

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at

THE MEETING ROOM

on

WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY 2020
Immediately following the Budget Meeting

MINUTES

PRESENT	COUNCILLORS	
		Mr Mike Blomer (Chair)
		Mr Tim Beresford (Vice Chair)
		Mr Dave Cuthbert
		Mr David Sandells
		Mr Ken Blanch
		Mr Peter Green
		Mr Giles Cook
		Mr John Eccleston
	SMBC	Mrs Sue Hughes
	CLERK	Mrs Julie Barnes
	PUBLIC	Mrs Sheila Blomer
		Mrs Frances Cook
		Mrs Lesley Cuthbert

19/86 CHAIR'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES
The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Ward Councillor Alison Rolf and Councillors Alexander Clayson, Mike Hulme and Cat Sellars.

ACTION

19/87 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Councillor Eccleston in his capacity of president of the Sports Club.

19/88 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None.

19/89 UPDATE FROM SMBC NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM
Sue Hughes, Neighbourhood Coordinator raised the following: -

- A further letter has been sent to the owner of the land that the broken cherry tree has fallen from in Catherine de Barnes. Should a response not be forthcoming a request for SMBC to remove the tree will be made and a charge put on the owner's land.
- Planning enforcement has spoken to the construction site on Shadowbrook Lane. A watching brief will be maintained but the parking issue does appear to have been resolved. The damage to the grass verge is still present. The defects have been reported and a repair will be undertaken.
- The Clerk of Works at SMBC has attended the Corbetts

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Close site development and reminded them of their obligations, in particular, to keep the surrounding roads free of mud.

- A number of potholes in the area have been reported and are awaiting repair.
- Parts of Shadowbrook Lane are scheduled to have some resurfacing works done in the next year.
- SMBC have received a request to make Berry Hall Lane a one way system. Members agreed this would be beneficial. It was agreed that Field Lane would also benefit from such a system being put in place. **SH**
- SMBC have requested Seven Trent return to repair the tarmac works recently undertaken on the High Street.
- Highways are looking into the request by the Parish Council for a gate to be placed on Marsh Lane. The chair indicated the Parish Council would expect Park Wardens to open the gate in the daytime and lock it on the evenings. **SH**
- There is concern that a number of tree roots are lifting the pavements on Peel Close. This will be investigated further. **SH**
- There is a sunken manhole cover on Old Station Road. A further request will be made to Seven Trent for them to undertake this repair. **SH**
- Councillor Blanch notified Sue Hughes that the yellow lines recently installed on Meriden Road are lifting off. Sue confirmed she would report this back to Highways. **SH**
- Councillor Cuthbert enquired whether the give-way markings at the junction of Foxley Drive could be reinstated as they have worn away and are a safety hazard. **SH**
- The chair asked whether any progress had been made with regard to the overhanging trees obscuring the 30mph sign near Patrick's Bridge. Sue confirmed she would look into this again. **SH**

Sue Hughes left the meeting at 8:12pm.

19/90 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2019

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

19/91 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

Catherine de Barnes Traffic Counters:- Councillor Blanch confirmed the data has now been received. Councillor Blanch will provide an article on this for the next Parish Newsletter. **KB**

Hampton in Arden Library:- A meeting has been arranged with the Library Working Group. Councillor Sellars and Green will be in attendance. **PG/CS**

Christmas Lights:- The chair confirmed that the switch on was a success and something the Parish Council will look to do yearly. **CLERK/ MB**

Applications for funding:- Councillor Eccleston confirmed that there are no further developments at present.

CIL Funds:- The chair confirmed that a meeting with the SMBC CIL team had now been arranged where the draft policy put together by Councillors Blanch and Green would be discussed in more detail. Councillor Green will circulate the draft policy to all members.

PG/ALL

Catherine de Barnes Cricket Club:- The chair confirmed that no further information had been forthcoming.

Local Government Award Scheme:- Members noted that amendments would need to be made to the Parish Council website and time would need to be invested into updating various policies. The chair noted that this would take considerable time out of the clerk's current working day. Members agreed to maintain a watching brief at this present time. The clerk confirmed she would start to gather documentation together in readiness for any potential application to the Award Scheme.

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CLERK

VE75 Celebrations:- No further developments at present.

Arden Free Tree Scheme:- The chair confirmed that the Parish Council's application was successful and the trees are awaiting collection and planting by Dawsons Groundcare.

19/92 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the recent Communications sub-committee meeting had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

In Councillor Sellars absence the clerk reminded members that articles for the February newsletter needed to be submitted by no later than 10/01/2020.

ALL

19/93 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Cuthbert referred to the running planning report noting in particular:-

Responses are due to be submitted on Woodhouse Farm, the MSA and The Brickworks. Councillor Cuthbert would provide those to the clerk by no later than Friday.

**DC/
CLERK**

The chair requested that Councillor Cuthbert seek to have Woodhouse Farm (03108) called in to be heard by the Planning Committee.

DC

Woodhouse Farm (Burial Ground):- Planning Officers are recommending a refusal. It is expected that this application will be heard in March.

19/94 PEDESTRIAN AND ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

Councillor Blanch confirmed that there is no further update at present. Ashley Prior is no longer head of highways having recently

retired.

SMBC have previously indicated that the Parish Council will be notified of SMBC's decision in March.

19/95 CORRESPONDENCE (for information only)

13/11 Solihull CAVA – Local events
18/11 WALC – Voting for NALC Committee Members
25/11 WM Trains – Business update
26/11 WALC – Training event for setting precepts
27/11 CSW Broadband – Update
29/11 – NALC – Spring 2020 Conference
29/11 Power for People – Local Electricity Bill
2/12 WALC – Lottery Funds
4/12 NALC – Newsletter
6/12 WALC – Newsletter
10/12 CSW Broadband – Update
13/12 NALC – C/Execs Bulletin
17/12 WALC – Grants available
19/12 Reading University – NP Research
20/12 Neighbourhood Alert – Counter Terrorism Training
24/12 Solihull CAVE – Local events
02/01 WALC – Training Session on End of Year Financial Procedures
02/01 HS2 – Common Design Elements – public engagement

19/96 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

Councillor Cuthbert attended a SAC Meeting attended by Nick Page on 19/12/19.

The chair attended a Locality Meeting on 21/11 which he found to be informative with a lot of information given regarding SMBC's social care provision.

19/97 FINANCE

The quarterly accounts and payments for 9 months ending 31 December 2019 were accepted as **proposed by Councillor Beresford and seconded by Councillor Blanch.**

19/98 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The chair confirmed the dates for next meetings:-

Parish Council Meeting: 11 March 2020*
Maintenance Committee Meeting: 5 February 2020.

*11 March 2020 Parish Council meeting to be held at Catherine de Barnes Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9:35pm.

Minutes taken, prepared and presented by Julie Barnes, Clerk