

# HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD AT

THE GEORGE FENTHAM HALL

ON

TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2019

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>COUNCILLORS</b>	MR M BLOMER (CHAIR) MR D CUTHBERT Mr P GREEN MR K BLANCH MR D SANDELLS MRS V WOODALL Mr R SLEIGH OBE
	<b>CLERK</b>	MRS J BARNES 38 PARISHIONERS

### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Councillor Mike Blomer, chair of the Parish Council, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Beresford, Sellars and Hulme. Apologies were also received from Ward Councillor A Rolf.

### 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The chair gave parishioners a chance to read the Minutes from last year's Annual Meeting. The Minutes **were approved as proposed** by Vin Griffiths and **seconded** by Sheila Blomer.

### 4. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The chair presented a verbal report of the Council's work during the year 2018/19, highlighting achievements and detailing work still in progress and referred parishioners to the Annual Report which contains a more detailed account of the year's activities.

Each of the Councillors presented their individual reports, providing parishioners with an opportunity to raise questions at the end of each section.

### 5. STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2018

The unaudited accounts for 2018/19 were presented in the Annual Report, together with the budget for 2019/20.

The chair explained that a list of payments in excess of £100 was also shown within the report, together with a list of Council assets.

#### **QUESTIONS ON ACCOUNTS**

*Helen Wood – Elm Tree Rise*

Noted that £3,000 had been budgeted in the next financial year for the review of the Neighbourhood Plan and was concerned this figure seemed excessive. The chair confirmed that the review would be an extensive one in light of the recently boundary change and that it may be necessary for the Council to utilise consultants.

#### **6. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

*Gary Wood – Elm Tree Rise*

Noted that the Village had 16 volunteers and a speed watch co-ordinator but that all were still awaiting training. Various attempts have been made to engage the local police but to no avail. The chair confirmed that he was aware and has been liaising with local PCSO's Mark Rice and Aaron Murdoch in order to rectify the situation. The chair will attend the next police surgery and will update Mr Wood as soon as possible.

*Sue Kiely – Meriden Road*

Noted that the allotments currently have a waiting list and explained that some of this will be due to the closure of the walled garden in Hampton Manor. Mrs Kiely enquired what urgency the Council were placing on obtaining more land to offer to residents as allotment plots. The chair confirmed that he was aware of the situation and could confirm that enquiries had been made with The George Fentham Trust and further enquiries were ongoing as a matter of urgency.

#### Maintenance Committee Report

No questions.

#### Planning Report

No questions.

#### HS2

*Ian Wasse – Old Station Road*

Enquired whether the Council had received any notification on the resiting of the waste disposal unit. Councillor Woodall confirmed that the Council was yet to receive any news. Ward Councillor Sleigh also echoed that said by Councillor Woodall noting that HS2 had not provided any further information to Solihull Council.

#### Pedestrian and Road Safety

*Dave Jennings – Engine Mews*

Enquired what would happen when the speed cushions needed renewing i.e. would Solihull Council accept responsibility and bear the cost of such repairs. Ward Councillor Sleigh confirmed that Solihull Council would bear the cost of any such repairs.

*Brian Thorpe – The Crescent*

Enquired whether the Council could confirm that double yellow lines would be reinstated

down from the Railway Station on Meriden Road to the end of the service road. Ward Councillor Sleigh confirmed that SMBC Highways do intend to do this work within the next financial year.

*John Eccleston – Oakfields Way, Catherine de Barnes*

Enquired what Section 106 monies would be received from the Hampton Green development and how was it intended it would be spent. Councillor Blanch explained that funds would be received via the Community Infrastructure Levy (“CIL”) and that it was hoped that funds could be utilised to help fund further traffic calming proposals within the village but that further discussions would be had in due course. Councillor Woodall noted that CIL funds do come in stages and that the Council does have restrictions on how and within what timeframe the funds can be spent. Both Councillors Blanch and Woodall confirmed that the Council would heavily debate how such funds would be spent in conjunction with residents’ views.

#### Remembrance Day

No questions.

#### Communications Subcommittee

Councillor Cuthbert requested a show of hands as to how many people utilise the Facebook account. A third of residents confirmed they did with 90% confirming they had access to the internet. Councillor Sandells confirmed that you do not need a Facebook account in order to see the information that is posted by the Council onto the page.

Over half of the residents in attendance confirmed they would be happy to receive the Newsletter by e-mail only.

#### General

*Ian Wasse – Old Station Road*

Enquired what CIL funds would be recovered from the Home Farm development. The chair confirmed that no funds would be applicable due to it being a conversion.

*Helen Wood – Elm Tree Rise*

Noted the lack of community transport within the village and enquired whether the Council would consider promoting a community transport scheme. The chair noted that he was aware of such a scheme in Stratford upon Avon and that further enquiries would be undertaken.

Ward Councillor Sleigh confirmed that the company responsible for Ring & Ride had recently gone into administration and that in the interim Transport for West Midlands had taken over that service. He clarified however that, at present, the situation regarding Ring & Ride is very much up for discussion but that he would be unable to commit to the service being provided to the Village in any event.

*David James*

Expressed his concern regarding the state of the roads surrounding the development on Shadowbrook Lane as a result of the vehicles coming and going from that development. Mention was also made about the encroachment of travellers. The chair noted the

comments made. Ward Councillor Sleigh confirmed that the Enforcement Team at Solihull Council were regularly reviewing the situation regarding the travellers and were extremely proactive in dealing with any issues that may arise.

## **7. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS**

The chair thanked the many residents of Hampton in Arden who devote a great deal of their time and effort in supporting the organisations which make the Village such a great community in which to live. He also thanked those present at the meeting for attending and thanked the Councillors for their hard work and support.

The chair also took the opportunity to introduce the three new Councillors who would be joining the parish council, namely, Alexander Clayson, Giles Cook and John Eccleston.

Ward Councillor Sleigh thanked the Chair and all the Councillors who volunteer for the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm