

**HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Held via Microsoft Teams

**7:30pm on 7 October 2020**

**PRESENT**

**Councillor T Beresford (Chairman)**  
**Councillor M Blomer**  
**Councillor J Eccleston**  
**Councillor D Cuthbert**  
**Councillor P Green**  
**Councillor D Sandells**

**Clerk: Julie Barnes**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**ACTION**

**19/29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr David Colman, Mr Daniel Adams and Mr Floyd Price.

**19/30 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5 FEBRUARY 2020**

These have already been adopted by a full parish council meeting.

**19/31 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

The chair noted that because of the Covid-19 crisis the Maintenance Committee had been unable to meet over the summer and as a result most matters contained within the previous minutes had been dealt with. A few points were made:

*19/24 – Arden Free Tree Scheme* – Councillor Blomer confirmed that the trees had been planted with photographic evidence being provided to Adam Noon at Solihull MBC on 13/02/2020.

*19/25 – School Play Area* – Councillor Sandells confirmed that all repair works had now been completed.

*19/26 – Field Lane* – the clerk confirmed that a request was submitted to the Neighbourhood Delivery Team in March 2020. Councillor Cuthbert requested an update be sought.

**Clerk**

**19/32 THE COMMON AND THE DELL, CATHERINE DE BARNES**

Councillor Eccleston confirmed that initial flailing had been undertaken by Dawsons Groundcare. Subsequently, Newlands Bishop had undertaken a cut and had also agreed to return and carry out another cut at no extra cost.

Councillor Cuthbert explained that an area on The Common will be prepared for wildflower meadow and works will begin to prepare the area shortly.

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that some of the trees on The Common require attention and the clerk noted that Dawsons Groundcare were due to attend in November.

Councillor Blomer noted that the Parish Council had kindly received a donation of two non-native Cherry trees from Solihull MBC, one for each ward. Dawsons Groundcare has advised the Parish Council that a non-native tree should not sit amongst the current native species that are on The Common, nor would The Village Green be suitable for the same reason.

Councillor Cuthbert will consider alternative locations and revert to the Committee in due course. It was agreed that if an alternative location could not be found the Parish Council would purchase a native tree for The Common and use the non-native Cherry trees in Hampton in Arden.

The committee discussed possible locations for the trees in Hampton in Arden and it was agreed that they could replace the crab apple trees along the footpath down to Peel Close.

The committee will wait for further information from Councillor Cuthbert before proceeding further. **DC**

**19/33 CHURCHYARD**

David Colman sent his apologies in advance of the meeting.

David reported via email that the church clock has now been repainted and reinstalled.

**19/34 RECREATION GROUND AND SPINNEY**

The chair gave an update regarding the necessary felling of the Ash and Oak tree located at the Recreation Ground. A query was raised over whether the Ash tree fell within the Recreation Ground. Peter Green confirmed he would prepare a plan and circulate that following the meeting so that the chair could consider it further and inspect the area. **PG**  
**TB**

The Parish Council and Sports Club will agree a form of wording for a communication to residents to be included within the next Newsletter due in November. The chair requested that the clerk liaise with the Sports Club to ensure that the felling of the trees did not take place prior to communications being issued. **TB**  
**Clerk**

Councillor Eccleston spoke on behalf of Floyd Price who had sent his apologies. The Sports Club had found that the marquee used to aid social distancing had not been fit for purpose and the club were now looking into purchasing a wooden log cabin. Councillor Eccleston enquired whether the Parish Council would have any objections to such a proposal. The chair confirmed that full details of its size and location would need to be sent to the Parish Council for their full consideration. **FP/JE**

Councillor Blomer noted that the log cabin would need to be regarded as a temporary structure to comply with planning regulations.

Councillor Blomer noted that in light of Covid-19 discussions remained ongoing about what format this year's Remembrance Sunday service would take. Possible options include an outdoor service on the Recreation Ground. The Parish Council will maintain a watching brief considering the rapidly changing situation.

**19/35 SCHOOL FIELD AND PLAY AREA**

The chair confirmed that Graham Hollway had kindly donated some football posts from the recent astro-turf upgrade and that they have been placed on the school field.

The clerk will write to the George Fentham Endowed School to confirm that the Parish Council will take full responsibility for the posts. The chair confirmed that the posts have been added to the insurance policy and have now been secured down. **Clerk**

The chair requested that the posts be added to the yearly inspection schedule. **Clerk**

Councillor Sandells confirmed that the posts have been well-received by the children within the village.

**19/36 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS**

The chair asked the clerk to request a village street clean. **Clerk**

Councillor Blomer noted a request had been received from Councillor Blanch for a replacement stile on the footpath between Bellemere Road and the Lake

Councillor Blanch had also made a request for a kissing gate to be installed on safety grounds as the footpath emerges from The Manor onto the High Street.

The clerk will approach the Neighbourhood Delivery Team with the above requests. **Clerk**

**19/37 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**19/38 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 3 February 2021

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

Minutes taken and prepared by Julie Barnes, Clerk to Parish Council