

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at
THE MEETING ROOM

On
WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2013

Present: **Councillors: Mr M Blomer (Acting Chair)**
 Mr C Bowen
 Mr J Doidge
 Mr M James
 Mrs A Rolf
SMBC **Mr T Rodgers**
Clerk: **Mrs J Richardson**

13/47 CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Councillor James and Bowen following their period of illness.

13/48 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Lewis.

13/49 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

13/50 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

13/51 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 17th JULY 2013

Other than removing the word 'unanimously' from item 13/39, the minutes were approved as **proposed by Councillor Rolf and seconded by Councillor James**.

13/52 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

13/30 Tom Rodgers confirmed the nettles surrounding the waste bin at Packhorse Bridge had now been cut back. He will also pursue and report back on the following: Damaged grit bin on Butchers Road, damaged drain on Diddington Lane service road, and the problem with BT drainage on Shadowbrook Lane.

TR

Councillor Doidge reported he had arranged to visit the Armac site with Mr Wasse and a representative from Solihull Planning Department.

13/53 CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The following correspondence was presented to the meeting:

1. A letter from SMBC regarding tax support scheme.
2. A letter received from Tyler Parks Architects regarding The Dell, Catherine de Barnes. A meeting has been arranged for 17th September.
3. Station Access – copy of correspondence from London Midland to Caroline Spelman regarding the cost of obtaining access to the platform. Councillor Bowen suggested the option of shuttering should be explored, which would be a fraction of the cost.

GL

4. An invitation to Solihull Neighbourhood in Bloom Presentation Evening. Councillor Lewis and Councillor Bowen will attend.
5. An email from the Highways Agency regarding noise monitoring on Old Station Road. A copy of the email will be forwarded to the resident. CLERK
6. An email regarding the 'No Through Road' sign at the junction of High Street and Marsh Lane.
7. Notification that Fleethire have cancelled their planned Fun Day.
8. Confirmation that Catherine Eley has been appointed to represent the parish council on the Fentham Trust.
9. A letter from a resident regarding greenbelt boundaries.
10. Invitation to WALC AGM.
11. Invitation to a meeting regarding Superfast Broadband.

13/54 REPORT FROM COMMUNICATION GROUP MEETING 3rd September 2013.

Councillor Rolf summarised the meeting:

- Following her resignation as a councillor, Councillor Bryant will continue to attend Communication Group meetings as a link with the Youth Bus and George Fentham School.
- The Youth Bus continues to be successful for younger children and a youth worker will be appointed.
- The website continues to be updated regularly.
- Newsletter articles should be forwarded to Councillor Bowen by mid October, ready for the newsletter to be edited and printed at the beginning of November.
- A request has been received for a Sports Club leaflet to be delivered with the newsletter in November – Councillor Rolf and Councillor Bowen will liaise with The Sports Club. CB/AR
- Councillor Bowen is currently in the process of obtaining quotes for the printing of the newsletters following notification from Solprint of a large increase in prices. CB

Next meeting arranged for November 2013.

13/55 NATIONAL SALARY AWARDS 2013-14 - clerks

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services has confirmed a pay increase of 1% has been agreed with effect from 1st April 2013.

13/56 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Bonita Bryant has resigned due to home and work commitments. The Chair will send a letter to thank her for her contribution during her time as a Councillor.

Councillors were in favour of replacing her and so the clerk will notify The Returning Officer and advertise the vacancy. The vacancy will be advertised prominently on the village notice boards and in the village Chronicle. CLERK

The Councillors will have the applications circulated to them, and the Chair and Vice-Chair will then put forward their selection at the next meeting. GL/MB

Councillor Bowen expressed the importance of successors at the end of the current term of office, and suggested it be an agenda item at the Annual Meeting in May. Councillors agreed and Councillor James stressed the need for councillors to document their responsibilities to give a permanent record which can be held at the parish office.

13/57 REGULAR MAINTENANCE WORK

There are a number of regular routine jobs, such as emptying bins, that are completed and the councillors considered the benefits of employing a handy man for half a day each week to cover these and allow additional jobs to be completed. All councillors agreed in principle for half a day each week, for 3 months, and then the situation will be reviewed. Councillor James will pursue.

MJ

Tom Rodgers will obtain a list of regular jobs which SMBC are responsible for and then a work schedule can be produced.

TR

13/58 HS2 UPDATE

Councillor Doidge gave a brief summary: The Tunnel option has now been dismissed by the Secretary of State.

Following detailed investigation, an alternative proposal for the B4102 has emerged, involving (approx) 1.3m raising of the rail viaduct at Patricks Farm which leaves B4102 intact. Following consultation and special meetings, HS2 see no impediment to this being adopted, subject to further investigation.

13/59 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Councillor Blomer confirmed that the working group have approved the draft surveys and agreed to carry out a pilot survey, to be completed by members of the parish council and Hampton Society. Critical, constructive feedback is requested.

The final questionnaires will be hand delivered and returned by Freepost, the Postal address agreed being: Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood Plan.

A reminder for residents to return the forms will be included in the November newsletter.

CB

13/60 REPORT FROM HAMPTON FESTIVAL 2013

The Festival was considered to be a great success and the Festival Committee have agreed to go ahead with a festival on 31st May – 1st June 2014 and then review for future years.

13/61 CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL UPDATE

Councillor Blomer reported that proposals made by Martin Saunders had been considered and updated proposals had now been received.

13/62 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

Remembrance Day – Councillor Bowen circulated details of Remembrance Day 2013 prior to the meeting, and confirmed everything was in order. Councillor Blomer will try and get volunteers for marshalls from Hampton Society.

MB

Airport – Councillor Bowen circulated an update prior to the meeting and then briefly summarised: The runway extension is on target to be completed by Spring 2014; BA chose option 5 which they consider avoids the most populated areas, including Hampton-in-Arden and Balsall Common and is positioned further away from Catherine-de-Barnes and Knowle.

13/63 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Having previously circulated details of recent planning applications, Councillor Doidge made the following comments:

33 Lapwing Drive – An application has just been received to erect a log

cabin/summerhouse

8 Old Station Road – Fell holly tree – Objection sent.

1c Meriden Road – Fell cedar tree – Refused 29/08/13.

13/64 FINANCE

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

13/65 AOB

Heavy Lorries - Councillor Blomer commented that the 'No HGV' signs appear to have resulted in a reduction of heavy lorries travelling through the village.

Fencing – Councillor James will investigate a report of children gaining access in to a resident's garden from the school field.

Neighbourhood Watch – Councillor Doidge will continue to circulate police circulars relating to the parish.

13/66 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Dates for meetings of the Parish Council in 2013 will be as follows:

13th November 2013

Maintenance Meetings

16th October 2013

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

