

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

held at

THE MEETING ROOM

on

TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2019 AT 7:30PM

PRESENT	COUNCILLORS	Mr Mike Blomer (Chair) Mr Tim Beresford (Vice Chair) Mr David Sandells Mr Ken Blanch Mrs Cat Sellars Mr Dave Cuthbert Mr Peter Green Mr Mike Hulme (from item 18/81) Mrs Vicky Woodall Ms Lizzy Quiney (to item 18/81) Mrs Julie Barnes Mrs Sheila Blomer Mr Alexander Clayson Miss Louise Smith
	SMBC CLERK PUBLIC	

ACTION

18/77 CHAIR'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting in particular Mr Alexander Clayson who had shown an interest in becoming a Councillor.

18/78 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

18/79 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

18/80 UPDATE FROM SMBC NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Lizzy confirmed that she anticipated she would be the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Team contact until approximately June 2019.

Lizzy provided some detail to members about an initiative underway relating to "*Man-Sheds*" where members of the community could come together to undertake community based projects. Lizzy will provide more detail under separate cover to the clerk.

**LQ/
CLERK**

Lizzy produced some information about a famous local author, Edith Holden, and noted links with Hampton in Arden. SMBC are looking to hold a borough wide art competition followed by an exhibition at The Core. Councillor Woodall confirmed that the Hampton Society would be interested to receive further information.

LQ/VW

Lizzy produced a handful of police operational boards regarding undercover police operations in the locality and provided authority

for the Parish Council to place them on SMBC furniture under the proviso that they were out of reach and secured properly with cable-ties. Councillor Cuthbert requested a few be made available for Catherine de Barnes to utilise.

LQ/DC

Lizzy referred to a self-reporting tool for obstructive parking. Residents are able to take a photo of the obstruction and report it directly with photographic proof. A fine can then be considered and, if appropriate, sent to the owner of that vehicle. Lizzy will provide further information to the clerk.

LQ/
CLERK

The chair provided a brief update to Lizzy regarding current issues within the village for her information, to include:- Speed Watch, Street Watch, the damage to the War Memorial (05/03/2019), overhanging vegetation on streetlights and an intention to apply to the Arden Free Tree Scheme in due course.

Lizzy left the meeting at 8:05pm.

18/81 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2019

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting were approved as **proposed by Councillor Cuthbert and seconded by Councillor Hulme.**

18/82 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

18/65 *Bin Stickers*:- The chair reminded members that it had previously been agreed that whilst this was a good idea, funds were needed elsewhere. However, following an application to the West Midlands Police Active Citizen's Fund, the Parish Council had successfully obtained an agreement for them to fund this project although the application for Christmas Lights on the Village Green had been refused.

18/67 *Community Infrastructure Levy*:- The Parish Council has now held a successful meeting with Sharon French with all members in agreement that they now had a much better understanding of CIL.

18/67 *George Fentham Endowed School*:- The chair confirmed that a letter had been sent to Caroline Spelman MP. The chair requested the clerk follow this up to ascertain when a response might be expected.

Clerk

18/73 *Correspondence*:- The chair confirmed that a recent meeting had been held with Laing/Murphy regarding HS2 infrastructure works and that a further meeting will be taking place on 22/03/2019.

18/83 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2019

The minutes from the Maintenance Committee Meeting were approved as **proposed by Councillor Green and seconded by Councillor Beresford.**

18/84 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

All members confirmed that no issues were arising from the budget meeting and the chair confirmed that the budget for 2019/20 had now been set.

18/85 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Councillor Sellars explained that the next communications meeting would be taking place on 06/03/2019.

Councillor Sellars gave advance notice to members that articles would be needed for the next Newsletter with the deadline for submission to her being 20/04/2019.

Particular reference was made to the village tidy up and a new annual spring bulb planting event. Councillor Sellars will arrange to meet with Ward Councillor Rolf to discuss in further detail. **CS**

18/86 REVIEW OF DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

Councillors Cuthbert, Blanch and Green had formed a working group in order to prepare a full response, a copy of which had been circulated to all members in advance of the meeting.

All members thanked the working group for producing a very well presented, clear and concise report.

Councillor Green requested a resolution that the clerk be instructed to submit the response with a copy being placed onto the website in advance of the deadline which is 15/03/2019. The motion was agreed as **proposed by Councillor Woodall and seconded by Councillor Sellars** with all members in favour. **Clerk**

18/87 PLANNING APPLICATIONS (AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR MSA APPLICATION TO PLANNING COMMITTEE ON 27/03/2019)

Councillor Cuthbert provided a brief breakdown of the running report that had been circulated to all members.

A recent meeting scheduled to take place with Ward Councillor Bob Sleight had been postponed. Councillor Sleight had re-submitted the Parish Council's petition to SMBC. It is anticipated Councillor Sleight will speak at the Planning Committee on 27/03/2019.

Councillor Woodall enquired whether residents could attend the upcoming Planning Committee. Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that residents would be welcomed to go along and show their support and that any concerns should be raised with Councillor Sleight in advance of the Committee. Councillor Sellars will post information on the Parish Council's social media page. **VW/CS**

18/88 PEDESTRIAN AND ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

Councillor Blanch confirmed that a meeting was held on 6/02/2019 with SMBC Highways to discuss possible updates to our Pedestrian and Road Safety Plan following last year's public meeting. Councillor Blanch was able to report a successful outcome with SMBC agreeing to amend the interim road safety plan for the HS2 Community Fund application.

Councillor Blanch also noted that he had recently met with Alan

Smith, Head of Growth Programmes at SMBC who suggested that it would be beneficial to carry out temporary traffic monitoring to measure speed and traffic volumes along High Street and Meriden Road at a cost of approximately £200 per site. All members were in agreement. Councillor Blanch will liaise with Solihull Highways to make the necessary arrangements.

Councillor Blanch again stressed that this is an initial phase plan and it is hoped that the plan can be extended in the future to incorporate additional features. Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that Catherine de Barnes would also look to incorporate traffic calming measures in the future. **KB**

18/89 PARISH COUNCILLOR ELECTIONS

The chair confirmed that local parish elections will take place on 02/05/2019 and, as members are aware, will be the first such elections following the parish boundary change on 01/04/2019. An actual election will be dependent on the number of nominations received by SMBC during the period 26/03/2019 to 03/04/2019.

Members were asked to let the clerk have their completed nomination papers by no later than 26/03/2019. The clerk would then deliver them by hand to SMBC. **All/Clerk**

Councillor Woodall notified all members that she would not be standing for a further term due to personal commitments. The chair thanked Councillor Woodall for all her hard work particularly relating to HS2 and the Pedestrian and Road Safety Plan.

18/90 SPEED WATCH AND STREET WATCH

The chair confirmed that it has been pleasing to report the reintroduction of Speed and Street Watch. Training sessions on street watch have been completed with 14 residents signing up. The coordinator is resident, Emma Shalley. A further Speed Watch training session will take place on 07/03/2019.

18/91 ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL MEETING 16 APRIL 2019

The chair confirmed that the annual meeting is scheduled to take place on 16/04/2019 at 8pm at Fentham Hall with drinks served in the Arden Room from 7:30pm.

The chair reminded all members to provide their reports to the clerk by 11/03/2019. The clerk will be arranging flyers to be distributed around the last weekend in March. **ALL/ Clerk**

18/92 CORRESPONDENCE (for information only)

24/01 West Mids Combined Authority – consultation on transfer of PCC powers to Mayor

28/01 WALC – Further GDPR training

01/02 WALC – Newsletter

04/02 NALC – Chief Execs Bulletin

04/02 SMBC – Briefing sessions on Supplementary Draft Local Plan Review Consultation

05/02 SMBC – Briefing on HS2 enabling works

07/02 WALC – Government consultation on communities
12/02 Zurich Insurance – PC insurance policy renewal details
12/02 Velo Birmingham and Midlands – route details
13/02 WALC – Lottery funding for community projects
15/02 SMBC – Charter launch
18/02 Laing O`Rourke Murphy (LM) – HS2 works update
20/02 WALC – funding opportunities for under 18s
20/02 SMBC – invitation to Mayors Spring Ball
20/02 Neighbourhood Alert - Neighbourhood Watch E-Newsletter
27/02 Hampton Pre-School – request for clothing bin on recreation ground car park

In addition, the chair referred to an email received on 04/03/2019 from Andrew Livingstone, Senior Assistant Principal of Heart of England School seeking a grant towards the cost of purchasing a new School Minibus. The chair noted that at a previous Parish Council Meeting (*item 18/68*) members had agreed that the Parish Council should not support the principle of grant requests, particularly in instances where there would not be a direct benefit to its parishioners. However, in this instance the circumstances were different in that the Parish is in the Heart of England School catchment area for secondary education and does allow its bus service to be used for the benefit of Hampton in Arden residents. Whilst members did support this request, it was felt that further information was required, for example, whether the Parish Council could provide financial assistance to a Limited Company (Heart of England being an Academy). In addition, more specifics on what it is the School is looking for in terms of financial assistance from the Parish Council. The chair confirmed further enquiries would be made with authority being provided by all members for the chair and vice-chair to progress this matter and to report back by e-mail.

MB/TB

The second item, not listed above related to an email received on 05/03/2019 from Adam Scott of 10M Group, the developer of Home Farm on Shadowbrook Lane, Hampton in Arden. Mr Scott required authority from the Parish Council to name the development "*Home Farm Barns*". The chair explained that some urgency was required in that the developer could not undertake first fix electrics until the properties had a registered address. All members were in agreement and a resolution was passed as **proposed by Councillor Beresford and seconded by Councillor Green** with all members in favour. The clerk will return to Mr Scott to confirm.

Clerk

18/93 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

Airport Consultative Committee Meeting:- Councillors Sandells confirmed he had attended a meeting. The new CEO, Nick Barton, is in place. Councillor Sandells confirmed the noise action plan has now been formally adopted and will shortly be published on the Birmingham Airport Website.

The chair noted an email received from Andy Holding, corporate responsibility manager at Birmingham Airport confirming notification from the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) that the redesigned northbound turn for aircraft departing from runway 15 has been

approved. This will be operational from 26/05/2019.

Meriden Quarries Liaison Meeting:- The chair confirmed that he had attended a meeting on 04/03/2019 but that there was nothing further to report.

HS2 Greenway Meeting:- Councillor Woodall attended a meeting on 25/03/2019. Councillor Blanch confirmed that he was happy to take on this role after Councillor Woodall had stood down. The chair thanked Councillor Blanch for taking on this role.

18/94 FINANCE

The quarterly accounts and payments for 11 months ending 28 February were accepted as **proposed by Councillor Hulme and seconded by Councillor Blanch** with all members in favour.

18/95 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The chair confirmed the dates for next meetings:-

Parish Council Annual Meeting: 16 April 2019

Parish Council AGM: 8 May 2019

Maintenance Committee Meeting: 12 June 2019 at the Sports Club.

Meeting closed at 9:28pm

Minutes taken, prepared and presented by Julie Barnes, Clerk
05/03/2019