conservations, planning and the airport that would be of great benefit to the PC.

Members are provided with both applicant's personal statements (under separate cover) and are asked to consider the above information provided by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to the Parish Council.

Members are reminded that even though a preference has been expressed, the formal decision to co-opt must be made by a majority vote of members present and a vote will be undertaken during the Parish Council Meeting.

Once the vote has been concluded and a resolution passed, the successful candidate, if present, can sign a Declaration of Office and take a seat as an appointed Parish Councillor.

Members are asked to consider the proposal put to them by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman during the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 19 November 2025.

Wards

The vacancy is for the Hampton in Arden Ward.

The Parish Council have been advised by the Monitoring Officer that to change members between wards they would need to resign from their position which could ultimately trigger an election.

The intention is therefore to appoint John to the Hampton in Aden Ward until the expiry of the current term in May 2027.

Cllr Beresford Cllr Cook
20 October 2025

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

7:30pm on 15 October 2025

PRESENT

Cllr T Beresford (Committee Chair)
Cllr J Eccleston
Cllr D Sandells
Cllr P Reid
Mr G Holway "GH"
(Sports Club Representative)

Clerk: Julie Barnes

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACTIONS

26/15 TO CONSIDER AND RECEIVE APOLOGIES
Mr D Adams & Rvd. Dimes.

26/16 TO CONSIDER MINUTES TAKEN FROM 11 JUNE 2025
The Minutes were **approved** by Cllr Beresford as proposed Cllr Eccleston, **seconded with all in favour.**

26/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

26/05 Goal Posts New goal posts have now been purchased; Trevor Honeysett has been asked to build and secure them as well as remove the old one that remains.

25/30 Village Signage Board (Train Station) The clerk now has a proposed draft for approval. It will be circulated to members for any comments. The clerk is investigating the best way of proceeding with installation via London Northwestern.

Clerk

25/31 Paving Slabs outside Sports Club An updated quote is yet to be obtained from Dawsons Groundcare.

TB

25/34 Marsh Lane The chair noted that the culvert will need jetting. The clerk to request this from Solihull Council's drainage team.

Clerk

26/09 Boules Pitch Lighting GH confirmed he would pick this and investigate what the up-to-date position was.

GH

26/10 Community Allotments. The chair explained that the cost of installing a Water Supply at the Fenthams Road Community Allotment Site was more than £7,000. That price did not include any of the grounds works that would also be required and would bring the total costs in at more than £13,000. An alternative quote is being investigated.

TB

26/18 THE COMMON AND THE DELL, CATHERINE DE BARNES

Cllr Eccleston confirmed that the end of season cut was due to be undertaken shortly but there were no concerns to report.

26/19 HAMPTON IN ARDEN CHURCHYARD

No report from Rvd. Dimes.

The clerk noted overhanging vegetation from the churchyard impacting the footpath and would notify the church so that they could arrange for this to be cutback.

Clerk

26/20 STATION IMPROVEMENTS, VILLAGE SIGNAGE AND PLANTER MAINTENANCE

The Committee noted the comments made regarding village signage in 25/30 above. No further reports regarding planter maintenance.

26/21 RECREATIONAL GROUND, SPINNEY, AND VILLAGE GREEN

Sports Club/Recreational Ground

GH confirmed that the hedge had recently been cut, and all was in order.

Discussions are ongoing regarding the installation of a storage container next to the existing green shed to house the Conservation Group's equipment. A quote is awaited from Dawsons Groundcare to prepare the base and install the container. GH explained that he is speaking with a contact who may be able to provide a container and will update the Committee in due course.

GH

Costs for purchase and installation were looking to be in the region of £2,500.

The Spinney

The Conservation Group continue to do an excellent job of maintaining The Spinney. A working group led by Michael Abbott is also doing an excellent job of creating and maintaining footpaths within it.

Village Green

The War Memorial has had a full clean and been repointed in readiness for Remembrance Sunday. The area will have a full footpath and road sweep, and Cllr Sandells has asked Dawsons to trim the Green the weekend before also. Tommy has now been put in place.

Christmas Light Switch on Event

The switch on event will take place on Friday 5 December. The clerk has asked Ebner Consultants to provide a quote for additional lights to be attached to our current offering.

26/22 SCOUT & GUIDE HUT

The chair confirmed that Solar Panels are now in place.

Trevor Honeysett has put a temporary fence in place where an existing gate had been but the posts had rotted and is no longer needed with a more permanent solution due to be done shortly.

26/23 FENTHAM ROAD AND EASTCOTE LANE COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS

The Committee noted the comments regarding the water supply at the Fentham Road Community Allotments in 26/10 above.

The clerk raised a concern regarding a plot holder at Eastcote Lane Community Allotments who had failed to properly cultivate their plot in accordance with the Contract. It was agreed that the Committee would write to the plot holder highlighting the concerns and asking that, should they wish to continue, they provide a breakdown of their plans for the next growing season.

Clerk

26/24 SCHOOL FIELD AND PLAY AREAS

Cllr Sandells provided an overview of the recent Play Area Inspection that had been undertaken by RoSPA. Several advisories were noted for action, the majority of which could be referred to Trevor Honeysett. The clerk will check that Trevor has capacity and action.

Clerk

Cllr Sandells explained that the cargo net on the school play area swing required replacement and that he would arrange for a quote to be obtained.

DS

26/25 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

It was noted that Solihull Council no longer sweep footpaths on a schedule. It is now on a request only basis. This has been highlighted to residents in our Newsletter.

Cllr Sandells noted overhanging hedges on Old Station Road that require cutting back. The chairman requested he send a photograph to the clerk so she could action.

DS

26/26 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Referral from Full Council: Request to consider installing Solar Powered CCTV in the Recreational Ground:

The Committee considered the request in more detail. Concerns were raised regarding the various entry and exit points and therefore the number of locations that CCTV would need to be installed to be effective. It was agreed to maintain a watching brief on anti-social behaviour at this stage before considering further whether it would warrant the significant cost of installing CCTV in this area.

Cllr Sandells requested that a call out for more marshals for the Remembrance Sunday service be put on Facebook.

Clerk

26/27 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11 February 2026 at 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 8:20pm.



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

Major Infrastructure Working Group

The Major Infrastructure Working Group meets regularly with both Solihull MBC and representatives from National Highways, Skanska and HS2. Members of the Group also attend Meriden Quarry Liaison meetings and meet with any interested residents who may have concerns about issues that directly affect them.

Updates for November Parish Council Meeting 19 November 2025

HS2

The recent HS2 exhibition in the Fentham Hall gave details of the construction programmes for the major structures in or close to the parish. Of particular concern is the on-going construction of the River Blythe Viaduct that crosses Meriden Road. Construction of the viaduct piers close to Meriden Road is under way and is expected to be complete early in the new year. The next activity will be to crane in the precast concrete beams for the viaduct over Meriden Road. At a meeting between the group and Paul Tovey of Solihull MBC on 9/10, it was confirmed that this work would require some overnight closures.

Speed Cameras in Hampton in Arden

The group are awaiting data from Solihull MBC/Solihull Police so that it can be relayed to residents. The Parish Council have been notified that the Average Speed Cameras are proving effective and that several fines have been issued.

Overhanging Vegetation within the Parish

The group continues to highlight several areas that require substantial works being undertaken to tackle overgrown vegetation. Following a period of significant communication, works were recently undertaken on Marsh Lane and Solihull Road.

There remains an issue with overgrown vegetation affecting several streetlights and the group are continuing to work with Solihull Council on this issue.

Parking in Hampton in Arden

Cllrs from the group recently met with the Hampton in Arden Parking Group. Further details of that will fall under reports from other meetings. The Parish Council are subsequently in the process of arranging a meeting with interested parties to facilitate discussion regarding practical ways in which to tackle the ongoing concerns related to parking in the vicinity of Soho Tavern and Fentham Hall.

Following a detailed Parish consultation and subsequent Traffic Regulation Order legal consultation undertaken by Solihull MBC, initial measures to implement yellow lines have been agreed and engineers from Solihull MBC have marked up those locations within Hampton in Arden. The scheme will go live on **12 January 2026**.

The Parish Council does have a copy of resident responses to the recent consultation. Residents were **firmly against** double yellow lines being implemented in Hampton in Arden in the locations that were suggested, **particularly on Marsh Lane**. Whilst the Parish Council can seek Ward Cllr support to proceed and install double yellow lines on Marsh Lane within a 2-year timeframe period, they have been urged against doing so by both Solihull MBC and Ward Cllrs until initial measures have been introduced and analysed further.

Catherine de Barnes

TRO Parking Consultation

Following lengthy discussion with Solihull MBC, the group can confirm that a TRO Consultation is planned for Catherine de Barnes. Members are asked under a separate Agenda item to consider the proposed plans before returning to Solihull MBC with confirmation of their view.

The group proposes that the plan be accepted and Solihull MBC be given the Parish Council's support to proceed with the consultation.

Build out on Hampton Lane

The group has been involved in discussions with Solihull MBC for some time regarding various concerns linked to the build out on Hampton Lane in Catherine de Barnes. The Parish Council have received several complaints from residents and have been alerted to several collisions at the location.

At a recent meeting with Paul Tovey, Head of Highways at Solihull MBC, it was agreed that reflective paint would be installed and lighting in the vicinity would be increased to enhance visibility. That work has not yet taken place and a request to Solihull MBC seeking timeframes has been issued.

The Parish Council wrote to Highways on 7/11 seeking their support in considering further steps, for example, moving speed signs further up Hampton Lane, installing a speed hump adjacent to the gateway, further improving lighting and cutting back any overgrown vegetation. A response is awaited.

M42 Junction 6

Catherine de Barnes Lane Bridge has now been reopened to traffic.

Traffic management measures remain in effect on the A4545 northbound, and the Solihull Road Bridge continues to be closed until the New Year. A brief period of Solihull Road will take place during the Christmas period: 19 December 2025 to 5 January 2026.

Some concern has been raised by residents at the lack of work seemingly being undertaken. The group raised these concerns directly with National Highways and received a programme of works from them. Members may wish to consider whether it would be appropriate to write further to National Highways.

CLIs from the group attend regular meetings with Skanska and have been informed that the Rights of way clearance inside the DCO will commence around the middle of November (including footpath from Dogs Home roundabout) and that those works will be finished by the end of year.

CLIs are next due to meet with Skanska on 17/11. A verbal update will therefore be provided at the Parish Council meeting.

CLlr Ken Blanch (13/11/2025)

RE: Hampton Lane Build Out - Catherine de Barnes

From Paresh Shingadia (Solihull MBC) <paresh.shingadia@solihull.gov.uk>

Date Thu 13/11/2025 15:21

To Clerk <clerk@hamptoninardenparish.gov.uk>

Cc Highway Services (Places Directorate - Solihull MBC) <enviroh2@solihull.gov.uk>, Dean Ward (Solihull MBC) <dean.ward@solihull.gov.uk>, Paul Tovey (Solihull MBC) <ptovey@solihull.gov.uk>

Hi Julie

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding Hampton Lane and for forwarding the Parish Council's comments relating to highway safety in this area. Further to your discussion with Paul on 14 October 2025, I can confirm that the proposed reflective road marking works consist of reflective lining on the build out kerbs to make it more visible. I do not have a date, however these works will be undertaken in line with contractor availability, and the exact implementation date will be confirmed once the programme has been finalised.

With regard to the additional points raised:

1. **Relocation of speed signs** – The current sign positions have been installed in accordance with national traffic sign regulations and Department for Transport guidance. The build out and related signage have been constructed at the terminal point where the speed of the road changes from 40mph to 30mph. Under the statutory and regulatory requirements, the terminal sign must be located where the speed changes. The gateway feature is illuminated by a street lamp column and is clearly visible to drivers travelling in both directions along Hampton Lane. Relocating them further along Hampton Lane would not provide any additional road safety benefit and may reduce their effectiveness for approaching drivers.
2. **Installation of a speed hump adjacent to the gateway** – The current traffic calming measures are considered proportionate to local conditions. The introduction of a further vertical feature such as a speed hump may reduce speeds further along this stretch but may also increase the level of noise that Mr Roach comments on below.
3. **Improving lighting in the area** – Street lighting along Hampton Lane has been reviewed as part of the original design. The lighting is considered adequate for the type of semi-rural location. Additional lighting is not proposed at this stage.
4. **Vegetation clearance** – Routine inspections are undertaken to ensure visibility is maintained. Any overgrown vegetation affecting sight lines will continue to be addressed as part of the regular maintenance schedule.

I am also aware of the recent accident that was reported to us by the Parish Council. Whilst we are unaware of the contributing factors of the accident that has occurred, driver behaviour can be a factor especially if the driver ignores the priority over oncoming traffic and races through the gateway.

When we make such changes to the highway layout, we need to balance a number of factors with the aim of reducing vehicle speeds travelling through the village.

I appreciate the Parish Council's continued interest in improving road safety. While we recognise the concerns raised, the measures currently in place are considered appropriate for the location, and no further alterations are planned beyond the reflective road markings.

If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me in the first instance.

Thank you
Paresh

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From: Clerk <clerk@hamptoninardenparish.gov.uk>

Sent: 07 November 2025 09:41

To: Highway Services (Places Directorate - Solihull MBC) <~~solihull@solihull.gov.uk~~>

Subject: Hampton Lane Build Out - Catherine de Barnes

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Dear Highways

I attach an email that the Parish Council has received along with our response which is self-explanatory.

Could we ask you to confirm when the reflective paint work will be implemented. This was discussed at our meeting with Paul Tovey on 14/10/2025.

Public Rights of Way report for November 2025

M42 affected paths.

The date for reopening of M122 and M123 is now confirmed as November 2025.

I have inspected both and can see that completion is imminent.

I met with Highways representatives on 28th October to discuss access from Shadowbrook Lane.

The date for opening of other connected paths is expected to be January 2026.

PRoW review September 2025.

I have submitted an application to the CIL Sub-committee to fund improvements as detailed in my recent survey of parish PRoW. The proposal is to replace all stiles within the parish either with kissing gates, or the removal of stiles completely.

I understand that this application has been approved, subject to limitations.

I ask for support on this project. I shall provide full details, including a draft letter to occupiers and landowners affected.

The improvements suggested are of an upgrade nature rather than maintenance, and therefore fall outside of SMBC's legal responsibilities. I have the support of SMBC Highways Dept.

Maintenance.

Various requests for attention to paths have been made during the last three months, and landowners and SMBC have responded accordingly. Berkswell PC have been contacted regarding their side of the Packhorse Bridge boardwalk, and SMBC have confirmed that it will receive their attention.

Cllr Roger Waring

14th November 2025.

Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council - CIL & Funding Committee Report - Nov 2025

CIL Summary to date

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

Spent to date - **£204k**

Available - **£300,000.**

Commentary

- **Padel Tennis** - Since the last meeting we have rejected the application for £75,000 to part fund new Padel Tennis Courts at the Sports Club.
- **Kissing Gates** – The CIL Committee have recommended the award of **£10,350+ VAT** to fund the installation of six kissing gates on footpaths within the Parish. The proposal, put forward by Roger Waring, is intended to eliminate some of the more challenging stiles, and to replace them with user friendly kissing gates, thus encouraging the use of these routes by walkers. As the existing stiles are not deemed a health & safety risk, their replacement would not be funded by SMBC, as they represent an improvement. In terms of size of award this payment lies within the CIL committee's delegated powers to approve. However, as the Parish Council has not hitherto spent any CIL resources on footpath improvements, it is felt the full PC should be asked to confirm their agreement in principle.

Approximate Estimates of Future Income

- Oak Farm £300k.
- Lugtrout North £170K
- Old Station Road £400k
- MSA - ???

The challenge remains the unpredictable nature and timing of the CIL funding.

Peter Green

Chair, CIL Subcommittee

PLANNING REPORT

Date	App. No.	Details	Outcome	Decision Level	Deadline Response	Case Officer
31/10/22	02283	104 Lugtrout Lane, erection of 5 dwellings and associated landscaping. ** FURTHER EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **	Pending	PPFL	21/11/2022	Becky Matravers
12/06/24	00975	Land off Lapwing Drive, residential dwellings and infrastructure. ** EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **	Pending	PPFL	03/07/2024	Matt Preece
01/08/24	00754	Land off Patrick Farm – Application for Alternative Development.	Pending	HS2LCA	22/08/2024	Benn Watkinson
16/02/25	00286	HS2 Request for approval in relation to conditions. ** EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **	Pending	HS2DIS	-	Claire Bishop
16/02/25	00285	HS2 Request for approval in relation to conditions. ** EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **	Pending	HS2DIS	-	Victoria Lane
28/02/25	00395	HS2 Request for approval in relation to conditions	Pending	HS2 DIS	-	Claire Bishop
10/03/25	00377	Diddington Hall – external works.	Approved 25/09/2025	PPFL	31/03/2025	Rebecca Hadley
10/03/25	00378	Diddington Hall – Listed building Consent	Approved 25/09/2025	LBC	31/03/2025	Rebecca Hadley
27/03/25	00153	Land off the Grove demolition of redundant kennels	Pending	PPFL	17/04/2025	Benn Watkinson
27/03/25	00164	Heath Farm 26 Henwood Lane replacement existing bungalow.	Unknown (not determined/appeal submitted). 07/10/2025	PPFL	17/04/2025	Benn Watkinson
09/04/25	00606	Proposed Motorway Service Area – Variation of Conditions	Pending	VAR	30/04/2025	Lawrence Osborne.
25/04/25	00817	Hampton Manor. Listed Building Consent - Extension	Pending	LBC	16/05/2025	Matthew Heynes
25/04/25	00816	Hampton Manor – Proposed Extension ** EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **	Pending	PPFL	16/05/2025	Matthew Heynes
24/06/25	01265	HS2 Schedule 17 Request	Approved 05/08/2025	HS2 DIS	-	Claire Bishop
23/07/25	01344	Woodhouse Farm, change of use.	Pending	COU	13/08/2025	Benn Watkinson
29/07/25	01404	Woodhouse Farm, Catherine de Barnes. Solar Farm ** Consultation on hold **	Pending	PPFL	19/08/2025	Lawrence Osborne
30/07/25	01279	165 Lugtrout Lane, extension and decorations	Approved 15/09/2025	MinFHO	20/08/2025	Jess Coghlan
30/07/25	01324	Woodside, Solihull Road – extension works	Pending	PPFL	20/08/2025	Jess Coghlan

22/08/25	01572	Land west of Old Station Road. 130 dwellings ** EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **	Pending	PPOL	12/09/2025	Laura Taylor
02/09/25	01635	17 Hampton Green. Single Storey Extension	Approved 02/10/2025	MinFHO	23/09/2025	Nikki Moore
10/09/25	00975	Land off Lapwing Drive, erecting of residential dwellings. ** EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **	Pending	PPFL	01/10/2025	Matt Preece
16/09/25	01617	17 Bellemere Road, Tree Works	Approved 01/10/2025	TCA	07/10/2025	Percival Worsley
17/09/25	01616	53 Hampton Lane ** EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **	Pending	MinFHO	08/10/2025	Jess Coghlan
18/09/25	01324	Woodside, Solihull Road, two storey rear extension	Pending	PPFL	09/10/2025	Jess Coghlan
19/09/25	00884	Heath Farm, 26 Henwood Lane, erection of 1 dwelling ** EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **	Pending	PPFL	20/10/2025	Rebecca Hadley
23/09/25	01793	16 Lapwing Drive, single storey rear extension	Approved 22/10/2025	MinFHO	14/10/2025	Lou Randall
24/09/25	01715	Oak Farm – discharge of conditions. ** EMAIL SENT TO PLANNING BY PC **	Pending	DIS	15/10/2025	Becky Matravers
20/10/25	01954	186 Old Station Road, single storey rear extension.	Pending	MinFHO	10/11/2025	Lou Randall
05/11/25	02045	14 Foxley Drive, Catherine de Barnes, Oak Tree reduction	Pending	TPO	25/11/2025	Percival Worsley
05/11/25	02022	Bridge House, 1A, The Grove, Tree Works	Pending	TPO	25/11/2025	Percival Worsley
Appeals & other planning matters affecting the Parish:						
Enforcement Case – 20 Meriden Road		EN/2025/00020/TREE Wellingtonia Tree.				
PL/2025/00547 – Mell Square Hybrid Planning Application		Redevelopment of Mell Square and full application for the redevelopment of Phase 1 (adjacent to Morrisons Carpark).	Response submitted by the Parish Council on 27/05/2025			


Clerk and Financial Officer
Data Protection Officer
Julie Barnes

updated on 11/11/2025

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Neighbourhood Plan update.

Our Draft Neighbourhood Plan and all its associated documents and appendices have been submitted to SMBC for a **Regulation 16 Consultation**.

SMBC have confirmed that they are satisfied that the relevant statutory and legal requirements for the submission have been met. The Regulation 16 Consultation therefore went live for a period of 6 weeks from **Friday 7th November 2025** until 5pm **Friday 19th December 2025**. If it clears these hurdles it will go to independent examination.

The documentation can be viewed on the Council's website at [Hampton-in-Arden neighbourhood plan | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council](#)

Alternatively, the documents are available to view at Hampton in Arden Library, and The Core Library, Homer Road, Solihull.



Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council Report

1. Green Homes

Our recent talk to the Hampton-in-Arden Society went very well. Lesley has asked for the link to the Green Doors webinar on Thursday, and I am forwarding Phil's link so that it can be added to the Parish website.

As a result of the Society meeting, one householder attended Saturday's Green Doors event, and two local residents have now signed up for Solihull MBC's 'Solar Together' scheme.

Following the most recent event, David Chapman (Green Homes Lead for SMBC) recorded a short video interview with me, which we hope to circulate soon.

Two Green Doors events have been held at our home — on Friday 24 October and Saturday 8 November. David is planning a presentation for all residents in March 2026 at Fentham Hall.

2. Medicine Blister Pack Recycling

The empty medicine blister pack recycling initiative has been revitalised both at the Pharmacy and through the Surgery (via messages from prescribers). I now deliver a large carrier bag of empty packs each week to Boots, who forward them to TerraCycle — an organisation that has already recycled over 75 million blister packs.

Please note that St Mary's Pharmacy will accept empty blister packs for recycling even if they did not originally dispense the medicines.

3. Greener Hampton & Catney Working Group

Juliet has created a Facebook page for the Greener Hampton & Catney Working Group and designed an attractive logo. I've provided her with photographs from the Green Doors events to feature on the page.

4. Repair Cafés

We now have a second local Repair Café. The inaugural event at St John's Church Hall, Knowle, took place on 1 November. It appears to be run through Knowle Parish Church, and I am currently finding out the date of their next session.

Jane Humphreys and Juliet Main

Greener Hampton and Catney Working Group

Update on Local Nature Action Plan

November 2025

Background

As part of the wider aims and objectives of the recently established Greener Hampton & Catney Working Group, it was proposed to produce a Local Nature Action Plan (LNAP) with the aim of convening, connecting and supporting activities to protect and restore nature and biodiversity across the Parish.

We have received positive feedback on this idea from our engagement to date, and believe it will have a positive impact for residents and local groups, in terms of health and well-being as well as for nature.

This should also support the Parish Council's 'Biodiversity Duties' under the 2021 Environment Act.

Proposed principles for the LNAP

1. Focus on engaging and collaborating with existing village groups, local businesses and key nature charities such as Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and the Canal & Rivers Trust. Amplify and connect what is already being done.
2. Involve as many residents as we can – prioritise actions that will appeal to different groups including young people and younger families.
3. Be pragmatic. Only propose activities if we know how they will be funded, and who will move them forward.

A proposed three-year LNAP 2026 - 2029

Year 1 - prepare the ground

- *Gather as much baseline data on the species and habitats, and potential areas of restoration as possible.¹*
- *Engage as many local organisations as we can.*
- *Run a calendar of simple activities to grow visibility.*
- *Use available channels (chronicle, newsletters, meetings, websites, village events, Social Media) to connect with residents.*

Year 2 – quick wins

Deliver one or two projects that have support, funding (if needed), and complement what others are already doing. Gather records of activities,

Year 3 – aim higher

Think about establishing corridors or stepping stones, bigger scale rewilding with landowners, working with the Wildlife Trust on habitat recovery.

Next steps

Plan (8-10 pages) to be drafted up and shared ahead of March 2026 meeting for approval by the PC, and publication on website by April.

¹ A request has been made to the Warwickshire Biological Records Office who will provide recorded data for the Parish free of charge. Other more comprehensive data sources such as the Wildlife Trust have a cost associated so have not been progressed at the moment. Purchase of data layers is one possible expense identified related to this plan. For now it's being done based on free data.

Planned Y1 Activities to progress in parallel with the approval.

Example of calendar of events (all TBC)

Month	Communications (Parish News, Hampton Chronicle, Facebook)	Community Activity	Working Group/Meetings
January	<i>promote the RSPBs big garden birdwatch, share information on swift boxes</i>	<i>See if there is an 'early adopters' for swift boxes in a particular part of the village</i>	<i>Meet with Fentham Trust Gardening Club?</i>
February	<i>wild gardens campaign – encourage people to leave a space for nature</i>		<i>Festival Planning Committee – competition? Draft LNAP to PC</i>
March	<i>Photo of the month? Something from Beekeeping Group?</i>	<i>external speaking event with Hampton Society?</i>	<i>Produce Maps – call for a designer to help with plan</i>
April	<i>April – get something in newsletters and chronicle on 'no mow May'. Something on rainwater harvesting (apparently we are due a drought)</i>	<i>Run a Parish survey? Online and paper. Announce at the AGM. What are people aware of and what do they want?</i>	<i>Publish LNAP at AGM</i>
May	<i>call for photos of unmown gardens, add to TeamWilder</i>	<i>'Big paddle clean up' with the canoe club?</i>	<i>Engage with Church?</i>
June	<i>churchyard biodiversity survey</i>	<i>Swift awareness week – arrange talk or workshop on boxes?</i>	<i>Local businesses?</i>
July	<i>Promote the Big Butterfly Count</i>	<i>stand at Hampton Festival, something about supporting species in the heat Low food miles competition?</i>	
August	<i>Engage with local businesses and landowners for further support</i>	<i>#TeamWilder blitz</i>	
September		<i>September – garden produce swap – fruit, veg etc.</i>	
October	<i>Something about not leaf blowing</i>	<i>Family activity making bird feeders – with Hampton Society</i>	
November	<i>National Tree Week</i>	<i>Tree planting?</i>	
December			
Year round	<i>Flood monitoring, river health, see what Wildlife Trust and CRT is doing? Get ideas from community and see what people want to lead</i>		

Reports for the Parish Council Meeting to be held at The George Fentham Meeting Rooms on Wednesday 19 November at 7:30pm

Agenda Item 15

George Fentham Trustee – Parish Council Representative.

The Parish Council has 3 representatives on The George Fentham Trust. Greg Lakin resigned from his position and a vacant position has been available for some time. On 8 September Cllr Beresford resigned from his position as a Trustee to the George Fentham Trust and there are therefore now 2 available positions.

The Trust have recently undertaken interviews and now propose that the Parish Council accept: Mr John Devaney and Mr Ed Purcell as Parish Council representatives.

It is recommended that members approve both appointments.

Proposer/Seconder/Vote.

Agenda Item 16

Hampton in Arden Train Station – Infrastructure/lack of disabled access.

This item is to highlight the lack of disabled access at Hampton in Arden Train Station. Cllrs Eccleston, Cook and Cuthbert recently attended a meeting with Ward Councillors on 7/11 to discuss potential funding streams to improve disabled access.

It was agreed that the Parish Council, alongside Solihull MBC, should continue to pursue all relevant funding streams, to include: The Great British Railways “access for all” programme and City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement funding streams “CRSTS”.

Letters have subsequently been issued to all interested parties. A full report of this meeting is included in the Parish Council’s report pack.

Information item.

Agenda Item 17

Hampton in Arden Sports Club – Planning Application for Padel Courts, Lease & Community Use Agreement.

The Parish Council have previously agreed to the Sports Club building two padel courts next to the astroturf. Consideration now needs to be given to how we would like to formalise the demise of this area should the project proceed.

Unless members have other suggestions, the two alternative options would be to either grant a new lease to the Sports Club to cover this new area or to amend the existing lease to add in the area. Legal advice is being sought on the best course of action.

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In addition to the lease, it will also be necessary to realign the current path, which the Sports Club will undertake as part of their installation works.

As this could mean closing the path temporarily members are asked to consider either, if they would approve such a temporary closure or whether they would prefer that an alternative temporary path be installed for the duration of any such closure.

Proposer/Seconder/Vote.

Agenda Item 18

Hampton in Arden Sports Club – Request to Host a Ball

The sports club have requested for permission to hold a Ball on 20 June 2026 on the Recreational Ground. It would be a ticketed event with a sit-down meal.

Members are asked to consider whether permission should be granted for the ball to take place. The Sports Club would be responsible for any insurances required and would need to confirm that should any damage occur, the ground would be made good.

Proposer/Seconder/Vote.

Agenda Item 19

TRO Catherine de Barnes – Plans for Consideration

Members will note the information contained within the Major Infrastructure Working Group's report and are asked to consider the proposed plan contained within the report pack.

It is recommended that members approve the plan so that Solihull MBC can proceed to a formal consultation with residents.

Proposer/Seconder/Vote.

Agenda Item 20

Village Film, Hampton in Arden History Group – Ratification Item

Members have already approved via e-mail their willingness for the Parish Council to engage with the History Group's plan to produce a Film that covers the entire Parish.

A formal proposal/seconder and vote is now required to ratify this item for formal noting.

Agenda Item 21

Village Signage

The Maintenance Committee have now finalised the Village Signage that required updating as the current sign is out of date. Members are provided with a copy of the final design in the report pack with a recommendation from the Committee that it now be agreed and approved for installation.

Proposer/Seconder/Vote.

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Agenda Item 22

Flag Policy for Consideration – Request from a member of the public to install a flagpole on the Village Green in Hampton in Arden.

The Parish Council have received several emails complaining about the flags that were put up within the Parish and seeking their removal, whilst the majority of which have since been removed (not by the Parish Council) the Parish Council has received one request for a flagpole to be installed on the Village Green.

Members are asked to consider whether they feel installing a flagpole would be appropriate. Should members feel this is the best course of action, the Parish Council would need to produce a "Flag Policy" which provided clear instruction on the use of it.

Proposer/Seconder/Vote.

Agenda Item 23

Solihull MBC Humanitarian Emergency Planning Assistance

The Parish Council have received communication from Solihull MBC to enquire whether the Parish Council would be interested in participating in the local emergency and major incident plans in support of the Humanitarian Assistance Cell. A copy of the email dated 3/11 has been circulated to members.

A meeting is being arranged which the clerk will attend to obtain further information, and a further report will be provided to members following that.

At this stage, this is for information only.

Agenda Item 24

Parish Council's response to Solihull MBC's Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) Consultation

Members have received a copy of the email from Solihull Council relating to this consultation dated 7/11. Members are asked to consider the content of that email noting the expiry of the consultation being 19/12.

Members are asked to consider whether they wish to submit a response and, if so, whether they feel the most appropriate cause of action is to refer this matter to the Planning Committee.

Proposer/Seconder/Vote.

Agenda Item 25

Update from Remembrance Sunday Planning

Cllr Sandells will provide an overview of the event to members verbally.

Due to increased anti-social behaviour from motorists during road closures, members are asked to consider whether they would support the purchase of body-cams for Marshals to wear.

Proposer/Seconder/Vote.

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Agenda Item 26**Christmas Light Switch on Event****Request to hold a licenced bar to sell Mulled Wine by the Pre-School**

This year's Official Christmas Light Switch on Event will take place on Friday 5 December at the Village Green. Ebner Consultants will ensure the lights are in place and will attend the switch on event. Meriden Rotary Club have kindly offered to arrange Father Christmas to attend with his sleigh.

A small road closure application has been submitted, and Central Fast Response are attending to provide medical support.

Barriers will be required and several marshals to keep residents safe. Councillors are asked to volunteer to support this event.

The pre-school normally sell light up toys/cakes etc at the event to raise valuable funds for their school. They have approached the Parish Council to request authority to obtain a licence to sell mulled wine at this year's event.

The recommendation is to allow the pre-school to proceed.

Proposer/Seconder/Vote.

Reports from Other Meetings***Meeting with Solihull MBC***

The Major Infrastructure Working Group's report contains information relating to the most up to date meeting with Solihull MBC's Highways Department.

Hampton in Arden Village Planning Meeting

The village meeting held in Fentham Hall on 3/10 was attended by approximately 90 residents and was a good opportunity for residents to hear about the planning issues that the Parish is facing.

A good discussion was held with details of the meeting and a proposed response to the Planning Application for Old Station Road uploaded onto the Parish Council website.

Parish Council Meeting with "Hampton in Arden Parking Group"

Councillors met with several representatives from the Hampton in Arden Parking Group in order that the Parish Council could seek to support the group in finding a practical solution to issues with parking, noise and odour related to the Soho Tavern.

The meeting was an opportunity for the Parish Council to explain that it has been involved with ongoing discussions with the Trust, Soho Tavern, Solihull MBC and Ward Cllrs for some significant time and had been and continue to investigate every possible option to improve the situation for residents.

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The outcome of that meeting was that the Parish Council would initially seek for traffic cones to be placed out by Soho Tavern during busy periods and brought in following them and would also facilitate a meeting of interested parties to ensure that practical solutions were engaged with and maintained. Both of which the Parish Council have actioned.

The Parish Council is currently awaiting details of availability from interested parties.

Meeting with representatives regarding the MSA

A verbal update will be provided during the meeting.

Meeting with Ward Cllrs regarding disabled access at Hampton in Arden Train Station

A separate report is contained within this report pack for members information.

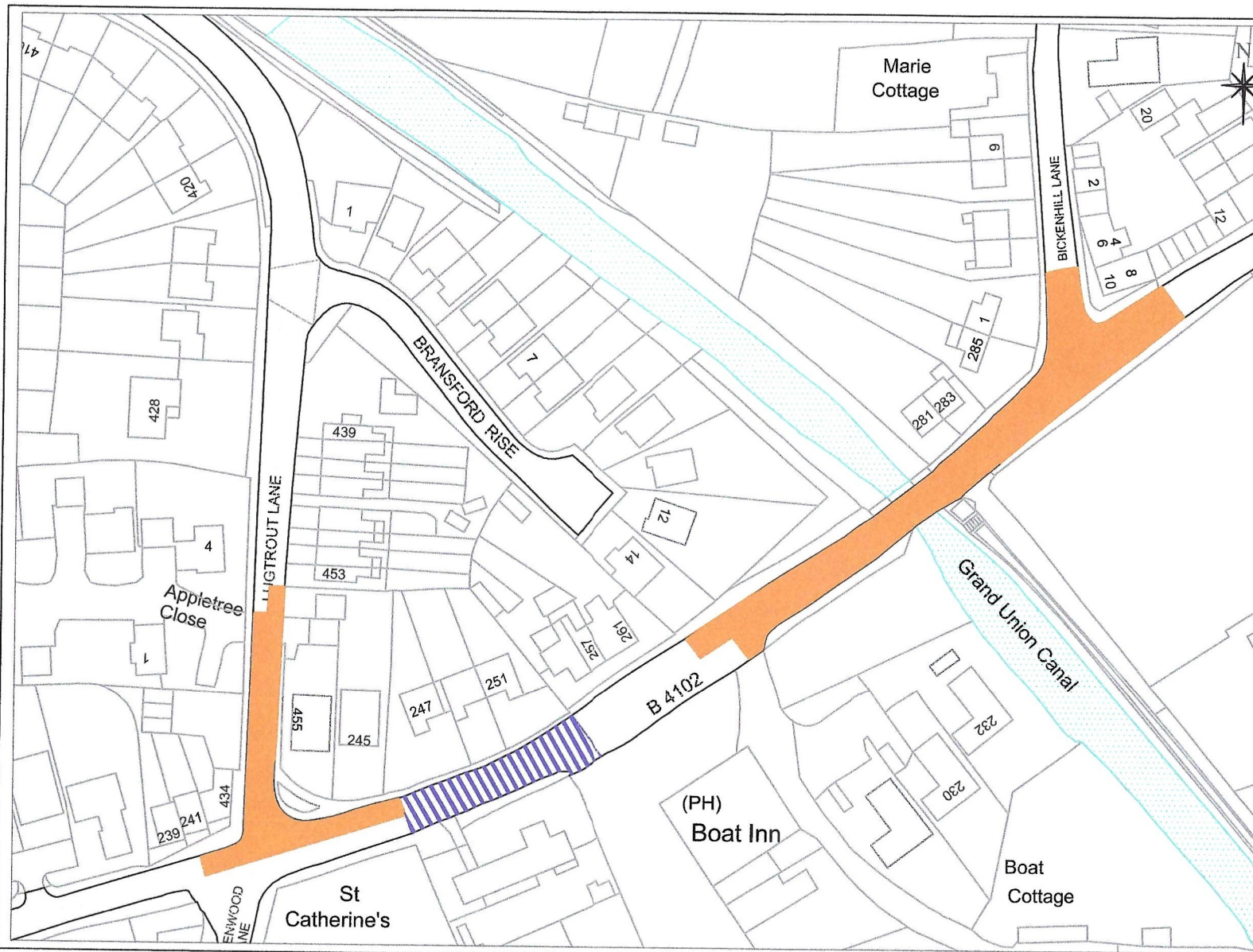
Any other meetings:

Verbal reports to be provided.

Julie Barnes, Clerk, Hampton in Arden Parish Council
13/11/2025

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Key



Existing Zebra Crossing



Proposed 'No Waiting at any Time' restriction (double yellow lines)

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Notes.
Lugtrout Lane and Hampton Lane
Proposed 'No Waiting at any Time' restriction (double yellow lines)

Plan No. 9749	Drawn By: JW	Checked By: PT	DO NOT SCALE
Scale NTS	Date: 07.10.25	OS Ref:	



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Places to visit



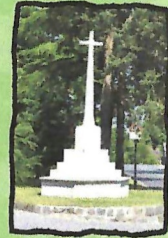
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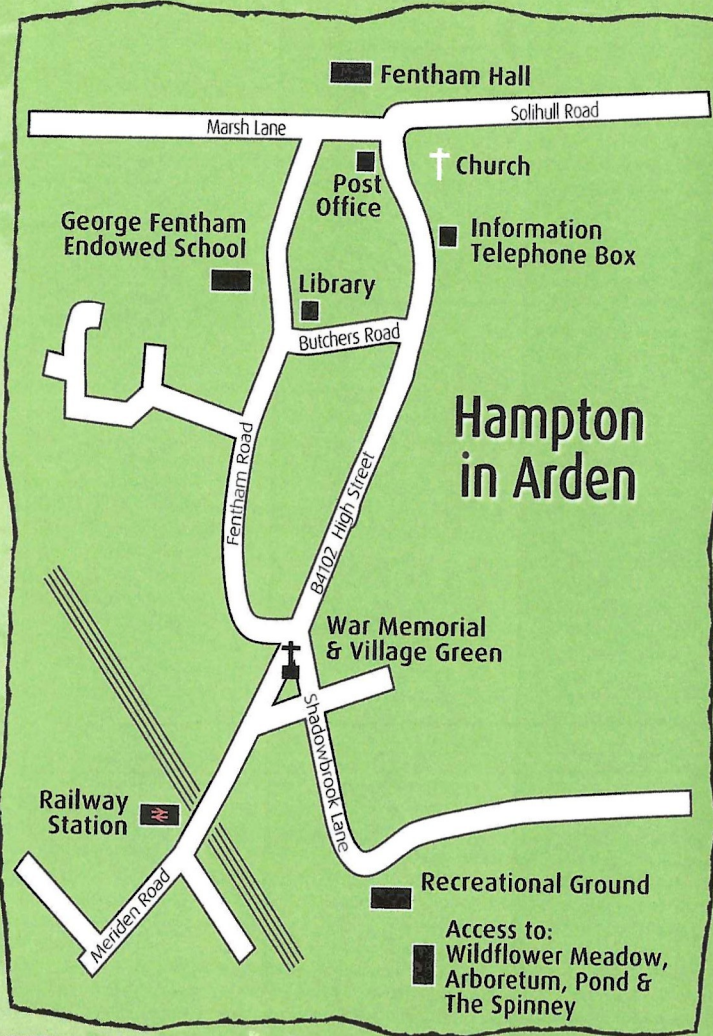
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WILD FLOWER MEADOW



FENTHAM HALL



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Parish Council Reports from Other Meetings

Meeting held in the Arden Room on 07/11/2025 at 9:30am with Ward Councillors R Sleigh and A Rolf. Parish Councillors in attendance: Cllrs Cook, Cuthbert and Eccleston.

A meeting was held between Cllrs Cook, Cuthbert, and Eccleston and Ward Councillors A Rolf and B Sleigh to discuss potential funding streams to improve disabled access at Hampton in Arden Train Station.

During the meeting, Ward Cllrs and Parish Councillors acknowledged that Hampton in Arden Station is one of the very few railway stations in the West Midlands that currently lacks step-free or easy access facilities. Ward Cllrs confirmed that both Solihull Council and the West Midlands Rail Executive recognise this as a priority issue.

It was agreed that the Parish Council, alongside Solihull Council, should continue to pursue all relevant funding opportunities, including:

- The Great British Railways "Access for All" programme, and
- City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) funding streams.

Ward Cllrs confirmed that there is broad support within Solihull MBC for improvements to accessibility at Hampton in Arden Station, and that funding for this project should be treated as a priority. It was also noted that this issue is well known across the borough and should continue to be promoted whenever relevant opportunities arise.

Following this discussion, Ward Councillors recommended that the Parish Council write formally to:

- Kenneth Hawkins, West Midlands Railway Executive, and
- David Balme, Chief Transport Planner, Solihull MBC

requesting their support for funding applications and project prioritisation.

In addition, it was recommended that a separate letter be sent to Ed Cox, Interim Chief Executive of the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), requesting the Authority's support for the installation of disabled access at Hampton in Arden Station.

Finally, the Parish Council will also respond to Mr. Robin Etherington, a local resident who has been a long-standing campaigner for improved accessibility at the station and who has recently written to the Parish Council.

ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR 7 MONTHS ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2025

Opening bank and cash balances at 1 April 2025

	Account number	£
Nationwide & Lloyds Bank Fixed Saver Accounts		42,793.16
Investment Account, Lloyds Bank	7420002	304,803.21
Community Account, Lloyds Bank	932717	1727.69
Total		349,324.06

RECEIPTS for 7 months ending 31 October 2025

	Budget	Actual
	2025/26	2025/26
Precept	52011.5	52,011.50
SMBC Support Grant	0	0.00
Rental income:	0	0
Sports Club	3380	1,690.00
Scouts and Guides Supporters Association	100	0.00
Allotments (inc. Orchard Water Supply Reimbursement)	990	20.00
Recreation Trust	735	735.00
Bank interest	500	2,523.15
-	0	0.00
Other Income:		
Football Training	0	270.00
Additional Cricket Cuts	0	0.00
Barrier Damage		520.00
Sugden Unsworth (Conservation Group Donation)	0	200.00
Wykham Blackwell (Conservation Group Donation)	0	500.00
Height Restricting Barrier Recharge	0	120.00
VAT refund from Customs and Excise	0.00	0.00
PC INCOME LESS CIL	57,716.50	58,589.65
CIL INCOME	0.00	178,294.20
	0	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	57,716.50	236,883.85

PAYMENTS for 7 months ending 31 October 2025

	Budget	Actual
	2025/26	2025/26
Section 137	0.00	0.00
Cricket Pitch **recharge**	0	792.00
Scout and Guide Barrier Open **recharge**	0	120.00
Grass Cutting Hampton in Arden Parish	4888.50	4,033.00
Grass Cutting & Maintenance Catherine de Barnes Common	1700.00	600.00
Grass Cutting Hampton Church	1400.00	1,194.00
Remembrance Sunday & Christmas Light Switch	1278	10.00
Tree Works	2000	1,960.00
Parish Maintenance Works	8500.00	5,545.38
Clerk's Salary/Tax/Ni and Pension	28000.00	15,735.59
WALC and NALC Subs	790.00	805.00
Office Expenses (inc. Email/Phone and Broadband)	1400.00	902.99
Website	150.00	150.00
Insurance	1600.00	0.00
Sundries and Parish Online	400.00	452.20
Audit and Legal Fees & Account Service Charges	400.00	669.00
Office Rental from the George Fentham Trust	1700.00	0.00
Additional Printing Costs	0.00	0.00
Parish Newsletter	2300.00	1,353.12

Training Expenses	200.00	70.00
GDPR fee	45.00	0.00
Neighbourhood Plan Amendments	300.00	0.00
Allotments (Maintenance Costs and Lease fee)	600.00	396.88
Election year expenses	0.00	0.00
VAT	0.00	3075.62
Barrier Damage (recovered from responsible party)		520.00
Expenditure Less CIL	57,651.50	38,384.78
CIL EXPENDITURE	0.00	100,456.00
Transfer to allocated reserves	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	57,651.50	138,840.78
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

TOTAL	57,651.50	138,840.78
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Cash Book Reconciliation

Opening Balance		349,324.06
Add receipts for 7 months to 31/10/25	(including any CIL Payments)	236,883.85
Less payments for 7 months to 31/10/2025		138,840.78
TOTAL		447,367.13

Bank Account Reconciliation

Balance due from fixed term high interest a/c Virgin Banking at 31/10/2025	21,839.00
Balance due from fixed term high interest a/c Lloyds Banking Group at 31/10/2025	20,953.41
Balance due from investment a/c per bank statement at 31/10/2025	66,120.04
Balance due from current/community a/c per bank statement at 31/10/2025	4006.01
CIL 32 Notice Account	334448.67
TOTAL	447,367.13
Reserves	112,918.46

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Less VAT</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Payment Entries out through Bank Account since 1 September 2025</u>				
Tracey Draper/Lavend	20	0	August pruning and maintenance	05/09/2025
Realpoint	30	6	Updates to Website	05/09/2025
EON	30.3	1.52	Feeder Pillar Supply March 2023 to August 2025	05/09/2025
Family Care Trust	300	60	Catney Common Gardening Services	05/09/2025
EON	30.87	1.54	Feeder Pillar Supply August	05/09/2025
Dawsons Groundcare	1802	360.4	Grass Cutting and Maintenance	05/09/2025
Tracey Draper/Lavend	400	0	4 Planters Stripped Out and Replanted	09/09/2025
HMRC	473.35	0	Tax and NI Contributions	22/09/2025
J Barnes	1481.47	0	Clerk's September Salary	22/09/2025
West Midlands Pensio	368.6	0	Employer and Employee Pension Contributions	22/09/2025
Tracey Draper/Lavend	20	0	September pruning and maintenance	22/09/2025
Moore UK	656.25	131.25	External Auditor Fees	22/09/2025
JRB Enterprise	239.6	47.92	Dog Fouling Bags	22/09/2025
Water Plus	49.2	9.84	Water Plus Allotments	22/09/2025
Parish Online	108	21.6	Parish Online Subscription	30/09/2025
Networld Sports Co 70	1053.44	0	Goal Posts Socketed for School Field	01/10/2025
Dawsons Groundcare	1295	259	Grass Cutting/Tree Maintenance	08/10/2025

PH Design	80	0	Village Sign Design	08/10/2025
ROSPA Play Safety	264	52.8	Play Inspection Fee	08/10/2025
Realpoint	60	12	Domain Renewal Fee	08/10/2025
EON	9.37	1.87	Feeder Pillar Supply	08/10/2025
West Midlands Pensio	368.6	0	Employer and Employee Pension Contributions	10/10/2025
Trevor Honeysett	123	0	Bins & Graffiti Removal	10/10/2025
Tracey Draper/Lavend	48.95	0	October pruning and maintenance and spring bulbs	17/10/2025
P H Design	170	0	November Newsletter Design	17/10/2025
NALC	35	7	NALC Training Event Green Growth	17/10/2025
J Barnes	1481.47	0	Clerk's October Salary	20/10/2025
HMRC	381.84	0	Tax and NI Contributions	20/10/2025
J Barnes	5.34	0	Sundries for External Meeting	21/10/2025
R G Plants	44.09	0	Train Station Plants	29/10/2025
P Willets	10	0	Bugler Contribution - Remembrance Sunday	29/10/2025
Eon	17.36	0.87	Feeder Pillar Supply	01/11/2025
Inktree	427.58	0	November Newsletter Printing	01/11/2025
RG Plants	53.71	10.74	Plants for Train Station	05/11/2025
RG Plants	9.44	1.88	Plants for Train Station and Planter	05/11/2025
CIL Award Georg Fent	33000	0	Lighting - CIL Award - George Fentham School	05/11/2025
George Fentham Endo	200	0	Eastcote Lane Allotment Rent	06/11/2025
Dawsons Groundcare	859	171.8	Grass Cutting All Areas	06/11/2025

Payment Entries in through Bank Account since 1 September 2025

Sugden Unsworth	200	0	Donanation to Conservation Group	02/09/2025
Solihull MBC	26005.75	0	Balance of Precept Monies	05/09/2025
Lloyds Bank	18.24	0	Interest	09/09/2025
A Lee / Little Stars	50	0	Recreational Ground Rent	30/09/2025
Recreational Trust	735	0	Recreational Trust Yearly Rental	03/10/2025
Lloyds Bank	36.04	0	Interest	09/10/2025

**HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL- NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY
INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY - INCOME TO DATE**

DATE	PAYMENT	TOTAL	Fund Expiry
April 2017	£2,308.00	£2,308.00	April 2022
October 2017	£5,356.50	£5,356.50	October 2022
April 2018	£5,692.50	£5,692.50	April 2023
April 2020	£61,471.17	£61,471.17	April 2025
October 2020	£30,735.59	£30,735.59	October 2025
April 2021	£30,725.59	£30,725.59	April 2026
December 2022	£2,925.34	£2,925.34	December 2027
April 2024	8,556.08	£8,556.08	April 2029
November 2024	178,294.20	£178,294.20	November 2029
July 2025	178,294.20	£178,294.20	July 2030
TOTAL		£504,359.17	

PAYMENTS MADE FROM CIL FUNDS

DATE	PAYMENT	TOTAL
02/10/2019	Church Clock Repair Contribution	£163.99
14/01/2021	Catney Residents Associations – Defibrillator	£1,532.00
20/02/2021	George Fentham Endowed School – Dining Tables	£7,650.00
31/03/2021	Catherine de Barnes Village Hall – Double Glazing	£7,278.00
28/06/2022	Festival Committee – New Marquee	£2,200.00
09/09/2022	Catherine de Barnes Village Hall Trust – Play Area	£36,000
16/01/2023	George Fentham Endowed School – Play Equipment	3,000.00
12/09/2023	Hampton in Arden Parish Council (Play Area Updates	7,800.00

	– Bonded Rubber Mulch)	
20/12/2023	George Fentham Endowed School – Sensory Equipment.	£2,500.00
27/03/2025	Catherine de Barnes Village Hall - Survey	£2,500
27/03/2025	Village Tidy Equipment	467.49
25/04/2025	Hampton in Arden Village Surgery	£75,000
16/07/2025	George Fentham Endowed School – LED Lighting	£25,008.50
TOTAL		£171,099.98

Remaining CIL total:

£333,259.19

Interest accrued

£1,189.48

Balance of CIL Notice Account

£334,448.67

Updated on 31/10/2025