

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at
THE MEETING ROOM

On
WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY 2016

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

15/87 CHAIR'S WELCOME & APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Sellars and Ward Councillors Rolf and Sleigh.

ACTION

GEORGE GOODALL

News of the sad death of Mr George Goodall was reported to the meeting. George was a past chair of the parish council and had been of great assistance to the village concerning planning matters over very many years, he will be greatly missed. The Chair will write to Mrs Goodall to express the parish council's condolences.

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15/88 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

15/89 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair welcomed Miss Thelma Borley to the meeting who wanted to advise councillors that she had been corresponding with the Secretary of State regarding the Hampton Court Development, and also to bring the following items to the attention of the parish council:

Hampton Court Development – Concerns regarding electricity to the development affecting her own supply. Councillors advised contacting a qualified electrician.

Drainage in the car park Marsh Lane – Miss Borley advised that the drains need attention following recent rainfall.

TaxiBus – Miss Borley questioned whether there was wheelchair accessible? The Chair will clarify with Centro.

Neighbourhood Watch Meeting – The Chair advised that the recent meeting held with the police was to give information regarding police cuts, and not primarily neighbourhood watch.

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15/90 SMBC UPDATE

Drainage - Mr Rogers advised that the drainage team now have an interactive map on-line to report flooding issues. Councillor Beresford

suggested that it would be beneficial for villagers to be aware of this facility and could be included in the next newsletter. TB

Road Signage Village Green – The proposed signs to try and prevent further damage to the war memorial wall, would need double supports, over the footpath which would restrict access for wheelchairs, double buggies etc.

Due to concerns about the size of the signs in the conservation area and the reduction of width of the footpath, Councillors agreed to request road markings in the first instance. Councillor Blanch to draft response. KB

Dog Waste Bins – The Chair asked if any progress had been made on obtaining dog bins for Catherine de Barnes Common and the footpath to Peel Close; Mr Rogers will make further enquiries and report back.

Traffic Calming – The Chair will arrange a meeting with Paul Tovey (SMBC) to discuss traffic calming, including Catherine de Barnes bridge. GL

Ward Action Plan – Most of the items raised have now been addressed.

Spring Bulbs – There are further bulbs available; Councillor Sandells will put the details on Facebook.

15/91 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11th November 2015

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

15/92 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

15/67 Railway Station Access – A meeting has now been arranged for 2pm on 29th January with CENTRO to discuss transport issues. It has been confirmed that a ticket machine will be installed at the station.

15/67 Table Tennis Tables – No further news has been received.

15/69 Security – Councillor Blomer reported the security posts adjacent to the Scout Hut have been repaired and padlocks will be obtained. The sports club will be contacted to pursue CCTV signs and any necessary upgrades. The replacement of the gate has not been progressed, but all councillors agree that it should be upgraded as it was a recommendation from SMBC. MB

15/69 Allotments – Councillor Blomer will ensure the list of allotment holders is up to date and consider if an increase in rent, or a signed agreement would be appropriate. The clerk will go ahead and invoice the allotment holders as usual until any proposed changes are agreed. MB

15/70 Police Meeting – A meeting has taken place which councillors felt was useful. It was agreed that the police would notify the parish council of the current neighbourhood watch areas.

15/70 Broadband – Councillor Beresford advised that Hampton is in the last phase, expected to be delivered in 2017.

Individuals can pay for an upgrade, but this is very expensive. They should register their interest on the CSW website; Councillor Beresford will advise the councillors of further details.

15/72 Neighbourhood Plan – Councillor Blomer advised that our submission will be signed off next week and will be sent to SMBC in early February. SMBC then take over and have a further consultation.

15/73 HS2 – Councillors Doidge, Lewis and Blanch will present in front of the select committee on the 27th January opposing the realignment of Diddington Lane and the relocation of the Bickenhill recycling centre to Diddington Lane. Packington Estate have also petitioned against this offering an alternative site.

SMBC have withdrawn their petition on AP2 following certain assurances.

15/74 Catherine de Barnes – Councillor Blomer advised that the common was quite flooded, but there is no evidence that any vehicles have been

across the land recently. A meeting is being arranged with the Tarplins to discuss the access issues.

15/75 Sports Club Redevelopment – The Chair has received feedback about the sports club survey, respondents being largely supportive of the redevelopment in principle. All councillors agree that no further action can be taken by the parish council until further information is received from HiASC.

15/93 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING 6TH JANUARY 2016

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

15/94 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

None

15/95 PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Agenda item 16 brought forward)

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

The following comments were made:

178 Old Station Road – Observations sent regarding overlooking, use of obscure glass and more sensitive design to reduce impact to neighbours.

New applications which do not require any comments from the parish council:

31 Bellemere Road – Fell silver birch

47 Lapwing Drive - Change conservatory roof

Motorway Service Area – A revised application giving new information has been submitted. Each item raised by the parish council has been addressed. Councillor Doidge and Blanch will further consider the application and revise the parish council's objections where necessary. Councillor Cuthbert will contact SMBC to confirm final date for comments or objections to be received.

Arden Brickworks – SMBC have confirmed that there is no access planned from Old Station Road. The Chair questioned whether access will still be available from the A45 during construction of HS2.

26 Diddington Lane Legal Conditions (Rabbit Rescue Centre) – These have been outstanding for 12 months. The mortgager has now agreed and the legal agreement can be signed. The parish council is unaware of the contents of the agreement, and although it is only just being signed, trading has been taking place for 12 months.

Birmingham Dogs Home, Catherine de Barnes Lane – Attention has been drawn to the lack of a 'green' roof, which was an essential condition of planning approval. We understand that a reduced area of this roof has now been seeded. Correspondence from SMBC has advised that non-material amendments do not need to be advertised and can be agreed within the council.

Local Plan Revision: Consultation – The Chair advised that a meeting with the Fentham Trust has been arranged for 22nd January at 11.30am to finalise our response.

15/96 CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

None received other than any that has already been circulated to councillors.

15/97 REPORT FROM COMMUNICATION GROUP MEETING JANUARY 2015.

Facebook - The parish council now have 108 'likers' on Facebook; future events will continue to be posted.

Website – Councillor Lewis will update the website by the beginning of February GL

Transparency – Mr Bowen provided councillor Sellars with an up to date Asset List. The only action required at this time is a section in the Annual Report.

Newsletter – The next newsletter is scheduled for the beginning of February, and articles should be with the editor by 15th of January.

Next meeting – Tuesday 1st of March 2016, 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

15/98 MANAGEMENT OF WEBSITE

As Ian Geddes is retiring in the next few months, a meeting has been arranged with Meriden parish council, to meet the company they currently use for maintenance, 'Real Point Design' and report back on their website service.

15/99 SPORTS CLUB – REQUEST FOR MARQUEE

Hampton-in-Arden Sports Club have requested permission to erect a marquee for 2 events, 4th and 11th of June 2016. Following a discussion, councillors agree to a marquee being erected on Thursday 2nd June and being removed on Monday 13th June, ensuring that insurance cover is in place. JR

15/100 ALLOCATION OF LEGAL COSTS

Councillors discussed whether legal costs incurred regarding the easement at Catherine de Barnes Common, should be taken from the £25,000 received from the developer. It was agreed that as the payment was received because of the easement, any legal costs associated should be taken from this payment.

15/101 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

Airport Consultancy Committee – Councillor Sandells gave a brief summary of what was discussed at the meeting: A trial of lifting the flight height, tracking issues, a change of Emirates aircraft, roof repairs in affected areas, upgrade of the baggage area, facility for community alerts on the website, and that the Trust Fund is still available.

Hampton Society-Councillor Blanch had queries regarding CENTRO, broadband and linking the Societies website.

15/102 RE-INVESTMENT OF FUNDS IN FIXED TERM ACCOUNT

In January, the fixed term investment of £20,000 will mature. Councillors discussed future investment and Councillor Cuthbert advised that as the parish council reserves have increased over £75,000, investment should be considered in a different bank to preserve FSCA cover. All councillors agreed that an additional investment account should be opened and £40,000 invested for a maximum of 12 months.

The clerk will check guidance for local authorities.

CLERK

15/103 FINANCE

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

15/104 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Date for the next Parish Council meeting:

9th March 2016 Parish Council

3rd February 2016 Maintenance Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

