

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at George Fentham Meeting Room
7.30pm TUESDAY 4th JUNE 2014

Present

Councillor Mr M James (Chairman)
Councillor Mr J Doidge
Councillor Dr G Lewis
Councillor C Bowen
Mr T Beresford
Mr J Robinson
Mr D Coleman
Mr P Adams
Mrs J Richardson (Clerk)

ACTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

M14/01 Apologies

No apologies were received.

M14/02 Minutes of Meeting 4th February 2014.

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

M14/03 Matters Arising

M13/55 – Pot Holes – The Chair advised that Severn Trent are in the process of employing new contractors who should start in a few weeks, beginning in Marsh Lane as Solihull MBC will then be re-surfacing. The next step will then be to try and get Fentham Road done in the school holidays. Councillor Bowen has spoken to Tom Rodgers (SMBC) who advised that the worst pot holes had been repaired (except Marsh Lane).

M14/04 The Common, Catherine De Barnes

Nothing to report.

M14/05 Churchyard

Nothing to report.

Further to an enquiry, Mr Coleman confirmed that Hampton Church was not running out of burial area.

M14/06 Recreation Ground and Spinney

SMBC Working Group - Councillor Doidge reported that SMBC had done a good job with the paths and the day had been very successful. There are now lots of bird boxes to go out.

Scout and Guide HQ – Mr Robinson confirmed that the field will be cleared of timber before the barbecue on 20th June.

Spinney – The Chair has had a verbal survey completed of the trees and it is possible that 2 trees, not adjacent to footpaths, will need to be felled. The tree surgeon is available to complete this work, if required, on Tuesday. Councillor Doidge will contact Mr Grimshaw.

JD

Councillor Doidge advised that full dog waste bags are being left all around The Spinney. Councillor Lewis will design a sign to be used to try and stop this problem.

GL

Fete – The fete was again successful and raised funds for the church. A younger committee have been formed for next year, and the Chair stated that a representative from the parish council should be on the committee

M14/07 School Field and Play Area

School Field - Complaints continue to be received about dog fouling and dogs being walked in the school field. Following a discussion, it was agreed that new signage should be used to state dogs are banned at all times due to the health hazard. The Chair will arrange for notices to be put up.

CHAIR

Mr Beresford reported that one of the gate posts was rotten – the Chair will arrange repairs or replacement as necessary.

M14/08 Any Other Business

Under 7's Play Area – Councillor Doidge gave a brief summary to advise that the new play area will be installed adjacent to the scout and guide garden, and should be ready by the school summer holidays.

Councillor Lewis thanked Councillor Doidge for all the time and effort he had put in to achieve this success.

Path over Parish Council Land – Councillor Lewis stated that the condition that the paths had been left in was getting worse and was dangerous. The Chair advised that the weather had been a problem and a meeting had been arranged to agree a way forward.

High Street footpaths – Councillor Doidge reported that the footpaths are difficult to use due to the hedges and gardens being very overgrown. Councillor Lewis suggested the possibility of a letter being sent to the relevant houses, requesting them to cut them back.

Flooding – The gullies are blocked again; the clerk will notify Tom Rodgers (SMBC). A meeting has been arranged for Councillor Lewis to meet with SMBC to discuss any outstanding issues.

Car Parking – Mr Adams stated that cars were continuing to park on the footpaths, causing an obstruction for pedestrians with pushchairs, and motorised wheelchair users. Councillor Lewis suggested contacting the houses concerned and advising them to park on the road.

War Memorial – Councillor Bowen advised that slabs had now been inserted on the front of the war memorial, which should prevent any further flaking. A meeting will be arranged with the stonemason to discuss annual cleaning and the cost involved.

CB

Neighbourhood in Bloom – Councillor Bowen advised that the £100 of vouchers won last year will be given to the gardening club. The village has again been entered for the 'Best Village'. The village 'tidy-up' has been arranged for Saturday 12th July.

CB

Railway Bridge – Councillor Doidge advised that the wall on the bridge needs cleaning following Severn Trent work.

Peel Close Footpaths – Mr Beresford advised that the condition of the pavements in Peel Close have been left in a very bad condition. The Chair will pursue.

CHAIR

M14/09 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is arranged for 15th October 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

