

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at George Fentham Meeting Room
7.30pm Wednesday 7th October 2015

Present

Councillor Mr M Blomer (Chairman)
Councillor Mr D Sandells
Councillor Mr T Beresford
Mr M James
Mr J Robinson
Mr G Hollway
Mrs J Richardson (Clerk)

ACTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

M15/10 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Lewis, Mr D Coleman and Mr T Rogers.

M15/11 Minutes of Meeting 10th June 2015.

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

M15/12 Matters Arising

M15/03 – Pot Holes – SMBC Highways are scheduled to resurface the High Street on 28th and 29th of October, closing the road from 7pm each evening. Fentham Road - Resurfacing on Fentham Road was completed without any prior notification to the parish council, and it was agreed that it is of very poor quality. The Chairman has spoken to the Highways Officer who advised the standard of work is as expected, and that ironworks, sweeping and road markings are still to be completed. Mr Hollway questioned whether the local businesses were aware of the work being completed.

Patricks Bridge - Councillor Sandells advised that road markings at Patricks Bridge have now been completed.

Shadowbrook Lane – Mr Robinson requested that SMBC be asked to consider improving the surface of Shadowbrook Lane. Potholes have been done, but the surface is in bad condition.

Eastcote Lane – The road surface (above Craddocks Nursery) is in poor condition.

M15/08 Allotments – Mr James advised that some allotments are not being well kept and he would like to be able to offer them to other people. This will be included on the agenda at the next parish council meeting, so that it can be discussed by the full parish council. It was suggested that a 'Best Kept Allotment Competition' could encourage them to be improved.

CLERK

Best Kept Village – Councillor Sandells advised we were awarded 3rd prize.

M15/13 The Common, Catherine De Barnes

The Dell – The Chairman advised that the bungalows are now built.

The Community Payback are completing 6 days maintenance work on The Common.

There is still an ongoing issue with access over The Common, which will continue to be monitored.

Japanese Knotweed has been identified again – Dawson's will be contacted to ensure it is being treated.

CHAIR

M15/14 Churchyard

Mr Coleman was unable to attend the meeting, but emailed to advise that the Churchyard car park has been re-surfaced and new edging stones fitted. The Churchyard paths are being cleaned of moss and repaired with tarmac where potholes have appeared so that they will be in good condition before the winter weather sets in.

Mr James questioned whether the tall trees need trimming as they are overhanging the road.

M15/15 Recreation Ground and Spinney

Lights - Mr Hollway reported that 2 lights are not working in the car park. The clerk will notify Lightpower.

CLERK

Drains – The clerk will ask SMBC to advise when they are able to jet the car park drain so that Mr Hollway can be present if possible and to ensure cars are not covering the drain.

CLERK

Tubs – Mr Hollway asked if the parish council had a preference to whether the large tubs should be retained – this will be passed to the full parish council.

CLERK

Mr Robinson advised that one of the posts outside the Scout Hut is not working and needs to be repaired or replaced.

CLERK

M15/16 School Field and Play Area

Dog Fouling - Councillor Beresford reported a problem with dog fouling on the footpath adjacent to the allotments. It was agreed that it should be included in the next newsletter and the parish council should consider if a dog waste bag dispenser and bin, together with signage should be installed. The clerk will raise the issue with SMBC.

CLERK

Play Area – The annual inspection has been completed, which has identified a few minor issues – Councillor Sandells will pursue.

DS

M15/17 Sports Club – Gas Meter Cabinet

Mr Hollway will make arrangements to repair the gas meter housing which has been damaged.

GH

M15/18 Sports Club Firework Display

The Sports Club are considering holding a village firework display either this year, or in 2016. This would start at 6.30pm and would be chargeable. Councillor Sandells advised Mr Hollway that Health and Safety Insurance must be checked. The event was agreed in principle, subject to a risk assessment being undertaken.

M15/19 Travellers and Gypsies – Unauthorised Encampments

The Chairman briefly outlined the concern of unauthorised gypsy and traveller encampments on parish council land. It was agreed that SMBC will be contacted to request that they visit to advise the parish council on security and prevention.

CLERK

M15/20 Any Other Business

War Memorial – The wall has been damaged again by a lorry. As the details of the company are available, it was suggested that we try and identify the reason why the vehicle was turning in to Shadowbrook Lane.

CLERK

M15/21 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is arranged for 3rd February 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm