

# HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Held at

**THE MEETING ROOM**

on

**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010**

**Present Councillors:** Mr C Bowen  
Mr M Dove  
Mr M James  
Mr G Juniper  
Dr G Lewis  
Mr R Smith

**In attendance:** Helen Wood (Clerk)  
Richard Timothy (SBMC)

## **10/01 APLOLOGIES**

Action  
(by when)

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillor A Rolf. (The chair also welcomed Councillor Dove to the meeting following his co-option.)

## **10/02 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Juniper proposed Councillor Lewis as chair for another year, seconded by Councillor James. There being no other candidates, Councillor Lewis was duly elected. Councillor Lewis signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

## **10/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **10/04 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Lewis proposed Councillor James as vice-chair for another year, seconded by Councillor Smith. There being no other candidates, Councillor James was duly elected.

## **10/05 APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES**

The following councillors were elected to committees and working groups;-  
(Chair and Vice-Chair, members of all committees.)

Planning;- Councillors Smith and Juniper (Chair)

Maintenance;- Councillors Bowen, Smith, (Councillor James as Chair.)

Communication;- Councillors Dove, Bowen and Rolf (Chair)

Youth Issues;- Councillor Dove

Parish Plan;- Councillor Bowen

Footpaths;- Councillor Lewis

Airport;- Councillor Bowen

SMBC Conservation Committee;- Councillor Smith (Councillor Juniper deputy)

Police Issues;- Councillor Smith ( Councillor James, deputy)

Remembrance Day Parade liaison;- Councillor Bowen

WALC/ SALC;- Councillors Rolf and Lewis

## **10/05 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Miss Borley was in attendance and asked two questions;-

- What were the parish council intending to do to promote neighbourhood watch? The chair replied that she was planning to hold a meeting with the police co-ordinator and interested parties and that Miss Borley would be asked to help plan this.
- Although the bottom of Marsh Lane was tidier why wasn't the parish council litter clean up day publicised? The chair replied that a resident of Old Station Road was regularly clearing up the Packhorse Bridge area for which the Parish Council were very grateful. The village clear up day was widely publicised and had led to a good turn-out. Richard Timothy was thanked for his support on that day.

## **10/06 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2010**

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

## **10/07 MATTERS FOR ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES**

09/103 Further Flower Planting

Three concrete bases for new planters had been installed and the cedar planters donated and made by Wykham Blackwell were almost complete. They would be planted up and maintained by the Gardening Club. Expression of thanks to Wykham Blackwell and the Gardening Club were made.

09/103 Additional Allotments

Fentham Trust had asked for a more detailed plan to be presented to the Trust with such issues as exact sizes of allotments, drainage, water supply etc. Richard agreed to work with Councillor James to complete the detailed plan.

MJ (30/6)

09/107 Lights on the Recreation Ground

These had still not been installed. Councillor James agreed to follow up with Lightpower.

MJ (31/5)

09/104 Outdoor Fitness Equipment on the Recreation Ground

The Sports Club had agreed to be involved in the early planning of this scheme. It was agreed to organise a meeting with a contractor to look at the

site and make early costings. In answer to a query from Councillor Juniper the Chair confirmed that the contractor would help us to apply for relevant funding.

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## **10/08 CORRESPONDANCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

The following correspondence was presented to the meeting

1. Letter from The Warwickshire Rural Community Council requesting information re agricultural fairs held at Hampton in the past. The letter was passed to the Local History Group.
2. Letter from a charity "This Way Up" asking for support in their work with children of bereaved families. While the parish council does not make grants, it was suggested that if the charity has worked with Hampton families, then maybe George Fentham Trust may be able to help.
3. Letter for SMBC offering matched funding of up to £250 for Solihull in Bloom. It was noted that we should apply for the grant.
4. Letter from SMBC asking for the parish council's views re the naming of their new housing development at Church House. The favoured option was Church Court.
5. Letter from Birmingham Airport offering to come to talk to the parish council re proposed Airport Operations. It was agreed to invite a representative to the July meeting.
6. Letter from SMBC asking for a meeting re the collection of waste bins on parish council land. The meeting had been arranged for 27 May at 2.15pm.
7. Letter from SMBC asking the parish council to note that the precept needed to be set by the end of January but our current timetable of meetings would allow this to happen.
8. Newsletter from Sustain.
9. Newsletter from Shopmobility re their services.
10. Letter from Warwickshire Rural Community Council asking if we wanted to join or simply register for their newsletter. It was felt that we simply register at this stage.
11. Copy of a letter sent by Mr Nigel Holmes, a resident of Fentham Road to Councillor Bob Sleigh re traffic problems in Fentham Road. The chair reminded the meeting that we would be meeting with Councillor Sleigh and SMBC in the near future to discuss this issue.
12. Letter from Mr Robin Etherington supporting the need for a zebra crossing on High Street and asking the parish council to support a bus service from Hampton to Knowle.
13. Letter from Tidbury Green Parish Council asking whether we would consider selling the old speed visor to them. It was felt that the portable visor was still useful as it gave data on numbers of speeding cars but as there were no volunteers to maintain the visor and record the information, it was decided to seek a volunteer from the Speedwatch volunteers.

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## **10/09 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 20th APRIL**

The minutes were approved as written with a small amendment to change Elm Court to Arden Court.

## **10/10 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING**

It was noted that the Parish Plan Steering Group should continue to meet to monitor the targets set in the Action Plan following concerns from residents that effective monitoring should be carried out.

The issue of the need for a pedestrian crossing on High Street continued to be thought relevant and this would be addressed in the pending meeting with SMBC.

## **10/11 FEEDBACK FROM SOLIHULL AREA COMMITTEE**

Most of the meeting was taken up with a presentation from Philip Lloyd Williams, Monitoring officer from SMBC re the Code of Conduct and the importance of complying with the Code. Mr Lloyd Williams felt that many potential complaints could be avoided with effective training including the importance of accurate minute taking.

There was also discussion on High Speed 2 and general support for a public meeting to assess public opinion.

## **10/12 FEEDBACK FROM MEETING WITH SMBC RE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS**

The purpose of the meeting was to follow up a number of outstanding issues from the last traffic meeting in December.

The HGV traffic survey showed that 2% of the traffic flow was HGVs which was about average.

The speed tubes fitted outside Engine Mews showed that there were approximately 4000 vehicles per day travelling in each direction and the mean speed down the hill was 30.7mph and up the hill 29.5mph.

Whilst the outstanding monies from Engine Mews S106 allocation (about £15000) was initially designated for a pedestrian crossing it was possible that it could be used on other traffic calming schemes. In itself it was insufficient for a pedestrian crossing and would need to be supplemented, using it for traffic calming in Fentham Road might be an option. This would be discussed further at the next meeting with SMBC on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

## **10/13 FEEDBACK FROM MEETING TO PROMOTE YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN THE VILLAGE**

About 50 young people attended the meeting which was very encouraging. There were many suggestions for possible activities, more sports, arts and leisure facilities including a swimming pool. One priority was for the young people to have their own web page on the village website for youth matters. Concerns were expressed about how we might edit the content to ensure that it was suitable. However this issue would be discussed further at the next communications group meeting.

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## **10/14 HIGH SPEED RAIL 2, THE PARISH COUNCIL'S POSITION**

The chair explained that the parish council had sent out information on High Speed 2 proposals but needed to decide whether we supported or opposed the Scheme. The government were currently consulting on the terms of the exceptional hardship scheme for household affected by the proposed route

with the formal consultation on the actual Scheme starting in the Autumn. There was individual support both for and against the Scheme but it was felt that there was too little information currently for the parish council to have a collective view. The meeting decided to defer making a decision until later in the year. In the meantime a meeting had been arranged on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Fentham Hall to give more information to the public.

### **10/15 APPROVAL TO EXTEND PERMISSION FOR THE MOBILE FISH AND CHIP BUSINESS TO USE THE CAR-PARK**

The meeting was reminded that the original permission for the mobile fish and chip van to trade from the Recreation Ground car-park was only for three months. As there had been no problems it was decided to extend the permission for a further 12 months at the current contribution of £10 per week as **proposed by Councillor Lewis and seconded by Councillor James**

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### **10/16 APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER IN THE VILLAGE**

The chair sought support from the meeting to write to West Midlands Police to request the appointment of a community support officer in the village to increase the police presence and create a safer community. This initiative was welcomed by the parish council and received full support **as proposed by Councillor Lewis and seconded by Councillor Bowen**

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### **10/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The meeting considered the following applications:-

1. 10/504 105 Old Station Road; no objection
2. 10/652 1 Station Road; no objection
3. 10/637 59 Fentham Road; no objection
4. 10/629 29 The Crescent; no objection
5. 10/585 52 The Crescent; no objection
6. 10/540 10 Corbetts Close; no objection

### **10/18 FINANCE**

The clerk presented the end of year accounts and schedule of payments. **These were accepted as proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Smith**

### **10/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next full meeting was scheduled for 21st July at 7.30pm with a short meeting at 7.00pm on 9<sup>th</sup> June for those councillors who can come (Councillors Smith and Juniper send their apologies) prior to the maintenance meeting to approve the internal audit report prior to sending the accounts to the external auditor.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm