

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

D R A F T MINUTES

Held at: The George Fentham Meeting Rooms, Marsh Lane, Hampton in Arden

On: Wednesday 28 September 2022

Start: 7:30pm

End: 9:26pm.

PRESENT	Councillors	Mr Mike Blomer (Chairman) Mr Tim Beresford Mr Roger Waring Mr Peter Green Mr John Eccleston Mrs Min Grimshaw Mr Ken Blanch Mrs Cat Sellars
	Clerk	Mrs Julie Barnes
	Public	Mrs S Blomer Mr and Mrs L & J Cable

NO.

ACTION

22/45 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Dave Cuthbert, David Sandells, Alexander Clayson and Giles Cook.

22/46 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Tim Beresford – George Fentham Trustee and School Governor.
- John Eccleston, President, Sports Club and Recreational Trust Trustee.

22/47 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

22/48 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2022

The draft Minutes taken and prepared by Julie Barnes were **approved**, expect for two small grammatical changes, **by Councillor Peter Green, seconded by Councillor Ken Blanch** with all members being in favour.

22/49 MATTERS ARISING

- Climate Change Working Group, Councillor Sellars confirmed she would be arranging a meeting shortly noting that both Councillors Green and Grimshaw had began work on drafts already.
- Remembrance Sunday Planning. The clerk was able to confirm that plans were in place and that Councillor Sandells had submitted all the necessary road closure paperwork to Solihull MBC.

CS

22/50 FEEDBACK FROM THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE
Eastcote Lane Allotment Site

Councillor Beresford confirmed that The George Fentham Trust had now created an additional allotment site on Eastcote Lane. That site comprises 7 full size and 14 half size plots.

The Trust proposes that the Parish Council pay £200 per annum in rent for the land. 50% of the hedge maintenance and the full amount of any water supply usage. The Parish Council would then run all, and any administration associated with it.

The proposed *draft* lease, circulated to members mirrors that of the Fentham Road site. Councillor Grimshaw **proposed** that the Parish Council accept the Trust's proposals and proceed to sign the lease when it had been finalised in the same terms. **This was seconded by Councillor Blanch with all members being in favour.**

The clerk will notify the George Fentham Trust accordingly.

Clerk

22/51 FEEDBACK ON PEDESTRIAN AND ROAD SAFETY SCHEMES
Stage 2 Traffic Calming – Hampton in Arden

Members are referred to the associated report pack for a detailed breakdown. No proposals were required at this stage.

Catherine de Barnes Traffic Calming Plan

Councillor Blanch noted that finance for this scheme remains in issue with ongoing discussions taking place with National Highways.

22/52 REQUEST FOR ENTRANCE TO THE VILLAGE SIGNS

The chair explained that a request had been received from a resident within the village to consider installing similar “*Welcome to the Village*” signage as has been installed by Barston Parish Council.

The clerk confirmed that enquiries had been made of Barston Parish Council which established that the cost of installing the signs had been in the order of £20,000 and required detailed and lengthy involvement of both Solihull MBC Highways and Planning departments.

It was noted that future Pedestrian and Road Safety schemes allow for some further additional signage and all members agreed that the costs involved were not a best use of the precept.

Councillor Beresford proposed that no further action be taken, this was seconded by Councillor Grimshaw with all members being in favour.

22/53 HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARKING ISSUES

Members are referred to the associated report pack for a detailed breakdown.

Members agreed that action was required to combat the parking issues within Hampton in Arden village. Councillor Green was able to confirm that during the last survey associated with the Neighbourhood Plan a significant number of residents had asked that something be done to address the parking issues along the High Street and around the shops. In the first instance it was agreed to open communication with the High Street businesses, the Church and affected residents before then approaching Solihull MBC Highways.

Councillor Blanch will provide a draft letter to the clerk.

KB

22/54 FEEDBACK FROM THE RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTWAY REPRESENTATIVE

Members are referred to the associated report pack for a detailed breakdown.

Members discussed the costs associated with putting in a footbridge and metal gate being in the region of £1,298 plus any associated legal costs.

Councillor Waring enquired whether members would agree to such costs being incurred. Councillor Green stated that CIL funding could be applicable and suggested a formal approach to the CIL Committee.

Councillor Beresford provided an alternative route option which would alleviate the need for a footbridge. Councillor Waring confirmed he would investigate this before reporting further.

RW

22/55 FEEDBACK FROM CIL COMMITTEE

Members are referred to the associated report pack for a detailed breakdown.

Councillor Green also noted that the Solihull Local Plan does confirm that the Lugtrout Lane development in Catherine de Barnes would result in 25% of the CIL income being paid to Hampton in Arden Parish Council.

22/56 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Councillor Sellars referred to Minutes circulated in advance following the last committee meeting that had taken place on 6 September 2022.

Articles were discussed with copy being required by 14 October.

ALL

22/57 FEEDBACK FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The running report was discussed in detail. In Councillor Cuthbert's absence a full report was not available. The clerk notified members that should a report be necessary it would be circulated under separate cover.

Chestnut Farm

It has been requested by the Parish Council that Solihull MBC Planning Officers visit Hampton in Arden to view the impact that the Chestnut Farm site is having on the protected sightline.

22/58 FEEDBACK FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP

Councillor Green noted that since the circulation of the report, matters had moved on somewhat.

Logistically, it was now his opinion, due to the amount of work required beforehand, to launch the Neighbourhood Plan consultation alongside the February 2023 newsletter.

Councillor Green noted that informal comments were still awaited from Solihull MBC. That information would be considered by the committee when it was received.

22/59 UNDER 7s PLAY AREA – ALL WEATHER PLAY AREA SURFACE

Councillor Blanch referred members to the report circulated in advance noting that whilst community support for resurfacing the Under 7s play area was high, there was also concern about the amount of cost involved in doing so. The committee are therefore considering a reduced resurfacing proposal and will now proceed to obtain quotations to support that. Once received, a submission would be put to the CIL Committee for funding. **KB**

A proposal to also install a basketball court for older children in the village had been received. This will be referred to the maintenance committee for further consideration. **TB**

22/60 VILLAGE GREEN POWER SUPPLY

Members were referred to the report circulated in advance and the previous discussions that had taken place relating to this issue.

Councillor Beresford **proposed** that the Parish Council proceed to install their own power supply and cease to use the private supply offered at a significant cost increase by Solihull MBC. **The proposal was seconded by Councillor Sellars with all members being in favour.**

The clerk will instruct Ebner Consultants to proceed. **Clerk**

22/61 CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE

The chair referred members to a copy of the Civility and Respect Pledge that had been circulated to members in advance noting that WALC were encouraging Parish Councils to sign up and pledge.

It is proposed that all members should aim to undertake the training within the next 3 calendar years. **ALL**

A motion to sign the pledge was **proposed by Councillor Sellars, seconded by Councillor Eccleston with all members being in favour.**

22/62 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 are regular consultations from SMBC on planning applications, updates, and training opportunities from WALC and NALC, notifications from HS2 and National Highways (Skanska). The following are those that depart from the routine:

07/07/22 – TfWM – Change of bus operator
11/08/22 – NALC – Star Council Awards 2022
05/09/22 – Get Grants – 10th anniversary events.

22/63 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGSLeyton Rahman – National Highways

The chair explained to members that the Junction 6 Working Group had met with Leyton Raham of National Highways to discuss our various applications to the Designated Fund Schemes. Those discussions are ongoing with a further meeting due shortly so that the Parish Council can be updated on progress.

22/64 FINANCE

The quarterly accounts and payments for 5 months ending 31 Augst 2022 were

accepted as **proposed by Councillor Tim Beresford, seconded by Councillor Ken Blanch** with all members being in favour.

22/65 DATES OF NEXT MEETING

Maintenance Meeting: - 5 October via Microsoft Teams

Parish Council Meeting: - 9 November 2022 at George Fentham Meeting Rooms.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9:26pm.

Reports detailed in the minutes are attached.

Minutes taken and prepared by Clerk, Julie Barnes