

# HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at  
**THE MEETING ROOM**

On  
**WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011**

**Present:**      **Councillors: Dr G Lewis (Chair)**  
                         **Mr M Blomer**  
                         **Mr C Bowen**  
                         **Mr J Doidge**  
                         **Mr M James**  
                         **Mrs A Rolf**  
**Clerk:**         **Mrs J Richardson**

## **11/ 60 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Chris Parker (SMBC Neighbourhood Co-ordinator), Jason Ward (SMBC) and Miss Thelma Borley.

## **11/61 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **11/62 PRESENTATION FROM JASON WARD, SMBC re Action Against Poverty**

Jason Ward was unable to attend the meeting and will forward information by email. He will come and make the presentation to a meeting in early 2012.

## **11/63 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chair welcomed the Rev Duncan Ballard who attended the meeting in an observational capacity.

## **11/64 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 21<sup>st</sup> SEPT 2011**

The minutes were approved as **proposed by Councillor Bowen and seconded by Councillor Blomer.**

## **11/65 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

11/49 The Chair has written to SMBC, on behalf of the Parish Council, requesting their assistance in establishing a HS2 Consultative Committee, the first meeting to be held in Hampton on 17<sup>th</sup> Novemeber.

11/51 Part of the work for the Fentham Road Traffic Calming scheme has taken place at the Fentham Road / High Street junction– The clerk to notify SMBC that Gas work has now finished on Fentham Road.

11/56 Remembrance Day – Councillors agreed the clerk should make a £10 contribution towards the bugler's fee.

11/54 Bank Safety Deposit Box – It was agreed that the clerk should request the safety deposit box is returned to be kept at the parish office.

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## **11/67 CORRESPONDENCE.(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

1. A request from SMBC for assistance in holding a consultation exhibition concerning the character appraisal for the conservation area.
2. Notification of the LDF feed back conference– The Village Hotel, 22<sup>nd</sup>

November.

3. A request that the remaining councillor complete their outstanding Register of Interest with the Monitoring officer at SMBC.
4. Copy of a letter from Caroline Spelman to the Secretary of State for Transport concerning local attitudes about the effect of HS2.
5. An email detailing trips available by Community Transport.
6. An email from WALC detailing a financial clinic and Chair and aspiring Chair training days.
7. Email from SMBC offering training concerning Data Protection. The clerk to contact SMBC and arrange the suggested 'health check'.
8. WCC Waste Core Strategy
9. A letter from a resident at the Engine concerning light pollution and troublesome parking-reply already made.
10. Email from Solihull Ratepayers Association re: gypsy and travellers sites.
11. Warwickshire Rural Housing Association Annual Report.

### **11/68 MINUTES OF MAINTENANCE MEETING 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

The minutes were approved as **proposed by Councillor Lewis, and seconded by Councillor James**

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### **11/69 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

M12/14 Dog Fouling – The Chair has received further complaints about this problem and, with the clerk, will arrange for bag dispensers and signs to be installed. Enquiries have been made concerning training to issue fixed penalty notices, the course would cost £1000 for 20 people and was not thought to be justified at present.

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Rabbits – Councillor James has contacted Network Rail concerning rabbits accessing the playing fields from the railway cutting, he continues to investigate the problem.

M12/15 Play Area - Councillor Doidge gave a brief summary concerning the possibility of gaining funding to update the present provision for under 5's at the play area, or to install a new play area at the recreational ground. He presented an artists impression of what the play ground could look like.

The QE2 Golden Jubilee Fields in Trust scheme has been set up to safeguard recreational areas, a Deed of Dedication must be completed; there is then the possibility of applying for and obtaining funding.

As the existing play area is sited on land not owned by the parish council this action is not appropriate. Following discussion, it was agreed that we would not go ahead with a Deed of Dedication at this time and alternative funding would be investigated.

### **11/70 FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2011**

Councillor Rolf gave a brief summary of items from the meeting:

Website – the home page will be updated within the next few days. The village diary is being used more and more to advertise village events – it was agreed that Meriden Rotary Club can use the diary if events are specifically related to Hampton..

Newsletter – The parish council continue to receive positive feedback and the autumn edition is ready for distribution.

Phonebox - As no progress has been made by the scouts it was decided that responsibility should be returned to the maintenance committee to arrange the painting and fitting-out.

## **11/71 CHAIR'S REPORT FROM VARIOUS MEETINGS**

Meeting with David Lechmere, Road Safety Officer, SMBC, 28<sup>th</sup> September re: car crash into cottage – no easy option appeared to be available to completely protect the cottages. Mr Lechmere has since met with the residents and now suggests a further meeting between the parish council, residents and himself.

WALC meeting 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011 – subscriptions will be increased, but due to obtaining some additional funding from WCC, the increase will be 5%.

CENTRO, 6<sup>th</sup> October- a brief summary of the 6 monthly meeting held between the parish council and CENTRO was given. It is hoped that station overflow parking will be reduced by additional parking at Tile Hill and reduced parking fees for season ticket holders at Birmingham International Station. CENTRO stated that they were committed to maintaining the station ticket office opening hours– Councillor Rolf stated it had been closed each morning recently. The chair will contact CENTRO to notify them of this problem.

SAC WALC, 13<sup>th</sup> October, Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults and Children.

Councillors Lewis and Rolf attended a presentation detailing importance of reporting concerns to relevant body.

SAC WALC Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Nov- Meeting with officer of SMBC to look at implications of Localism Bill for our parishes.

The Standards Committee will be dismantled, NALC are working on a unified voluntary code which would still be administered by the primary authority.

A register of community assets will be established making it necessary for the local council to notify the community if an asset is to be sold so enabling appropriate action to be considered to protect the asset for the community.

Neighbourhood Plans (specific to building planning) need to be developed over the next year in order for any development to provide what is needed by the community, once written the plan will go to an assessor, a public referendum and will then become a material planning consideration. Chair to request assistance from SMBC.

Rural Partnership Forum 18<sup>th</sup> October- summary of presentations on reporting hate crime, action against poverty and winter warmth campaign.

## **11/72 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – LOCALISM AND PLANNING ISSUES**

LDF meeting concerning affordable housing 1<sup>st</sup> November – Housing Strategy Officers, Property Developers and Councillors attended the meeting. How to meet local housing needs was discussed particularly the ratio of affordable housing stipulated in any development.

A meeting with SMBC, Fentham Trust and parish councillors has been arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011 to discuss future development options.

## **11/73 HIGHWAY RESTRICTIONS**

The Chair gave a brief summary of the SMBC plan and explained that following a meeting with them a phased introduction has been agreed. Old Station Road and The Green to be completed first and then other areas considered. A letter has since been received from Mr Bradford, SMBC, agreeing this action but stating that SMBC is concerned that the parish council have not allowed the whole scheme to take place. Notification will be posted to residents on 25<sup>th</sup> November, giving 21 days notice. Due to the number of letters received from residents regarding parking issues, it was agreed to consider these in the sub-group at a later date.

**11/74 QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

A meeting has been arranged on 10<sup>th</sup> November gathering villagers from many organisations to discuss what celebrations should be arranged for the holiday weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

**11/75 GRANT TOWARDS FENTHAM HALL HIRE – HHAG EVENT**

This request was withdrawn.

**11/76 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

All recent applications were considered and the following comments made:

2011/1607 38 Fentham Road

The re-submission of application 2011/1147, objection.

**11/77 FINANCE-**

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

**11/78 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

4<sup>th</sup> January 2012 – Budget setting meeting

18<sup>th</sup> January 2012 – Parish Council Meeting

8<sup>th</sup> February 2012 – Maintenance Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.50pm