

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am again pleased to present this annual report which details the work of your Parish Council during the year to the end of March. My report is an overview of the main issues with which the Council has been involved and the reports that follow are more detailed articles written and presented by individual councillors on the major issues.

I begin with matters relating to the Parish Council itself the most significant of which has been the parish boundary change which took place on 1st April – more on this shortly. At the Annual General Meeting in May last year I was reappointed as Chair and Tim Beresford as Vice Chair. Unfortunately John Doidge left the village in July and resigned from the council. John served as a parish councillor for 8 years, chaired the Planning Sub-Committee and was a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group. John's contribution to the work of the Parish Council and the community was enormous and we warmly thank him for his commitment. In September we co-opted Peter Green and Michael Hulme to fill two councillor vacancies. Vicky Woodall who became a councillor in September 2016 has decided not to seek re-election and will stand down at the AGM on 8th May. Vicky took a particular interest in HS2 and became heavily involved in formulating our Traffic Calming Plan and taking it, together with Cllr Ken Blanch, to an almost satisfactory conclusion as all that remains is securing the illusive, but essential, funding to implement the agreed proposals. Our thanks to Vicky for her hard work and valuable contribution during her time as a councillor.

Local elections are to take place on 2nd May. However, there will again be no election for parish councillors as there were insufficient candidates nominated by the closing date of 4th April to trigger an election meaning those nominated were elected without a contest. There will, however, be an election for a Ward Councillor.

This past year has, once again, been particularly busy and demanding for the council with many important issues requiring our attention and I will go on to report briefly on the more memorable highlights of the year.

The most significant issue and one which will have a long term effect has been the boundary change which brings the whole of Catherine-de-Barnes into the parish by moving the boundary from the canal near to the Boat pub to roughly the Solihull By-Pass and Damson Parkway. This change increases the number of households in the parish from 980 to around 1382. Previously the greater part of Catherine-de-Barnes was unparished and the boundary change was only agreed by Solihull Council after a full consultation process with all residents having the opportunity to express their views. Residents who now live in the enlarged parish will have the advantage of a parish council to represent and assist them in a variety of ways and it is hoped that our enlarged parish will benefit from having a greater population to contribute to community affairs. The boundary change introduces, for the first time, two wards for the parish – Hampton-in-Arden Ward and Catherine-de-Barnes Ward. The parish councillors for the Hampton Ward are Cat Sellars, Tim Beresford, Ken Blanch, David Sandells, Peter Green, Mike Hulme, Alexander Clayson and myself. The councillors for the Catherine-de-Barnes Ward are Dave Cuthbert, Giles Cook and John Eccleston with one vacancy to be filled by co-option in due course. We will, of course, continue to work closely with the Catney Residents Association and the Parish Council extends a sincere welcome to all of our new parishioners.

Other matters directly affecting many residents over the past year were HS2, the proposed Motorway Service Area off Solihull Road, improvements to M42 Junction 6, Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming, continuing issues with crime and the inevitable future large scale developments in or near the parish. Most of these are referred to later.

I must make mention of the “three watches” – Neighbourhood Watch, Street Watch and Speed Watch. Neighbourhood Watch continues to operate satisfactorily in some areas of the parish but not all and although it has recently been expanded there is still some way to go. Street Watch is a new community based initiative intended to assist our police to identify possible crime spots and provide intelligence on such things as antisocial behaviour. A number of volunteers have been trained and will shortly begin patrolling the streets. Speed Watch is being reintroduced and again volunteers have been trained and are ready to go but the new rules require a police presence at the selected sites which will probably be a constraint due to the uncertainty of their availability.

The Parish Council maintains a small number of allotments for the benefit of residents. These are located in Fentham Road adjacent to the school where there are 13 plots. We currently have a waiting list for any vacancies, which only rarely occur, so we are actively looking for some suitable land to create more plots to meet the demand.

In concluding my report I again thank the many people who continue to give their time in many ways to support the community groups that flourish in our community including the Hampton-in-Arden Society, the George Fentham Trust and Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association. I thank my colleagues on the parish council for their continuing support and unstinting contribution which enables the council to be as effective as possible in representing the interests of residents and again emphasise that your parish councillors are volunteers who receive no payment. Particular thanks go to our Clerk, Julie Barnes, who has now settled so well into her role, for cheerfully and efficiently running the parish office and for genuinely having the interests of all parishioners at heart. Our thanks are also due to our Ward Councillors, Alison Rolf and Bob Sleight, for again supporting us with a number of matters of concern throughout the past year particularly with the planning application for the Motorway Service Area and also to the officers of Solihull Council who have been helpful and supportive in so many ways.

**Councillor Mike Blomer**

## **MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

The Maintenance Committee is responsible for the management of all property under the Parish Council’s control and works with other partners who share interests in the appearance and upkeep of the Parish and its environs.

The Committee includes members of the Parish Council together with representatives from the George Fentham Trust Charity, the Parochial Church Council, Governors of George Fentham School, Hampton-in-Arden Scouts & Guides Supporters Association, Hampton-in-Arden Sports and Social Club, Hampton-in-Arden Recreational Trust, Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association and the Solihull MBC Neighbourhood Co-ordinator.

The Maintenance Committee is responsible for overseeing grounds maintenance within the Parish whether on Parish Council land as in the case of the village green, the recreation ground or Catherine-de-Barnes Common. Also on occupied land such as the school field, play area and allotments, on grounds where a financial contribution is made like the upkeep of the churchyard, or on those areas in the control of Solihull Council where the quality of workmanship and level of maintenance impact on the appearance and well-being of the village – such as the roads and footpaths.

For areas in the control of Solihull Council we keep a watching brief of incidents such as overgrown vegetation, blocked road gullies, faulty street lamps, pot holes and reports of dog fouling (a continuing problem in the Parish)

Contractors are regularly engaged to carry out routine work on behalf of the Parish Council. The Parish Council again thanks David Grimshaw and all the volunteers of the Conservation Group for their regular maintenance of the spinney and recreation ground. We would also like to thank the Friends of the Common volunteers who do an excellent job in looking after the care and maintenance of Catherine-de-Barnes Common which is the only common ground in the whole of Solihull.

The largest single item of capital expenditure for the Parish Council continues to be the maintenance of the recreation ground and car park. The car park itself is approaching 15 years old and whilst it is lasting well, it is beginning to show some signs of wear. This year all the white lining was renewed along with the repairs to the drainage channels and covers, many of which had become loose. The Parish Council continues to accrue funds to meet the cost of resurfacing the car park when that need eventually arises.

Many residents will also be aware of the drainage problems we were having at the car park with a large area at the bottom end constantly flooded during periods of heavy rain.

I am pleased to advise that the problem was identified and has now been resolved. This has however resulted in us having to undertake significant works at a total cost of just over £18,000. Whilst Solihull Council had initially advised us they would be unable to contribute towards the cost of the works, I am pleased to say that they did, in the end, agree to contribute £4,000 – for which we were obviously very grateful – meaning the final net cost to the Parish Council was a little over £14,000. As part of the works a new silt and oil trap was installed at the bottom end of the car park which Solihull Council has agreed to empty on regular basis.

Another area where the Parish Council has already incurred costs this year and will continue to do so in the coming year relates to tree management and maintenance. We commissioned a comprehensive tree survey approximately 4 years ago which provided a detailed a record of all the trees on Parish Council land and the health of each tree. We are continuing to work through the recommendations of this report and will commission a new report in the coming year.

Finally, we would again like to thank everyone who turned out to help with the annual village tidy-up and it was pleasing to see people taking pride in the appearance of our environment. We would also like to thank our Ward Councillor Alison Rolf for her recent initiative of monthly litter picks. These first two meetings have been very well attended by local residents, collecting over 50 bags of rubbish

**Councillor Tim Beresford**

## **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE**

I took over as Chair of the sub- committee in the summer of last year when John Doidge left the council and the parish. As Chair of Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association I had worked with John on planning matters for a number of years and learnt a great deal about planning matters from him. His introduction to last year's report is almost applicable to this year with the exception of the Motorway Service Area planning application which has still to be decided and will be considered by a special meeting of Solihull's Planning Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> June.

The council receives notification of all planning applications in the parish and these are considered by the sub- committee as and when they arrive and a decision made about whether to respond is taken.

I'd like to highlight a few special events during the year:-

### **M42 Junction 6 Improvements**

Highways England submitted a Development Consent Order application, which replaces a normal planning application, to the Secretary of State which has to be approved before work can begin which is scheduled for mid to late 2020. You will recall that this project involves the construction of a new motorway junction north of Solihull Road, the existing road height being raised, the bridge being replaced and the construction of a dual carriageway across farmland to join the existing Clock roundabout on the A45 Coventry Road. Dependent on the outcome of the Motorway Services Area planning application it could also involve the installation of additional motorway slip roads.

### **Land off Corbetts Close (the old cricket ground to be known as Hampton Green)**

In December Planning approval was given for a development of 43 homes (26 market sale and 17 affordable homes) and work has now started.

### **Oak Farm, Hampton Lane, Catherine-de-Barnes (care home)**

This application to build a care village on the site comprising green belt and brownfield was refused on the 8th October on the grounds of 'inappropriate development' in the Green Belt. No appeal has yet been lodged by the applicant but the brownfield area of the site has been put forward in the Solihull Draft Local Plan Review Consultation capable of taking 80 medium to high density dwellings. The council have commented on this and to the review in its response to the Consultation mentioned later.

### **Solihull Draft Local Plan Review Consultation**

The Housing Section of the last Local Plan 2013 was challenged by developers on the grounds that Solihull Council were not providing sufficient housing to meet the needs of the area. The area in this case is basically the West Midlands and because Solihull have a duty to co-operate it has to show that it is assisting with land for housing that cannot be catered for wholly by its neighbours. Solihull is expected to find land for an extra 2000 homes from the Housing Market Area but is under great pressure to increase this number -10,000 has been mentioned. On average 657 new homes per year are built in the whole of Solihull and the target now needed is 791.

In total there are 4 sites in the Hampton Ward with a further 9 sites, which have now been amalgamated into one large site, in the Catherine-de-Barnes Ward. In conjunction with Catney Residents Association a working group was formed to prepare a response to the Local Plan consultation and this report was approved by the Parish Council on the 5th March and submitted to Solihull Council. The response can be viewed on the website.

### **Councillor Dave Cuthbert**

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The current Plan covers the parish pre April 2019 and with the advent of the extended parish coming into being it will be necessary for it to be reviewed. This would have happened under normal circumstances as it is requirement that plans are reviewed on a regular basis. It is likely that a working group will be formed to undertake the preparation for the review but nothing will be formalised until the revised Solihull Local Plan is fully adopted.

Any new developments within the Green Belt will be vigorously challenged unless an overriding case as a "Rural Exception Site" for housing can be made. Any applications that do not meet the conditions in our Neighbourhood Plan will also be challenged. Once again we are facing an ongoing battle against erosion of the "Meriden Gap" and with the advent of a site to the west of Catherine de

Barnes we are now working to prevent the encroachment of Solihull into Catherine-de-Barnes an area that is now being called locally as the “Catney Gap”.

**Councillor Dave Cuthbert**

## **HIGH SPEED RAIL**

Groundwork and environmental investigations are continuing to be carried out at various locations along the local route of HS2 with vegetation being cleared, facilitation works are also underway with adaptations to existing roadways and the building of construction camps all in preparation for the main work to begin. The Parish Council continues to liaise with HS2 directly on matters raised by residents and has regular meetings with principal contractors Laing Murphy and BBV. We also hope to be able to have input on the viaduct design to make it as aesthetically pleasing as possible, however we are constrained by structural necessities.

The Parish Council continues to lobby for the closure of Diddington Lane, most recently questioning safety audits on the junction of Diddington Lane and the A452 Kenilworth Road. We continue to regularly attend and speak at Solihull Councils HS2 Implementation Advisory Group and have recently joined the Kenilworth Greenway group in order to further our Blythe Valley environment and ecology improvement scheme in conjunction with the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.

HS2 have allocated £2.4m to Solihull Council for road safety projects throughout the Borough that are likely to be affected by the construction and operation of HS2 and potential schemes are being examined for a priority list to be agreed. Your Parish Council are hopeful of receiving some of this money which could go towards more of our road safety proposals.

The Parish Council’s main areas of focus this year have been:

- to continue to lobby against the re-siting of the Municipal Waste Facility in Green Belt land at the north end of Diddington Lane which contravenes policies adopted in the Solihull Local Plan relating to both Green Belt and Waste facilities;
- to lobby HS2 and Solihull Highways on safety concerns regarding the existing junction with Diddington Lane and the A452 Kenilworth Road and its close proximity to Stonebridge Roundabout; and
- to mitigate against increased traffic due to the construction of the HS2.

Throughout the year we have liaised with Solihull Highways and our local Ward Councillors to improve our Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming Plan. We were unsuccessful in our bid to secure funding for speed cameras on Meriden Road from the HS2 Community Fund but have reapplied to them for funding for a series of road cushions and other measures in an effort to reduce the speed of traffic along High Street and Meriden Road.

All HS2 information is available on the Parish Councils website and reported in the Parish Newsletter.

**Councillors Vicky Goodall and Ken Blanch**

## **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CALMING**

The Parish Council has been meeting regularly throughout the past 12 months with Solihull Council Officers and Ward Councillors to review and revise the Village Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming Plan.

At the village fete in July last year A1 size plans were displayed setting out the overall plan and giving details and locations of the various types of proposed traffic calming. This display generated a lot of local interest and discussion, with the majority of residents recognising that something needed to be done to curb speeding traffic, the only differences being what form the traffic calming should take.

Following the fete, and in conjunction with Solihull Council, we amended the overall plan and also developed an Interim Plan which would form the basis of a further application to the HS2 Community Fund. In formulating this Interim Plan it is important to note that it should satisfy four criteria:

- It has to be safe for all road users;
- It has to stand alone as a scheme in its own right;
- It needed to be within the maximum budget of £75k for the Community Fund;
- It has to allow for future additions as and when funds become available.

The developed Interim Plan included the following element:

- Gateway signing at either end of the Village;
- Informal crossing on Meriden Road at Lapwing Drive/Diddington Lane;
- New traffic island and crossing on Meriden Road close to the station;
- 7 pairs of speed cushions along High Street and Meriden Road.

This updated plan was presented to village residents at a public meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Over 130 residents attended including our Ward Councillors Alison Rolf and Bob Sleigh. The question and answer session at the end provided everyone an opportunity to voice their thoughts and concerns. Following the meeting we have had further discussions with Solihull Council Officers and have amended the Interim Plan to replace the pair of speed cushions by the church to be replaced by a build out and informal crossing. The two informal crossings are raised tables and will allow pedestrians to cross the road more easily than at present. The updated Interim Plan will now be submitted to HS2 and will be supplemented by a maximum of £20k from the Parish Council to 'top-up' the HS2 funding.

Other concerns raised at the December meeting that have also been discussed with Solihull Council included:

- Reinstatement of centreline on Meriden Road - not planned by Solihull Council;
- Add build outs at Gateways – to be included in future overall plan;
- East extension of 30 mph zone to Patrick Bridge - rejected as unenforceable and well beyond village limits;
- Traffic calming measures for other roads (Marsh Lane, Fentham Road) – to be included in future overall plan;
- Lapwing Drive Roundabout – to be included in future overall plan;
- Diddington Lane - dependent on whether the lane is open or not as part of HS2;
- Average speed cameras - not a viable option for Solihull Council policy.

There are also a number of other planned and future development proposals in the parish, and we will seek contributions for these under the Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 Agreements, towards our road safety and traffic calming proposals.

**Councillor Ken Blanch**

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

The annual Remembrance Day service and parade took place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. High Street was closed to traffic to allow the procession from the church to the war memorial. Our thanks go to all the members of the public, as well as Ward Councillors and Parish Councillors, who acted as marshals to allow the proceedings to go ahead safely. Unfortunately, we had a number of motorists and cyclists who were not prepared to recognise and respect the solemnity of the occasion, and this led to several unsavoury incidents. This year's event will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

**Councillor Ken Blanch**

## COMMUNICATION GROUP

After another busy year in the Parish, the Communication Group has continued to work hard to ensure that all of our residents are aware of the key issues facing our area. We are keen to make sure that residents are aware of what the Parish Council is working on and how we are striving to achieve the best possible outcomes in relation to any areas of concern.

We have three main ways of communicating to our residents in the Parish: our website, our Facebook page and our quarterly Newsletter. We regularly update our website to ensure that the information there is as up to date as possible and is helpful to those in the village and beyond. During the year ahead we are hoping to provide even more information about the Parish on the website – including the new area of the Parish – Catherine-de-Barnes! We are also hoping to provide local walking maps/instructions that can be printed and used by residents and visitors alike.

Our Facebook page continues to be an effective way to communicate to residents in the Parish on a day to day basis. Over the past year the number of *followers* has grown to over 400. If you haven't already pop over and check out our page – just search for '*Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council*'.

Our Newsletter is delivered to every home in the Parish in February, May, August and November each year. We feel that this is an extremely important way of communicating with all residents in our area. Our delivery area has already been extended to include all our 'new' Parishioners in the Catherine-de-Barnes ward (with the first Newsletter being delivered to the new Parish area in February 2019). We hope that you enjoy reading the Newsletter and that it keeps you up to date with what is going on. We try and ensure that it keeps you informed about important local news, upcoming Council meetings, important events in the village and provides information on local societies and groups (in order to highlight new opportunities for our residents). We would like to thank all the volunteers that help with the production and delivery of the Newsletter over the year – it would not be possible without you.

The Communication Group has continued to work closely with West Midlands Trains and in spring 2018 four flower planters were installed to add the finishing touches to the 'new look' platforms and the 'welcome' posters. The flower planters are cared for and watered by members of our own Gardening Club. These planters conclude the short-term improvements to our railway station which have included: replacement treads to both platform series of steps making for safe passenger access, reconstruction of the ticket office area enabling easier and safer access to Platform 2 (Birmingham), replacement hand rails (from Platform 1 to both the car park and High Street) and replacement manhole covers on each platform.

In May 2018 the Communication Group oversaw the production of a Village Information Leaflet. This leaflet provides information about the fantastic facilities within the village (including the locations of shops, eateries and places of interest) and a suggested walking route around the Spinney. These are

available from the train station and the information point in our Telephone Box, as well as in local shops and businesses. We hope these provide a valuable resource to any visitors to the village. The Communication Group now hope to produce a similar leaflet for Catherine-de-Barnes – watch this space!

In June 2018, the Communication Group coordinated one of our most successful Village Tidy Ups so far - we had the largest turn out to date and managed to give the whole of the village a good clean up. Over 30 bags of rubbish were collected in total. We really appreciate the people giving up time to help give back to their community. Thanks also to Solihull Council for loaning us the litter pickers, the bags and for collecting the rubbish at the end.

Finally, we are always keen to hear your ideas for resources and facilities for older children and young adults. Please do get in touch with any suggestions.

**Councillor Cat Sellars**

## **FINANCE**

Parish Councils are required by law to appoint an internal auditor to verify the accounts, asset register, insurances and financial controls. From the report of our internal auditor a summary report is submitted for external examination by auditors appointed by the Audit Commission.

The un-audited accounts for the year 2018/19 are presented in this report. The precept is the major form by which the Parish Council raises funds to carry out its work during the year.

To balance estimated expenditure in the coming year, 2019/20, and to compensate for a reduction in the Council Tax Support Grant the precept has been raised by 2%. However, in light of the boundary change the number of dwellings has increased from 980 to 1382. As a result of the increased dwellings, the cost per band D household will therefore be reduced by £0.18p to £29.61 per household.

### **Notes for Unaudited Accounts 2018/19:**

#### **Actual Income/Expenditure**

##### **Income**

This year we received a support grant of £170 from Solihull Council. The number of dwellings increased to 980 bringing a precept income of £29,368. To balance our estimated expenditure, the cost per band D household increased by 2% from £29.21 the previous year to £29.79. The Parish Council received its second Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment of £5,356.50 during the year. CIL is a new levy to raise funds from developers undertaking new build projects and can be used to pay for a range of defined projects.

By reinvesting £20,000 the Parish Council achieved a higher interest payment of £160. In addition a VAT return of £5,151.46 was received.

##### **Expenditure**

Other unbudgeted expenditure incurred refers to the following: The sum of £3,800 was budgeted in 2018/19 towards the drainage difficulties faced at the Recreation Ground car park. It was initially anticipated that this would be sufficient but in light of developments that came to light after the



setting of the 2018/19 budget a further spend was incurred. In addition, due to the introduction of The General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 ("GDPR") it was necessary to purchase lockable storage for the Parish Council office. Parishioners will also be aware that the Parish Council purchased a "Tommy" silhouette which was placed next to the War Memorial with the profits from the sale going towards Help the Heroes.

### Reserves as at 31 March 2018

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>£</b>
Opening Balance 01/04/2018	93,664.04
Add receipts for 12 months	50,428.66
Less payments	52,006.94
<b>Total Reserves at 31 March 2019</b>	<b>92,085.76*</b>

\*Actual Figures as at 31/03/2019.

These reserves are held in the Parish Council bank accounts, £40,000 of it being in a fixed term account to achieve a higher rate of interest. The reserve fund is established year on year to allow for future, predicted, major expenditure such as resurfacing the recreation ground car park and drainage issues and any additional unforeseen financial liability.

<b>Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council</b>			
<b>Income and Expenditure</b>			
	<b>Budget 2018/19</b>	<b>Actual 2018/19</b>	<b>Budget 2019/20</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Precept & SMBC Support Grant	29368	29368	42056.98
Sports Club Rental	3035	2839*	3035
Recreation Trust Rental	670	670	670
Allotment Rental	190	240	190
Scout and Guide Headquarters Rental	100	100	100
Bank Interest	150	443.52	150
Other Income	300.00	109.00	0.00
Recovery of Cricket Pitch Funds	350.00	386	350
Football Training	590.00	430	590
Drainage Recovery from SBMC	0.00	4000	0.00
Recovery of GDPR Cabinets from George Fentham Trust	0.00	331.98	0.00
Recovery from rumble strip works	0.00	768.00	0.00
CIL Payment	0.00	5356.50	0.00
Credit Note from G R Dawson	0.00	235.20*	0.00
VAT refund from Customs and Excise	0.00	5151.46	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>34,753.00</b>	<b>50,428.66</b>	<b>47,141.98</b>
<b>*Sports Club rent paid in full. The reduction is reflected in the sums recovered from the credit note listed by G R Dawson above.</b>			
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Section 137 Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grass Cutting Parish Land	5000	4,303.51	5100
Catherine de Barnes Common	1000	512.55	1400
Grass Cutting Churchyard	1183	938.00	1210

Parish owned land Maintenance	7000	7000	8140
Clerk's salary and expenses	7500	7500	11000
Donations and subscriptions	660.00	660.00	673.00
Office Expenses (including email fee and additional room hire 18/19)	750.00	750.00	760.00
Website	1000	1000	1020
Insurance	1600	1600	1801
Parish Newsletter	2000	2000	2800
Sundries	450.00	450.00	459.00
Audit and Legal Fees	430.00	430.00	438.00
Printing Costs	400.00	400.00	500
GDPR Fees	80.00	80.00	150.00
Room Hire (changing to office rental in 2018/19 budget)	1500	1500	1700
Training	400.00	400.00	408.00
Recovery of Cricket Pitch Cuts	0.00	826.00	0.00
Transfer to Allocated Reserves	0.00	0.00	1077.98
Other			
Carpark Drainage	3800.00	13500.00	
Rumble Strip Works (charged back in income)	0.00	960.00	
GDPR Cabinets	0.00	607.97	
Tommy (Remembered Trading Limited)	0.00	776.30	
Election year costs	0.00	0.00	500.00
Neighbourhood Plan Review	0.00	0.00	3000.00
Tree Survey and Tree Maintenance Requirements	0.00	0.00	5000
VAT paid out	0.00	5812.61	0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>34,753.00</b>	<b>52,006.94</b>	<b>47,141.98</b>
<b>Pedestrian and Road Safety Reserves**</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54,753.00</b>	<b>72,006.94</b>	<b>67,141.98</b>

\*\* allocated pedestrian safety and traffic calming.

#### **Asset Register and Expenditure exceeding £100**

Details of the assets held by the parish council and expenditure exceeding £100 per item are given at the end of this report.

#### **YOUR COUNCIL**

The Parish Council for 2018/2019 was as follows:

Councillor Mike Blomer MBE	19 High Street B92 OAE
Councillor Cat Sellars	19 Meadow Drive B92 OBD
Councillor John Doidge*	20 Diddington Lane B92 OBZ
Councillor Dave Cuthbert	9 Oakfields Way B91 2TR
Councillor David Sandells	39 Old Station Road B92 OHA
Councillor Tim Beresford	6 Bellemere Road B92 OAP
Councillor Ken Blanch	18 Marsh Lane B92 OAG
Councillor Vicky Woodall	41 Meriden Road, B92 OBS
Councillor Peter Green**	6 Crockets Court, B92 OAX
Councillor Michael Hulme**	26 Lapwing Drive, B92 OBF

## CLERK

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\*to May 2018

\*\* from October 2018

### **The following sub-committees and representatives were appointed:**

(The Chair and Vice-Chair are ex-officio members of all committees).

Planning sub-committee	Councillor J Doidge (Chair to May 2018) Councillor C Sellars Councillor D Cuthbert (Chair from May 2018) Councillor Ken Blanch Councillor Peter Green
Maintenance Committee	Councillor T Beresford (Chair) Councillor M Blomer Councillor D Sandells Mr D Colman Mr D Adams Mr F Price
Communications Working Group (including Youth Affairs)	Councillor C Sellars (Chair)  Councillor D Sandells Mr P Kennedy Mr C Bowen
Neighbourhood Plan Working Group	Councillor M Blomer (Chair) Councillor J Doidge (to May 2018) Councillor C Sellars Councillor D Cuthbert
Remembrance Day	Councillor K Blanch Councillor J Doidge (to May 2018) Councillor David Sandells (from May 2018)
HS2 sub-committee	Councillor V Woodall (Chair) Councillor J Doidge (to May 2018) Councillor K Blanch Councillor Cat Sellars

### **Appointments to other bodies:**

Footpaths & Rights of Way Representative	Councillor D Cuthbert
Airport Consultation	Councillor D Sandells
Airspace Change Stakeholder Group	Councillor M Blomer
Meriden Quarries Liaison Committee	Councillor M Blomer
Solihull Area Committee	Councillor J Doidge (to May 2018) Councillor D Cuthbert (from May 2018)
Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils.	Councillor D Cuthbert
Conservation Advisory Committee	Councillor D Cuthbert

### **The Parish Council also appoints trustees to:**

The Charity of George Fentham	Mrs C Eley
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The Hampton in Arden Recreational Trust

Dr M Shalley  
Councillor T Beresford  
Mr G Hollway

**Meetings:**

During the year, 7 meetings of the full Council were held and attendance was as follows:

Councillor M Blomer	7
Councillor J Doidge	1
Councillor D Cuthbert	6
Councillor K Blanch	7
Councillor T Beresford	6
Councillor C Sellars	6
Councillor D Sandells	7
Councillor V Woodall	5
Councillor P Green	4
Councillor M Hulme	4

**Asset Register: 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018**

**Community Assets**

The Common, Catherine de Barnes  
War Memorial, Hampton-in-Arden  
Village Green, Hampton-in-Arden  
The Recreation Ground  
Recreation Ground Car Park  
The Spinney

**Other Assets**

Chairman's Insignia and Chain of Office  
Recreation Ground Notice Boards X 2  
Recreation Ground Outdoor Gym Equipment  
Recreation Ground Children's Play Area Equipment  
Parish Noticeboard X 2  
Bus Shelter X 3  
Recreation Ground Dog Bins X 3  
Recreation Ground Dog Waste Dispensers X 3  
Flower Planter Tubs X 5  
Oak Bench – Recreation Ground  
Telephone Box & Shelving  
Parish Office Computer  
Parish Office Photocopier  
Allotments  
School Children's Play Area Equipment  
Benches – School Play Area

*The Parish Council is responsible for maintenance costs of these assets.*

**Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council - Expenditure over £100**  
**1st April 2018 to 31 March 2019**

DATE	PAYEE	£	DETAILS
19/04/2018	J Barnes	669.56	Clerk's April Salary
30/04/2018	P Howard	170.00	Newsletter
30/04/2018	WALC	560.00	WALC Membership
17/05/2018	Inktree	289.30	Newsletter
17/05/2018	G R Dawson	760.80	Grass Cutting
24/05/2018	J Barnes	669.56	Clerk's May Salary
24/05/2018	G R Dawson	900.00	Tree Removal
11/06/2018	P H Design	220.00	Village Leaflet Design
13/06/2018	JRB Enterprise	264.00	Dog Bags
13/06/2016	G R Dawson	903.60	Grass Cutting and JKW Injection
13/06/2018	G R Dawson	13,200	Drainage Works
22/06/2018	J Barnes	669.56	Clerk's June Salary
22/06/2018	AAC Limited	744.00	Carpark Road Markings Recreation Ground
28/06/2018	Craddocks	121.26	Plants
28/06/2018	Craddocks	108.90	Plants
22/07/2018	J Barnes	669.56	Clerk's July Salary
22/07/2018	Atlantis Office	275.99	Lockable Storage Cabinets
27/07/2018	P H Design	170.00	Newsletter Design
07/08/2018	Inktree	221.10	Village Information Leaflet
07/08/2018	Inktree	219.94	Boundary Flyer Information Leaflet
20/08/2018	J Barnes	669.56	Clerk's August Salary
20/08/2018	G R Dawson	2,923.00	Grass Cutting/Maintenance
20/08/2018	Inktree	291.42	Newsletter
20/08/2018	Family Care Trust	375.00	Clearing the Common
20/08/2018	PKF Littlejohn	200.00	Audit Fees
10/09/2018	JRB Enterprise	264.00	Dog Bags
10/09/2018	G R Dawson	951.60	Grass Cutting and Bolt for Gate Replace
11/09/2018	Realpoint	273.60	IT Support Package
18/09/2018	Remembered Trading	776.30	Remembrance Tommy Figure
20/09/2018	J Barnes	669.56	Clerk's September Salary
03/10/2018	Fenland Leisure	138.00	Repair Play Area Equipment
09/10/2018	G R Dawson	760.80	Tree Repair and Grass Cutting
11/10/2018	D Sandells	191.11	Expenses: Play Area Equipment Repair
16/10/2018	ROSPA Play Safety	260.40	Play Area Inspection
20/10/2018	J Barnes	669.56	Clerk's October Salary
24/10/2018	P H Design	170.00	Newsletter Design
07/11/2018	Inktree	291.42	Newsletter Print
07/11/2018	G R Dawson	436.80	Grass Cutting
09/11/2018	JRB Enterprise	874.80	Replacement dog dispensers
20/11/2018	J Barnes	669.56	Clerk's November Salary
12/12/2018	G R Dawson	904.80	Maintenance
18/12/2018	J Barnes	669.56	Clerk's December Salary
18/12/2018	Inktree	215.55	Printing, traffic calming leaflets
31/12/2018	JRB Enterprise	264.00	Dog Bags
23/01/2019	T Honeysett	130.00	Dog Bins
24/01/2019	J Barnes	885.78	Clerk's January Salary
28/01/2019	P H Design	170.00	Newsletter design
31/01/2019	Inktree	336.91	Newsletter print
13/02/2019	Zurich Municipal	1342.26	Insurance
13/02/2019	Fentham Trust	1310.00	Yearly office and room hire
14/02/2019	Bellamy & Waterhouse	1434.00	War Memorial Full Repair
25/02/2019	J Barnes	885.78	Clerk's February Salary
05/03/2019	T Honeysett	100.00	Dog Bins (to include Catney Common)
06/03/2019	G R Dawson	1020.00	Tree Works (plus Climbing)
25/03/2019	J Barnes	885.78	Clerk's March Salary