

# HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at  
**THE MEETING ROOM**

On  
**WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2015**

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

## **15/62 CHAIR'S WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

**ACTION**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted from Ward Councillors Rolf and Sleigh and Tom Rogers (SMBC).

## **15/63 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

## **15/64 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 the possibility of war time ammunition being disturbed between the railway and the new build – the developer has been made aware of this issue.

Fentham Road/Marsh Lane – The mortar is in poor condition. This had been passed to SMBC. The clerk will follow-up.

Sycamore Tree, 1 Bellemere Road – the branches from this tree now spread over Miss Borley's garden leaving leaves. Councillor Beresford will investigate.

**CLERK**

**TB**

## **15/65 SMBC UPDATE**

The Chair reported that a meeting was held in September between councillors and the Neighbourhood Team.

Old Station Road – the reinstatement work by Morgan Sindell is now completed.

Grit Bins – SMBC will fill grit bins when they are notified that it is required.

War Memorial damage – signs preventing HGV access have been ordered to be erected on Shadowbrook Lane, for traffic travelling from Catherine de Barnes Lane. Councillors agreed that signage is also required for traffic entering from High Street/Meriden Road. A meeting will be arranged with Mr Rogers.

**GL**

Trees, Diddington Lane – Replacements for the dead trees to be arranged.

Catherine de Barnes bridge – Councillor Cuthbert requested that the problem with traffic speeding over the bridge be taken up with SMBC.

**T ROGERS**

Dog Waste Bin, Marsh Lane – This has not been emptied for at least 3 weeks and is now a health hazard. SMBC dispute that it is their bin and therefore not their responsibility to empty. Councillors suggest it may need to be removed. GL

### **15/66 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

The minutes were approved as **proposed by Councillor Cuthbert and seconded by Councillor Doidge.**

### **15/67 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

15/49 Railway Station Access –London Midland advised that as footfall is low and adjacent stations are fully accessible the station will not qualify for disabled access in the foreseeable future. They have, however, agreed to make the ticket office secure 24 hours a day in order to keep the bridge open. Councillor Doidge included this issue in his report to the Transport Green Paper Consultation.

15/49 War Memorial - The Chair thanked Councillor Doidge and his team for all his hard work organising the Remembrance Day parade, which ran very smoothly.

15/50 High Street re-surfacing – this is now completed and is a big improvement. Fentham Road should be completed by the end of November.

15/51 Table Tennis Tables – Sport England have awarded us £6,113.00.

15/56 Cafe2U – Lee Malin is still waiting for authorisation from SMBC to trade.

### **15/68 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MAINTENANCE MEETING 7<sup>TH</sup>OCTOBER 2015**

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

### **15/69 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

M15/15 Security post at Scout Headquarters – The repair or replacement of this damaged post will be discussed following the meeting with SMBC next week regarding unauthorised traveller encampments. MB

M15/15 Sports Club plant tubs – Responsibility of the sports club to decide if they should be removed.

M15/12 Allotments – Councillors discussed the option of having an annual agreement which could be issued when the rent is requested, advising that allotments should be kept in order. The possibility of an increase in rent should also be considered. The Maintenance Committee will deal with these issues. MB

Bulb Planting – daffodil and crocus bulbs, donated by SMBC will be planted 14<sup>th</sup> November. It was suggested that daffodils at the entrance to the village, and crocus by the war memorial.

### **15/70 CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

The following correspondence was presented to the meeting: DS

1. An email asking if we want sandbags supplying. Councillor Sandells will deliver letters to cottages on Old Station Road.
2. Notification of training in playground safety.
3. A letter regarding a change in policing. Meeting requested with police. GL
4. A letter from the police thanking us for notification of tractors crossing the A 452 central reservation at the end of Diddington Lane, raising the

possibility of a barrier to prevent cars crossing the emergency access illegally, following a recent accident.

5. An email regarding Community Infrastructure Levy. Councillor Sandells suggests forwarding a letter of support. GL
6. Broadband (CSW) – Councillor Beresford advised that Hampton is not in the scheme for faster broadband. The Chair will contact Councillor Sleigh to discuss. CHAIR
7. Letter from a local resident regarding how difficult it is to get public transport out of the village. Chair to arrange meeting with CENTRO. GL

### **15/71 REPORT FROM COMMUNICATION GROUP MEETING NOVEMBER 2015.**

Councillor Sandells summarised the meeting:

Steven Fisher, Network Rail attended the meeting and agreed to consider a village information point at the station if we provide a proposal. DS

Newsletter – Councillor Sellars thanked Councillor Sandells for taking over the newsletter and chairing the meeting while she was on maternity leave.

The next newsletter will be out in February, articles should be with the editor by 8<sup>th</sup> of January.

### **15/72 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

Councillor Blomer circulated a report prior to the meeting:

Sixty four statutory and non- statutory bodies and selected local businesses were invited to comment on the Pre-Submission Draft Plan together with all residents of the parish. The 6 week consultation period ended on 14th September when a total of 16 responses had been received as follows:-

6 from statutory bodies

4 from non-statutory bodies

1 from a neighbouring parish council

1 from a village organisation

4 from residents

The Working Group, with the assistance of the responsible planning officer of Solihull Council, has completed a review of the comments received and a small number of final amendments have been made to the draft Plan.

Currently being prepared is the required Consultation Statement which sets out how the Plan was conceived and prepared, who was consulted and how they were consulted from the very beginning of the process, a summary of the main issues raised in the consultation process and how they have been addressed or why they have not been addressed in the Plan. Also required is the Basic Conditions Statement which sets out, in detail, how the Plan complies with the basic conditions of planning polices and guidance at both a local and national level.

It is hoped to submit the completed Neighbourhood Plan to Solihull Council during December.

### **15/73 HS2 UPDATE**

Councillor Doidge circulated copies of our petition regarding AP2 and AP4 (Additional Provisions) prior to the meeting. Councillor Doidge and the Chair are expected to be called to address the Select Committee early in 2016.

A village action group has been set up, Hampton-in-Arden HS2 Action Group, who have had several meetings; primarily concerned with the re-alignment of Diddington Lane and the re-siting of the recycling centre.

The Chair, Councillor Doidge, Councillor Blanch and Caroline Spelman MP attended a meeting with HS2 to review engineering details which might

allow Diddington Lane to remain on its current alignment. Caroline Spelman is requesting Diddington Lane be a green lane in line with the village petition presented to Parliament in October which will be forwarded to the Secretary of State. HS2 eventually agreed to look at our suggestions however, Councillor Blanch is not hopeful that HS2 will respond positively and it is unclear how the parish can influence any change. Councillor Doidge will register affected footpaths with SMBC. JD

#### **15/74 CATHERINE DE BARNES COMMON – ACCESS ISSUES**

Councillor Blomer circulated correspondence regarding access issues prior to the meeting. Following discussion, councillors agreed that councillor Cuthbert would discuss the matter further with Solihull MBC Planning. DC

#### **15/75 SPORTS CLUB - REDEVELOPMENT**

The Chair advised that we had recently been shown designs for the new club house and swimming pool both with and without the oak tree. A public consultation has been arranged for the 5<sup>th</sup> of December between 10.30am and 12.30pm at the sports club, to determine public opinion regarding the re-development. This will be attended by councillors. The sports club will leaflet all houses in the village.

#### **15/76 ON-LINE BANKING**

To enable the parish council to complete its application to use on-line banking, councillors discussed the level of authorisation required for payments.

The Chair **proposed that the clerk be sole authority for regular payments with limits to be set of up to £250.00 for other payments with a daily limit of £3,000.00. This was seconded by councillor Blomer.**

A control sheet listing payments will be kept and authorised by 2 councillors. Bank statements will be checked and signed monthly by a councillor.

#### **15/77 PARISH PRIORITIES FOR SMBC WARD ACTION PLAN 2016**

The Chair asked councillors to advise if there are any projects for SMBC to support. Councillor Cuthbert suggested Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.

#### **15/78 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS**

Councillor Cuthbert attended the Conservation Advisory Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> September and gave a brief summary, including the proposed Touchwood extension, Motorway Service Area and the proposed change of use and alterations to Walford Hall Farm.

#### **15/79 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

The following comments were made:

Land adjacent to 8 Belle Vue Terrace – An appeal has been made.

26 Diddington Lane – Solihull planning will not routinely monitor the conditions unless the public complain. Councillor Doidge will write to obtain details of the legal agreement. JD

Birmingham Dogs Home – Originally the roof was to be green but is now steel, which was approved by officers as a ‘non-material change’. Councillor Doidge will write to object. JD

Ring o Bells garage – residents are content with the rear boundary wall.

Telecom Tower – The application has been withdrawn.

Oak Farm – An application is expected for re-development of the workshops and the caravan storage area.

**15/80 FINANCE**

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

**15/81 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Date for the next Parish Council meeting:

6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – Budget Setting

13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Parish Council

Maintenance Meetings

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016

The meeting closed at 10.05pm

