

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held at

THE MEETING ROOM

On

WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7:30PM

PRESENT	COUNCILLORS	Mr Mike Blomer (Chair) Mr David Sandells Mr Ken Blanch Mrs Cat Sellars Mrs Vicky Woodall Mr Dave Cuthbert
	SMBC	Mr Tom Rogers (to item 18/46)
	CLERK	Mrs Julie Barnes
	PUBLIC	Mrs Sheila Blomer

ACTION

18/42 CHAIR'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Ward Councillors Alison Rolf and Bob Sleight, and Councillor Beresford.

18/43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

18/44 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

18/45 APPOINTMENT OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Chair reminded members of the decision to seek to co-opt two new parish councillors to fill current vacancies until local elections in May 2019. Following successful interviews the Chair recommended that Mr Peter Green and Mr Michael Hulme be co-opted with immediate effect. The recommendation was accepted as **proposed by Councillor Sellars and seconded by Councillor Cuthbert** with all members being in favour.

18/46 UPDATE FROM SMBC

Tom enquired whether Tammy Rowley had been in contact with the Parish Council. The Chair confirmed she had not. The Chair expressed his disappointment that no progress had been made with regard to the street cleaning schedule.

Tom confirmed that in relation to the path from Fentham Road to Station Road, SMBC would be clearing that as it is a right of way but expressed some uncertainty over whether or not it was SMBC's responsibility going forward. Members confirmed it had previously been agreed that it was SMBC's responsibility and Tom confirmed

he would investigate this further.

Tom enquired whether the Parish Council would like a delivery of bulbs. Members confirmed that they would and Tom would arrange delivery of the same to the Parish Office.

Councillor Sandells enquired whether street lights are in the process of being replaced on Old Station Road. Tom confirmed he would investigate and let us know.

Tom Rogers left the meeting

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18/47 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ON 4 JULY 2018

18/30 It was reported that the regional director of Pegasus Group as agents for extra MSA the developer of the proposed Motorway Service Area had challenged the minute's accuracy. Following discussion, members agreed to amend the Minute to read as follows: "*Members noted that Pegasus had written to SMBC requesting that a decision on the application be reached by 5 October failing which they will consider an appeal to the Secretary of State for non-determination unless they are satisfied with the progress made*". Subject to this amendment the minutes from the Parish Council meeting were approved as **proposed by Councillor Blanch and seconded by Councillor Sellars.**

18/48 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

17/111 Carpark Drainage:- The Chair confirmed that SMBC had cleared out the sediment tank and that all was running smoothly.

17/115 Community Governance Review:- Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that the latest consultation had ended on 31/08 and 120 responses had been received in total (112 positive/8 negative). SMBC would produce a heat map shortly to provide greater detail. The matter will now go to a Governance Committee in October before being referred to a full council with a recommendation. Should it be agreed, the change would be implemented in April 2019.

The Chair confirmed that he had spoken with the Electoral Services Manager regarding the rules on Parish Councillor appointments post possible boundary changes with two wards. The manager had confirmed that the usual rules would apply in that Councillors would be from the Parish as a whole and it would be up to the Parish Council which ward they represented.

18/33 Planning Applications:- The Chair noted that the planning application on Land off Corbetts Close had been approved on 05/09. The Parish Council had been unsuccessful in obtaining approval for a local letting plan/fixed equity scheme.

18/34 CIL:- Deferred in Councillor Beresford's absence to the next Parish Council Meeting on 14/11.

18/36 Pedestrian and Road Safety Update:- Councillor Blanch confirmed that the updated plan is now on the Website. A few responses had been received as a result. All comments were noted.

Councillor Blanch confirmed that it is the land owner that must submit the plan to the HS2 Community Fund and SMBC Highways

have confirmed they will do that on the Parish Council's behalf.

The Chair noted that parking remains an ongoing issue by the Station and Councillor Woodall confirmed that SMBC Highways are aware.

18/49 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed a report had been circulated with all up to date planning applications and their current statuses. Councillor Cuthbert made particular reference to:-

MSA Catherine de Barnes:- See minute 18/47 above.

MSA J4:- Highways England ("HE") have requested that SMBC defer on making a decision for a further 3 months in order that they can collate further information.

Care Home at Oak Farm:- Planning have yet to reach a decision with the application likely to go to the Planning Committee in October.

18/50 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Chair confirmed that The Hampton Festival Committee have suggested the possibility of installing Christmas lights on the village green. The Chair explained that if members were in agreement, the next step would be to make further enquiries regarding the cost of providing an electricity supply. All members were in agreement with Councillor Woodall confirming that Hampton Society would also support such a project. **MB**

18/51 NETWORK RAIL, REQUEST FOR A LICENCE

The Chair explained that Carter Jonas (agents for Network Rail) had contacted the Parish Council to request that we enter into a Licence Agreement to enable their contractors to carry out essential drainage works alongside the railway. The Chair confirmed that the land where the works are required to take place belongs to The George Fentham Trust but that access is required from the Parish Council. The Chair noted that Network Rail does have reserved rights to proceed in any event should the Parish Council not agree to their request but do wish to offer a more practical solution.

The Chair explained to members that Nick Russell, chartered surveyor for The George Fentham Trust was handling the matter on the Trust's behalf and recommended that the Parish Council utilise his expertise also.

Councillor Sellars stated that Network Rail need to be made aware of the presence of the great crested newt.

Subject to satisfactory arrangements for access and the health and safety of all recreation ground users members approved the Chair's recommendation to enter into a licence agreement. **MB**

18/52 REAPPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR TIM BERESFORD TO THE GEORGE FENTHAM TRUST

The Chair referred members to his report. Councillor Beresford's current appointment is due to expire. Councillor Beresford has expressed a willingness to continue and it was approved **as proposed by Councillor Cuthbert and seconded by Councillor Sellars** that Councillor Beresford's current term would be extended for a further four year term, expiring October 2022.

CLERK

18/53 WAR MEMORIAL REPAIRS AND TOMMY FIGURE

The Chair referred members to his report and noted that repair work was necessary to the War Memorial. The Chair noted that the War Memorial is constructed of Portland Stone which is difficult to obtain and has a significant lead time. Two quotations had been obtained, one had come in significantly higher. In view of the lead time, the Chair recommended that a temporary repair at a cost of £150 take place prior to Remembrance Sunday and then a further full repair take place in the sum of £1,195. All members were in agreement.

The Chair referred members to his report regarding the installation of a steel "Tommy" figure. The cost is believed to be in the region of £750 plus installation costs, a total of approximately £1,000. Members agreed that if the "Tommy" figure could be installed in time for Remembrance Sunday the Parish Council should proceed.

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18/54 CORRESPONDENCE (for information only)

09/07 SMBC - Stay Connected
12/07 TV - Community TV programme
17/07 SMBC - Consultation on Council Tax Reduction Scheme
19/07 NALC - Newsletter
19/07 WALC - Star Council Awards
19/07 SMBC - Open Space and Outdoor Play Area Survey
18/08 SMBC - Tribunal Ruling on Media Releases
18/08 SMBC - Mayors Engagement
18/08 SMBC - Tommy's
18/08 WALC - Everyone Remembered (Tommy`s)
22/08 WALC - Newsletter
29/08 NALC - 2018 Annual conference
30/08 SMBC - Stay Connected
4/09 SMBC - Sprint Consultation
5/09 SMBC - Let it Grow
6/09 WALC - Newsletter
6/09 SMBC - Zero Suicide Pledge

18/55 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMITTEE

Councillor Sellars referred everyone to the minutes from the recent communications subcommittee meeting held on 4 September.

Councillor Sellars reminded Councillors that articles were needed for the next Newsletter with the deadline for submission to her being 14 October.

18/56 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

Meriden Liaison

The Chair confirmed he had attended a recent meeting on 10 September. The Chair noted the recently lodged planning application regarding a phased extraction of some 400,000 tonnes of sand and gravel as a south western extension to Meriden Quarry. This will not affect Hampton in Arden.

HS2 Implementation Advisory Group

Councillor Blanch confirmed that the new Chair is Ward Councillor Alison Rolf.

HS2 Contractors – request for meeting: 16 October

Councillor Blanch requested a pre-meeting in advance of this meeting. **CLERK**

HS2 Implementation Advisory Group/Greenway Project

Councillor Woodall has been in touch with HS2 to ask that the Parish Council be included in any meetings regarding the Greenway Project.

Solihull Area Committee

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed he had attended a meeting in July, that he has been appointed vice-chair of the committee and Councillor Rosie Weaver of Meriden Parish Council, Chair.

18/57 FINANCE

The quarterly accounts and payments for 5 months ending 31 August were accepted as **proposed by Councillor Cuthbert and seconded by Councillor Woodall.**

18/58 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The chair confirmed the dates for next meetings:-

Parish Council Meeting: 14 November 2018

Maintenance Committee Meeting: 10 October 2018

Meeting closed at 9:30pm

Minutes taken, prepared and presented by Julie Barnes, Clerk