

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at
THE MEETING ROOM

On
WEDNESDAY 8th JULY 2015

Present: **Councillors:** **Dr G Lewis (Chair)**
 Mr M Blomer
 Mr J Doidge
 Mrs C Sellars
 Mr D Sandells
 Mr T Beresford
 Mr D Cuthbert
 Mr K Blanch
SMBC: **Cllr R Sleigh**
 Mr T Rogers
Clerk: **Mrs J Richardson**

15/26 CHAIR'S WELCOME & APOLOGIES

ACTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

15/27 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest relating to the business of this meeting.

15/28 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair welcomed Miss Thelma Borley to the meeting who wanted to bring the following items to the attention of the parish council:

Hampton Court Development – Concerns regarding access for emergency vehicles and lack of parking.

Councillor Doidge confirmed that the plans have now been approved by SMBC for this development. Parking is not likely to be worse than when the property was used for offices.

Fentham Road/Marsh Lane – The mortar is in poor condition. This will be passed to SMBC.

CLERK

15/29 SMBC UPDATE

Councillor Sleigh:

West Midlands Combined Authority: A Statement of Intent has been announced; the 2 key priorities for devolved powers being skills and transport inter-connectivity, there may also be some rules regarding brown field site development. Other council functions such as street care, the local plan and planning will remain unchanged.

Consultation and briefings will take place in August/September.

Yellow Lines on High Street – No further action has been taken.

Railway Station Access – The franchise is due for renewal in 2017 when accessibility will be a priority. The Chair will email Councillor Sleigh, who will take forward.

CHAIR

Mr. Rogers:

Drains, High Street have now been cleared.

Hedges, High Street – SMBC have sent notices to the home owners to cutback overhanging foliage. As pedestrians are unable to safely use the footpaths, Mr Rogers will visit the properties concerned. T ROGERS

Japanese Knotweed – Councillor Sellars will forward photographs of the knotweed, showing the location, to Mr Rogers to pursue. T ROGERS

Patricks Bridge – Concerns have been forwarded regarding road markings which have still not been replaced. Mr Rogers will follow-up. T ROGERS

Solihull in Bloom – Councillor Sellars requested that the footpaths be swept prior to judging – Mr Rogers will confirm.

Wellmeadow Grove – Councillor Blomer reported that residents have received notification from Severn Trent that a further 4 days of work will require lights to be installed again.

Old Station Road – Councillor Sandells reported that there is flooding adjacent to Fleet Hire, and also a caravan regularly parked at the side of the road opposite No.8. Mr Rogers will follow-up. T ROGERS

Bellevue Terrace, bollards – Mr Rogers advised that the issue is now with SMBC legal department.

Councillor Doidge reported that the fallen tree in Lapwing Drive, and the gully/metal plates were still outstanding – Mr Rogers will follow-up. T ROGERS

15/30 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13th MAY 2015

The minutes were approved as **proposed by Councillor Sellars and seconded by Councillor Sandells.**

15/31 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

15/09 Sports Club Redevelopment – Mr Barnes requested an informal meeting with the Chair who reiterated the parish council's position that whilst they supported the plans for a pool parking was the main concern, and a business plan would clarify the viability of the project.

15/12 Airport – Councillor Blomer reported that a number of complaints had been received that planes are now coming closer to the village and flying higher. An email has been sent to Kirsten Kane.

15/12 War Memorial – It might be possible to obtain a grant for engraving additional names on to the war memorial, but the application would take some time. Following a request for the name of Archibald Neill to be in place before the 2015 Remembrance Day, councillors agreed that in this instance the memorial should be engraved, and the cost shared with the Neill family; the parish council paying half (approximately £150). CLERK

15/12 Neighbourhood Plan – Councillor Sellars advised that a proof is now available, which was shown to the councillors. The Chair congratulated the Neighbourhood Plan sub-committee for producing such a professional document.

The 6 week consultation will start on 3rd of August. Copies of the plan will be available in various village locations for residents to access, and will be on the website. A flyer will go out with the Newsletter with details of 2 consultation events, 22nd August from 10-12 and 26th August from 7.30-9.30 and with full instructions regarding comment.

15/18 Neighbourhood in Bloom – The village tidy-up is scheduled for Saturday 11th July 10am – 12.00pm. Judging will be on Wednesday 15th July.

15/32 MINUTES OF MAINTENANCE MEETING 10TH JUNE 2015

The minutes were approved as **proposed by Councillor Lewis and seconded by Councillor Sandells.**

15/33 MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MEETING

M15/03 Festival – The Chair thanked councillors for their support with the parish council stand which it was agreed was worthwhile, but the appearance could be improved upon next year.

Councillor Blanch had received feedback that it was disappointing that commercial businesses were allowed to attend the festival.

Councillor Blomer suggested that for future events, the parish council as landowner should confirm that there is adequate insurance in the event of any problems.

Vehicles entering the site should be controlled to protect pedestrians around the Scout Hut area.

15/34 CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The following correspondence was presented to the meeting:

1. A thank you letter has been received from Mr Bowen.
2. Correspondence regarding the launch of the Combined Authority.
3. Notification of SAC meeting 9th July.
4. Email from Councillor Rolf regarding the Asset Register. Chair to contact.
5. Email from a resident concerned about a mast being erected rear of Peel Close. Councillor Sellars to contact.

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15/35 REPORT FROM COMMUNICATION GROUP MEETING 5th May 2015.

Councillor Sellars summarised the meeting:

Youth Issues – Mr & Mrs Grant have applied for a grant which will be used to identify and help young people in the village who are depressed or have mental health issues. The possibility of a youth council, with a youth worker being involved was discussed as being a productive way to engage with young people.

Following discussion, Councillors agreed that the Chair and Councillor Doidge will meet with Mr & Mrs Grant to discuss further.

Table Tennis – The application has been submitted to Sport England but requires further processing.

Facebook – We now have 69 'likers'.

Website – This will continue to be regularly updated.

Phone box – Various options are being considered and quotes for new signage.

Information point at the station – It has been suggested that a parish council information point in the station would be a benefit to villagers.

Solihull in Bloom – It was confirmed that judging day is 15th July. Councillor Lewis will coordinate.

Village tidy-up – This will be held on Saturday 11th July, coordinated by Councillor Sellars.

Newsletter – The next newsletter is scheduled for delivery at the beginning of August.

Code of Transparency – It was agreed that this would be managed through the communication group, led by Councillor Sandells.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 1st September at 7.30pm.

CHAIR/JD

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15/36 MEETING DATES DEFINED IN STANDING ORDERS

The meeting dates defined in the standing orders clash with Solihull MBC meetings in April, and Fentham Trust in July. It was agreed that the standing orders would be amended to meet on the 1st Wednesday in July and hold the

Annual Parish Meeting in early April.

15/37 VACANT COUNCILLOR POSITION

An email has been received expressing an interest in the vacancy. As the email does not include a postal address, the clerk has emailed to ask for this information before the matter can be considered further.

15/38 HS2 ADDITIONAL PROVISION 2 PETITIONING PROCESS

There has been a meeting with HS2 regarding additional provisions to extend the River Blythe Viaduct and to build a new road to replace Diddington Lane.

A resolution was **proposed by Councillor Sellars and unanimously agreed** to allow The Chair, Councillor Doidge and Councillor Blanch to petition on behalf of the parish council against the additional provisions as they see fit.

HS2 have suggested that there will be an Additional Provision 3 to move Bickenhill Household Recycling Centre onto green belt land towards Stonebridge Island, SMBC and our M P has been contacted about this unacceptable proposal.

The Chair and Councillor Doidge advised that they are intending to visit HS1. It will be decided whether this is done as a private visit, or in conjunction with Ashford council.

15/39 CATHERINE DE BARNES COMMON

The Deed of Easement is now complete and building work on the bungalows is expected to take about 16 weeks. The developer has paid for some tree and hedge work on the Common as agreed with the Chair. SMBC are not intending to take enforcement action regarding vehicle tracks over the common at present; the parish council have a series of photographs of the damage for their records.

15/40 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS MEETINGS

None

15/41 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Doidge circulated details of all planning applications currently outstanding, prior to the meeting.

15/42 FINANCE

The Summary of Accounts and Authorisation of Payments were accepted as **proposed by Councillor Lewis and seconded by Councillor Blomer.**

15/43 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Date for the next Parish Council meeting:

9th September 2015

Maintenance Meetings

7th October 2015

Communication Group

1st September 2015

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

CLERK

