

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at
THE MEETING ROOM
on
WEDNESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2013

Present

Councillors

Mr M James (Chairman)
Dr G Lewis
Mr M Blomer
Mr P Adams
Mr C Bowen
Mr A Minton
Mr D Colman
Mr N Holmes
Mr J Pearson
Mr J Robinson
Mrs J Richardson (Clerk)

ACTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed great sadness following the recent death of Ray Parker, who will be greatly missed.

The Chairman welcomed Mr John Pearson, who has replaced Mr Eccleston as Chair of Hampton-in-Arden Sports Club.

M13/20 Apologies

No apologies received.

M13/21 Minutes of Meeting 24th October 2012.

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

M13/22 Matters Arising

12/20 **War Memorial** – The Chairman confirmed that the stonemason had been instructed to go ahead with the restoration. CB

13/17 **Jubilee Festival** – Councillor Lewis advised that £600.00 profit from the Jubilee Festival had been passed to the parish council to fund the planting of an oak tree, as a permanent reminder of the occasion. Following discussions about the location of the tree, Councillor Lewis will meet with Dave Gardner to ask for advice on the most suitable site. It was thought that possibly at the right-hand side of the path to the sports club would be an ideal place. GL

M13/23 The Common, Catherine De Barnes

Councillor Lewis reported that the next working party is planned for 9th March at 10am.

M13/24 Churchyard

Mr Colman informed everyone that the refurbishment of the Church Hall had begun and a new boiler had been fitted. Due to volunteers being ill, work is progressing slowly, but will continue and the toilets will be replaced as soon as possible.

The damaged Church wall will be repaired in the next few months. It is not straight forward to repair, but it is hoped that it will be completed by the end of April and the lorry company insurance will cover the cost.

The 27 Christmas trees decorated in Church were greatly appreciated and will be done again next year.

M13/25 Recreation Ground and Spinney

Hampton Festival – Councillor Lewis reported that following the success of the Jubilee Festival last year, it has been agreed that a festival will be held on 1st and 2nd of June 2013. The committee members from last year will run the event, and publicity will be similar to last year. The Church Fete will be held at 12.00pm on the Saturday, with a Flower and Produce Show by WI. In the evening, there will be a concert. On Sunday, the Church Service will be followed by a Big Lunch.

Cycle Group – Mr Pearson reported that the cycle group who meet on a Sunday morning at the sports club, would now like to meet on a Thursday evening, rather than at the church car park where they currently meet.

The Chairman suggested a 3 month trial to identify if any parking issues occurred. Mr Pearson will obtain the numbers involved and pass the details to the Chairman.

JP

Drain Covers – The drain covers have now been replaced. Routine checks will continue.

Spinney – The Chairman confirmed that following the sad loss of Ray Parker, Mr Dave Grimshaw, together with the conservation group, will continue the good work of maintenance in The Spinney and he would like to attend Maintenance meetings as and when required. Councillor Lewis is trying to get additional volunteers to help with the workload. Dawsons have been paid to complete some of the maintenance work.

Councillor Lewis suggests getting together in the summer to plan the progress. Councillor Blomer suggested Solihull MBC Parks Department could be approached for advice and if any help is available.

Councillor Lewis will contact Dave Grimshaw and arrange a meeting with SMBC and any other interested parties, to consider the best way forward.

Outdoor Gym – Councillor Lewis reported that following the installation of the outdoor gym, the Mayor will officially open it on 30th March at 10.30am.

M13/26 School Field and Play Area

Mr Holmes reported there was still a problem with visitors to the school not being able to find it as there are no signs in the village indicating where the school is located. The Chairman had been approached by some mothers from the school who are concerned that the school's location should not be published from the main road, but both the head teacher and school governors were in support of additional signage. The Chairman will contact SMBC to identify the options available. Additional signage for the doctors is also currently being considered.

MJ

M13/27 Any Other Business

POTHLES - A number of complaints had been made to SMBC about the bad potholes. The Chairman reported that SMBC have advised that they do not repair them in the winter.

HIGHWAYS - Mr Adams reported a manhole cover had dropped on High Street, and there was an increasing amount of rubbish being left at various locations following the refuse collection. SMBC will be made aware.

CLERK

Councillor Lewis reported that SMBC tree surgeons have been doing a lot of work around the entrance to Lapwing Drive and Diddington Lane.

Mr Adams reported that there are cars being parked illegally on the footpath on High Street. The Chairman will investigate.

MJ

LIGHTING - Mr Minton reported street lighting not being repaired, SMBC will be notified. CLERK

GRIT BINS – The Chairman reported that there was a problem with icy surfaces around the village and questioned whether grit bins should be obtained. Following a discussion, it was agreed that SMBC should be formally approached to try and obtain some grit bins for specific problem areas. CLERK

GATE - Councillor Bowen reported the gate between Lapwing and The Crescent is being left open and it was agreed a sign could be displayed to ask people to close the gate behind them. CB

FOOTPATH - Councillor Lewis has requested that the footpath leading from Lapwing be completed as it is not useable. The Chairman will obtain written permission from the land owners for the footpath to be completed. MJ

M13/29 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is arranged for 5th June 2013

Meet at 7.00pm at the Sports Club.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm