

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held via Microsoft Teams

7:30pm on 9 June 2021

PRESENT

Councillor T Beresford (Chairman)
Councillor M Blomer
Councillor J Eccleston
Councillor D Cuthbert

Clerk: Julie Barnes

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACTION

21/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr David Colman, Councillor Sandells and Councillor Green.

21/02 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9 JUNE 2021

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

21/03 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

19/34: Recreation Ground and Spinney: The chair enquired what the position was regarding the timber that had been stored to create a lasting memory. Councillor Eccleston confirmed he would make further enquiries with Floyd Price as to where the timber had been stored.

JE

19/44: Recreation Ground and Spinney: The chair will ask Dawsons Groundcare if the weather conditions are now suitable for all the paths to be edged.

Chair

19/44: Woodchip request: Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that a large delivery of wood chippings was received and had been utilised on both The Common and by residents within Catherine de Barnes.

19/44: Tree Tubes: The chair confirmed that the old tree tubes have now been removed.

19/47: Any other Business: Footpath Sign: Councillor Eccleston confirmed that the sign remained down. The clerk confirmed that she is regularly chasing this and is hopeful it will be repaired shortly.

Clerk

21/04 THE COMMON AND THE DELL, CATHERINE DE BARNES

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that Wildflowers had been planted and were now starting to grow. The Friends of The Common are awaiting a quote from The Family Care Trust for the first cut, to include the cuttings being taken away. Discussion took place regarding how often cuts should be undertaken and it was agreed that the Parish Council would be guided by The Friends of the Common.

The bench located on The Common will need replacing soon. The Residents Association will be meeting the cost of this.

Several wooden posts on The Common are rotting and require replacement. Councillor Cuthbert will send a photo and details to the clerk so that Dawsons Groundcare can undertake the necessary repair works.

DC

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that he had been notified of Japanese Knotweed growing on the Canal Towpath. The Canal and River Trust have been notified and have investigated the issue further.

21/05 CHURCHYARD

David Colman sent his apologies in advance of the meeting.

David notified the Parish Council in advance that there are no updates at this present time.

The chair confirmed that a new Church Warden had been appointed, Debbie Walker. The clerk has arranged for Dawsons Groundcare to contact Debbie to ensure that their grass cutting requirements are being met.

21/06 STATION IMPROVEMENTS AND PLANTER MAINTENANCE

The clerk confirmed that she had spoken with Councillor Blanch and that no issues had been reported with either the Station or the planter maintenance.

The subcommittee will maintain a watching brief.

21/07 RECREATION GROUND AND SPINNEY

The chair enquired with Councillor Blomer whether the Conservation Group were currently active and whether the committee needed to be aware of any issues. Councillor Blomer will make some further enquiries with Dave Grimshaw who heads up the Conservation Group and will report further in due course.

MB

The clerk requested that another bin be purchased and installed within the Under 7s Play Area. The chair confirmed that she could proceed to order this and requested that it be added to Trevor Honeysett's schedule.

Clerk

Councillor Blomer enquired whether there had been any further developments regarding the "Active Park Project" ran by Solihull MBC that was promoting physical activity on the Recreational Ground in Hampton in Arden. The clerk confirmed that she had received no further information at present but would chase this up and circulate any response received.

Clerk

Councillor Blomer noted that it had recently come to the attention of the Parish Council that the Cricket Club had been subletting the outfield, in turn receiving a financial benefit. The Parish Council have confirmed to the Cricket Club that they are happy for this arrangement to continue given that it is in place to ensure the club's financial stability and to enable it to continue

running but has reminded the club that the cricket field is a recreational space owned by the Parish Council and is not a private cricket pitch or a sports club asset and that, therefore, any further arrangements should be agreed with the Parish Council in advance.

21/08 SCHOOL FIELD AND PLAY AREA

The chair confirmed that the two lights in this area require replacement. The Parish Council are currently obtaining quotes to convert to LEDs.

21/09 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

The chair confirmed that the road towards Patrick's Farm, out from Lapwing Drive has mud and silt built into it. Solihull MBC are aware.

The footpath from Peel Close to Fentham Road has also been reported to Solihull MBC due to overgrown weeds and nettles.

Several potholes in both Catherine de Barnes and Hampton in Arden have been reported to Solihull MBC.

Councillor Eccleston confirmed that a meeting had taken place with David Kearny of Solihull MBC Highways Department and the Catherine de Barnes Traffic Calming plan would be formally submitted to Paul Tovey of Solihull MBC Highways shortly.

Councillor Blomer confirmed that speed watch has now recommenced.

21/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The chair confirmed that he had met with a planning consultant regarding the allotments on Eastcote Lane and it is hoped that an application will be submitted shortly.

21/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 6 October 2021 at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 8:04pm.

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