

# HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at  
**THE MEETING ROOM**

On  
**WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2013**

**Present:**      **Councillors: Dr G Lewis (Chair)**  
                         **Mr M Blomer**  
                         **Mr C Bowen**  
                         **Mrs B Bryant**  
                         **Mr M James**  
                         **Mrs A Rolf**

**Clerk:**            **Mrs J Richardson**

## **12/106      CHAIR'S WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.

## **12/107 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Doidge and Mr Tom Rogers (SMBC).

## **12/108 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

## **12/109 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

## **12/110 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOV. 14th 2012**

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

## **12/111 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

12/67 Lighting on the footpath between Peel Close and Fentham Road – The Chair advised that solar lighting was available but would cost approximately £1000 per light. Following a discussion, councillors agreed that further quotes should be obtained and a single light be considered for the bend at the bottom of the footpath. Councillor James stated that SMBC would need to be notified if a light was to be installed as the footpath was owned by them.

12/94 Scout and Guide HQ notice board – nothing further has been heard on this matter. Councillor James reported that an extension to the Scout Hut was discussed at a meeting of the Scout Hut Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> February, not all members were in favour, the cost might be as high as £150K. Funding streams were being explored.

12/94 Church Wall – will be re-built in Spring.

A survey has been carried out to count lorries travelling through the village; the number was not excessively high. SMBC highways safety officers have reviewed the situation with the Police who feel that it would be impossible to enforce a ban on lorries 'except for access'. It might be possible to stop

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through HGV traffic with a complete ban on a section of road such as the railway bridge. The police are concerned about parking around the shops, and would like to see yellow lines introduced in place of the existing advisory 'keep clear' markings.

12/97 – The war memorial restoration will begin in the next few months, Councillor Bowen will agree a date with the stonemason. CB

12/100 – Neighbourhood Plan – Councillor Blomer confirmed that the consultation for the Neighbourhood Area has now closed. Councillor Doidge and Councillor Blomer are in the process of obtaining confirmation of land ownership through land registry, and are working on a draft. MB/JD

The Chair has been in contact with Martin Saunders, SMBC, regarding the Hampton-in-Arden Character Appraisal. There is concern that this has been delayed due to the Neighbourhood Plan. The Chair will invite Mr Saunders to the Annual Meeting. GL

### **12/112 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MAINTENANCE MEETING 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2013**

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

### **12/113 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

13/22 Jubilee Oak Tree – A suggestion has been made to site the tree and bench next to the boules pitch, Councillor James will pursue. MJ

### **12/114 CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

The following correspondence was presented to the meeting:

1. Notification of the Community Infrastructure Levy Consultation briefing session is 25<sup>th</sup> March, Councillor Doidge to attend.
2. Email received regarding the WALC consultation on Quality Status.
3. Letter received about alterations to speed limits on local roads.

### **12/115 REPORT FROM COMMUNICATION GROUP MEETING MARCH 2013.**

Councillor Rolf summarised the meeting:

The Website – The home page has been updated. The diary is still not being fully used – email addresses will be collated for local organisations so that we can contact them more easily to promote the use of the diary. The HamptonKIDZ website licence will be renewed for a further 2 years at a cost of £19.50.

The Newsletter – The next issue will be ready for delivery in May. Councillor Bowen will need articles for editing by mid April. It was agreed that councillors will have a week in which to do deliveries and that a flyer for the Hampton Festival would be included.

Youth Issues – Councillor Bryant reported that the youth bus has been very successful, attracting 19 children at the last session for the younger age group, although only 2 for the older. A youth worker is now attending and funding is being sought to continue this. SMBC have offered use of their mobile skate ramp. Councillors were concerned that the Scout and Guide Association intend to start charging for electricity used by the bus.

Councillor Bryant is looking into the possibility of a cinema club, and considering suitable venues. A newsletter for the youth was agreed to be a good idea, initially designed by Councillor Bryant, but then for the youths to have increased input, this will be copied in the office. BB

## **12/116 UPDATE OF PLAYGROUND/OUTDOOR GYM FACILITIES**

Outdoor Gym – The outdoor gym is now fully installed and being very well used. The Mayor of Solihull will attend the official opening, which is arranged for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March together with that of the youth. Councillor Bryant confirmed that the school PTA Easter event has now been changed to coincide with this date, and refreshments can be served on the bus.

Playground – Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in obtaining a grant from SITA – Councillor Doidge is looking at alternative funding options.

## **12/117 BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT FLIGHT PATH CHANGE CONSULTATION**

Councillor Bowen reported that the reply to Runway 33 consultation had been submitted, and the closing date for stakeholder responses for Runway 15 consultation, is 12<sup>th</sup> April. Councillors agreed that a joint letter from Hampton Society and the Parish Council should be delivered to all houses to ensure parishioners are aware of how they can voice their concern. JD

## **12/118 HS2 – UPDATE**

The Chair and Councillor Doidge have formulated a response to the Compensation and Safeguarding consultation on behalf of the parish council.

Much more detailed maps have now been produced, showing the closure of Diddington Lane and Meriden Road, with a new road to the rear of Diddington Lane originating at a roundabout near to Lapwing Drive. The plans also show a 50 acre construction site on the A452 near Park Lane Balsall Common, and an 'office' site approximately 600m south of Diddington Hall. The Environmental Statement, a detailed design of the route, is due in Spring 2013 and will require detailed study and comment. HS2 have provisionally booked the Fentham Hall for a roadshow in June.

## **12/119 PROPOSED ALTERATION TO BUS ROUTES**

Following the survey carried out by Centro, in which a number of residents requesting a direct bus from Hampton-in-Arden to Knowle, Centro propose a new service, 88, which will connect with the 82 at Solihull Train Station, continuing to Knowle, with an estimated journey time of 30 minutes.

## **12/120 DESIGNATION OF CATHERINE DE BARNES COMMON**

The owner of The Dell at Catherine de Barnes is proposing to use his land to build a number of houses using access across the common. Deeds indicate that the Parish Council own The Common and councillors agreed that the land should be formally registered. CLERK GL/MJ

## **12/121 BEST KEPT VILLAGE**

Councillor Bowen suggested that in 2013, instead of entering the best kept village competition we should enter Solihull in Bloom, the cost would be £50.00. All councillors agreed in principle and a village tidy-up will be arranged before this competition.

## **12/122 ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE REGISTER**

As part of the Localism Act, communities can register assets in the village which are of significance, such as shops, pubs, recreational facilities, village halls etc. If a registered property was to go up for sale this would be delayed for six months giving the village opportunity to make an offer. The Chair

suggested that a register could be compiled as part of the Neighbourhood Plan, but this would be dependant on the relative timescales. Councillor Rolf will pursue. AR

The need to have a register of parish council assets was discussed, and Councillor Bowen will look in to and report back at the next meeting. CB

### **12/123 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS MEETINGS**

**Speedwatch** – The Chair reported that volunteers from Fleethire were now taking part in Speedwatch, and Gary Wood was trying to arrange for a representative from the police to be in attendance.

**Federation of Colliery Opposition Group Meeting** – The Chair reported that there was still £20,000 left in the FED, COG funds and HHAG may be granted a portion of it to fund legal action against HS2.

**Parent Council Meeting** – Councillor Bryant reported that the nursery school car park is very icy in bad weather and the school were unwilling to provide or put down grit. SMBC will be contacted to try and obtain a grit bin which parents could use to spread grit if they felt it was necessary. CLERK

**Quarry Liaison Meeting** – The Chair attended the first meeting of this group mainly looking at quarry traffic issues. It was agreed that signs would be positioned to remind traffic that it should not pass through Hampton and then traffic movement would be reviewed. A tour of the quarry is being arranged for any interested councillors.

**Rural Partnership Forum** – Feed back from CENTRO bus survey, presentation requesting volunteer opportunity for unemployed youngsters as a route into work, sports facilities for youngsters in the rural areas.

### **12/124 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Details of recent planning applications had been circulated by Councillor Doidge. Objections or comments have been, or will be made to the following application:

2013/358 38 Fentham Road – objection to be raised.

### **12/125 FINANCE**

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

It was agreed that if there was a need for any office equipment, then it should be purchased.

### **12/126 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

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

16<sup>th</sup> April 2013 – Annual Parish Meeting (Tuesday) 8pm

8<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Maintenance Meetings

5<sup>th</sup> June 2013

The meeting closed at 9.45pm