

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held via

MICROSOFT TEAMS

on

WEDNESDAY 6 JANUARY 2021 at 7:30pm

MINUTES

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

Mr Mike Blomer (Chair)
Mr Tim Beresford (Vice Chair)
Mr Dave Cuthbert
Mr Ken Blanch
Mr Peter Green
Mr Giles Cook
Mr John Eccleston
Mrs Catherine Sellars
Mr Alexander Clayson

CLERK

Mrs Julie Barnes

PUBLIC

Mrs L Cuthbert
Mrs S Blomer
Mrs F Cook

The chair welcomed members back after the Christmas break, wishing everyone a Happy New Year with the hope that things will improve soon.

Sadly, the chair informed members that Clive Bowen had passed-away on 11 December 2020 after a long fight with cancer. Mr Bowen became a Parish Council in the early 2000s. During his time with the council, Mr Bowen was instrumental in forming the Communications Group which in turn led to the quarterly Parish Newsletter. Mr Bowen was heavily involved in securing the many improvements to the station which included approval for the planters that the Gardening Club now maintain. He was the Council representative for the Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee and, even after his resignation as a councillor in April 2015, continued to be an active member of the Communications Group where he remained a member until late last year. The Parish Council wishes to record their thanks for the contribution Mr Bowen made to our community for many years.

20/77

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

ACTION

Apologies were noted from Councillors Sandells and Hulme.

20/78

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- John Eccleston, President, Sports Club and Recreational Trust Trustee.
- Dave Cuthbert, Residents Association and Trustee of Catherine de Barnes Village Hall.

- Tim Beresford – George Fentham Trustee and School Governor.
- Ken Blanch – Bowls Club Member.
- Peter Green – Bowls Club Member.

20/79 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

20/80 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2020

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

20/81 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

20/61 *Mr David Sandall, Lugtrout Lane:* The chair confirmed that a letter was received from Mr Sandall on 7 December 2020, members have a further meeting to discuss the Catherine de Barnes Pedestrian and Road Safety Plan in more detail on 19 January 2021. Councillor Blanch confirmed that Mr Sandall's views will be considered.

20/82 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Councillors Sellars confirmed that the Communications Subcommittee met on 4 January 2021, a copy of the minutes have been circulated to all members in advance of the meeting.

Councillor Sellars requested articles for the February newsletter by no later than 15 January 2021. **ALL**

20/83 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

51409: MSA: - Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that Highways England have a Holding Notice in place until at least 31 January 2021. It is understood that this may be lifted shortly. The Parish Council have approached Saqib Bhatti MP to request that he contacts the Secretary of State to get the application called in. Councillor Cuthbert considered that the Parish Council should also submit such a request. All members agreed. The chair will prepare the necessary correspondence for the clerk's onward transmission. **MB**

02530 and 02529 White Lion:- Both applications have been refused. However, application: 00107 has now been approved.

02792: - Land at Catherine de Barnes (WGAA): - A response has now been submitted.

02784 – Newlands Bishop Farm: - Councillor Cuthbert explained that there is some concern over the possible noise pollution this application may incur and that, as a result, the Parish Council have submitted a response.

351 Lugtrout lane: - A previously refused application. Indication that it is to be appealed but no further information has been received to date.

Sameday Transport: - A previously refused application. It is understood a written appeal has taken place. No further information is yet available.

02546: Land rear of 86 Meriden Road: - The chair noted that 86 Meriden Road had incorrectly been taken off the list. It remains undecided and therefore needs to be placed back on the list. The clerk will arrange this.

CLERK

The chair also noted that 86 Meriden Road appears to have a substantial 2 storey rear extension under construction but that a planning application for those works has not been received. Councillor Cuthbert will contact the planning department and make the necessary further enquiries.

DC

20/84 HAMPTON IN ARDEN SPORTS CLUB LEASE REQUEST

The chair referred members to his report circulated in advance and the additional information recently received from the Sports Club management team.

Councillor Eccleston explained that as part of the proposed redevelopment of the clubhouse, the club management team have been advised that for the purpose of raising funds for the project, it would be highly preferable for the remaining lease with the Parish Council to be extended to a minimum of 30 years.

In addition, the club management team are also requesting a slight increase to the footprint of the existing clubhouse, to consider future redevelopment plans.

Councillor Beresford stated that he considered that the Parish Council should not object to the proposals in principle but that final designs would need to be agreed before any approval could be given.

It would be necessary to appoint lawyers to draft the new lease and all members agreed that the Sports Club should look to meet the cost of doing so.

Should all the above conditions be acceptable to the Sports Club management team and subject to a rent review being included within the lease renewal, all members agreed to the request and it was agreed as **proposed by Councillor Beresford and seconded by Councillor Blanch** with all in favour.

TB

20/85 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that Councillor Green had now inputted all the returned Neighbourhood Plan Surveys into a spreadsheet and had begun analysing the data. Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that:

293 responses had been received which represented a 23% return. Of those, 211 were from Hampton in Arden and 82 from Catherine de Barnes.

Councillor Cuthbert was able to give some further information regarding the demographic of responses:

Hampton in Arden

20% response: Under 25s;

48% response: 25s to 65s

32% response: over 65s

Catherine de Barnes

14% response: Under 25s

43% response: 25s to 65s

43% response: over 65s

Only 4 business surveys back, a response of 5.7%.

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that Councillor Green will now need to analyse what the responses have told us.

Councillor Cuthbert thanked Councillor Green for his hard work in reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan Survey documentation, the chair echoed his comments and all members agreed.

The clerk will arrange a meeting in February in order that an update can be given to the working group. **CLERK**

An update will go out to residents in the next Parish Newsletter. **CS**

20/86 PEDESTRIAN AND ROAD SAFETY PROGRESS

Hampton in Arden Ward

Councillor Blanch confirmed that both Solihull MBC and HS2 have now approved the Hampton in Arden Pedestrian and Road Safety Interim Plan. A virtual meeting had taken place before Christmas to discuss the content and on 5 January 2021 the chair and himself had met with Solihull MBC Highway Engineers to look in detail at some of the proposals.

Councillor Blanch provided a breakdown to members of the proposals and confirmed that it is anticipated that construction will take place in March/April 2021.

Catherine de Barnes Ward

Members are due to meet virtually on 19 January 2021 to discuss the Interim Plan for Catherine de Barnes in order that it can be finalised and submitted to Solihull MBC in due course. **ALL**

20/87 SOLIHULL MBC CYCLING AND WALKING STRATEGY

Councillor Cuthbert again thanked Councillor Green for his efforts in finalising the Parish Council's response to the Solihull MBC's cycling and walking strategy.

Councillor Green provided a brief update on the cycling and walking strategy and explained the importance of responding with the Parish Council's recommendations.

The response had been circulated to all members by email for their approval and, following that approval, submitted. The clerk will arrange for a copy of the response to be placed onto the Parish Council website. **CLERK**

20/88 CIL AND POTENTIAL PARISH PROJECTS

An application for CIL funds has been received from George Fentham Endowed School. A request has been made for: Dining Tables (at a cost of £7,650), Class Libraries (at a cost of £12,000) and Laptops (at a cost of £15,000).

Councillor Green confirmed that the requests from the School did meet the Parish Council's CIL matrix.

Members considered the requests in more detail. It was understood by members that the most urgent need was for the replacement dining tables as

they do not meet current health and safety standards.

It was agreed to pay the sum of £7,650 to George Fentham Endowed School as **proposed by Councillor Eccleston and seconded by Councillor Blanch**. A vote took place, one member abstained with all other members being in favour. The clerk will arrange the payment to the school in due course.

CLERK

20/89 CIL APPLICATION FOR DEFIBRILLATOR IN CATNEY DE BARNES

A CIL application has been received from Catney Residents Association for a defibrillator to be installed in Catherine de Barnes. NISA have confirmed that they will allow the unit to be installed outside their premises and will meet the electricity costs of running the machine. Catney Residents Association have confirmed that they will provide the maintenance upkeep.

Councillor Green confirmed that the request did meet the Parish Council's CIL matrix.

The amount requested is £1,532.00.

Members agreed to approve the request and **it was approved as proposed by Councillor Beresford, seconded by Councillor Clayson** with all members being in favour.

Councillor Cuthbert requested the clerk make payment to Frances Cook, Catney Residents Association.

CLERK

20/90 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM HAMPTON IN ARDEN BOWLS CLUB

Mr Andrew Jeeves, chairman of Hampton Bowls Club has applied for CIL funding in the sum £2,000.

Councillor Green explained that it is unlikely that this application would pass the Parish Council's CIL matrix and members therefore discussed the proposal in more detail.

Members were unable to approve the request for CIL funding but wished to offer Hampton Bowls Club support by way of referrals to other possible sources of funding i.e. Bowls England. The clerk will make some further enquiries and will return to Hampton Bowls Club to notify them of the Parish Council's decision.

CLERK

20/91 CORRESPONDENCE

Most correspondence is received by email and is forwarded to members as a matter of course with the majority being of a routine nature, examples being regular consultations from SMBC on planning applications, updates, and training opportunities from WALC and NALC, notifications from HS2 and currently many relating to Covid 19. The following are those that depart from the routine:

16/11 Ian Rush Foundation – Purchase of community football grounds

01/12 SMBC – Winter Wellbeing Recovery Fund

04/12 Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Budget and Engagement Meeting

09/12 HMRC – Secretary of State Approval for Inland Border Facility at Birmingham Airport.

20/91 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that Mark Andrews, Head of Planning at Solihull MBC would be attending the next SAC meeting on 14 January 2021 at 7:15pm should any other members wish to join. Councillor Cook confirmed he would attend. Councillor Cuthbert will arrange for a meeting invite to be sent to him.

DC/GC

20/92 FINANCE

The quarterly accounts and payments for 9 months ending 31 December 2020 were accepted as **proposed by Councillor Tim Beresford and seconded by Councillor Cuthbert.**

20/93 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The chair confirmed the dates for the next meetings:

Parish Council Meeting: 10 March 2021 (Catherine de Barnes)
Maintenance Subcommittee Meeting: 3 February 2021.

ALL

Meeting closed at:

Minutes taken, prepared, and presented by Julie Barnes, Clerk.

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