

# HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at George Fentham Meeting Room  
7.30pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015

**Present**

**Councillor Mr M James (Chairman)**  
**Councillor Mr D Sandells**  
**Councillor Dr G Lewis**  
**Councillor C Bowen**  
**Councillor M Blomer**  
**Councillor J Doidge**  
**Mr T Beresford**  
**Mr G Hollway**  
**Mr J Robinson**  
**Mr D Coleman**  
**Mrs J Richardson (Clerk)**

**ACTION**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **M14/19 Apologies**

None

## **M14/20 Minutes of Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014.**

These have already been adopted by a full Parish Council meeting.

## **M14/21 Matters Arising**

**M14/12 – Pot Holes** – Marsh Lane has now been re-surfaced and other pot holes will be done as necessary. Councillor Sandells stated a hole on High Street needs to be reported. The clerk will notify SMBC.

**CLERK**

**Pavement Sweeping** – Councillor Lewis has requested that footpaths are swept on a regular basis, although this has not been confirmed by SMBC as yet. If the footpaths need sweeping, a request must be passed to SMBC.

**GL**

**Street Lighting** – Councillor Lewis has requested street lighting be installed on Diddington Lane, but SMBC have confirmed they are not considering it, so as to keep the rural feel to the village.

**Hampton Festival** – Councillor Lewis has attended the festival meeting and reports that the new committee would like to make it a bigger and better event. They would like to increase the number of vintage cars from 14 last year, to approximately 30 this year. After consideration, the Maintenance Committee agreed that it should be limited to 30, pre-booked, vintage cars, kept at the Shadowbrook Lane end of the field, and also that the state of the ground should be reviewed on the day. Councillor Lewis will contact the Festival Committee.

**GL**

A suggestion has also been made to have an additional bar close to the hockey pitches. Although the maintenance committee felt one bar was sufficient, Mr Hollway will check if the sports club licence would allow this. Councillor Lewis confirmed that insurance was in place for the festival.

**GH**

A hog roast is planned for the Saturday afternoon, which is when the tennis finals are held. Sports competitions will be held for the children as in previous years.

**Neighbourhood in Bloom** – Councillor Bowen confirmed that the cherry tree had now been planted on the corner of Diddington Lane.

## **M14/22 The Common, Catherine De Barnes**

The Dell - Councillor Blomer advised that planning permission has now been granted to build 3 bungalows rear of The Dell. The Parish Council has agreed the Deed of Easement, and it is currently with the solicitors. Maintenance of the access road will be the responsibility of the home owners. Work to complete the development is estimated to take 20 weeks, during which the public footpath will not be in use.

A contribution will be made to the Parish Council, from the developer, which will be held in a separate Parish Council bank account.

Tyre tracks across The Common – It has now been identified that the Tarplin family own land adjacent to the canal and have started using what they consider to be their right of way across The Common. Councillor Blomer confirmed that this is now being investigated by our solicitor.

MB

Maintenance – Councillor Lewis reported that maintenance work has been completed by the Community Payback scheme. Local residents confirmed that they were happy with the work completed and agreed that further work should be carried out to remove brambles. It was agreed that Councillor Lewis will arrange further work when the weather improves.

GL

Marie Cottage – it has been necessary to have the oak tree cut back due to it over-hanging the garage.

### **M14/23 Churchyard**

Mr Coleman advised that plans are being made to resurface part of the car park; quotes are being obtained. Work will also be done to repair the footpaths.

All gravestones and monuments have been checked for safety.

Mr Coleman expressed their gratitude for the contribution that is made for grass cutting by the parish council. Some complaints were received last spring that the grass was not cut back sufficiently – The Chair will contact the contractor to confirm this would not be the case this spring.

CHAIR

### **M14/24 Recreation Ground and Spinney**

Mr Hollway reported the following:

Clubhouse - The side of the clubhouse has now been cleared of rubbish.

Store Shed – Cricket equipment is stored in the tin shed belonging to the parish council.

Councillor Lewis advised that 12 semi mature trees and 3 sacks of daffodil bulbs, donated by Network Rail, have now been planted.

The tree survey has now been completed giving a 3 year plan for the maintenance of the trees.

Mr Robinson suggested planting a new tree to replace the large fir which will need felling within 3 years.

Mr Hollway asked if the footpath opposite Station Road could be resurfaced as it is very muddy. Councillor Lewis advised that Network Rail were supposed to be repairing it. Councillor Sandells felt it would be advantageous to have a better surface on this path as it is the safest way to access the recreation ground by foot. Councillor Doidge suggested approaching SMBC to see if they could offer any help.

CLERK

### **M14/25 School Field and Play Area**

The problem with dog fouling continues to be a problem and the school have agreed that the gate at the bottom of the field should be locked to try and

deter dog walkers through the field. The signs are still being removed; more signs will be ordered and installed at the same time the gate is locked. The Chair advised that the allotments should be included at the Maintenance Committee Meetings and so will be added to the agenda for next time.

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#### **M14/26 Any Other Business**

War Memorial – Councillor Bowen advised that the war memorial wall has been damaged again, and that he would contact SMBC Highways to see if they could offer any advice to try and prevent large vehicles from turning at this junction.

CB

Meriden Road - Councillor Sandells reported that the bridge on Meriden Road has not been re-marked yet. The clerk will contact Highways.

CLERK

Airport - Councillor Blomer advised that a new flight path is proposed which more closely replicates the Hampton Turn.

Parish Council Elections – The Chair advised that an open morning had been arranged at the office on 28<sup>th</sup> March between 10.30am and 12 o'clock, for anyone interested in learning more about becoming a councillor.

#### **M14/27 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm