

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at
THE MEETING ROOM

On
WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY 2014

Present: **Councillors: Dr G Lewis (Chair)**
 Mr M Blomer
 Mr C Bowen
 Mr J Doidge
 Mr M James
 Mrs A Rolf
Clerk: **Mrs J Richardson**

13/98 CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Mr Williams, member of the public.

13/99 APOLOGIES

Mr T Rodgers (SMBC)

13/100 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor James declared an interest in relation to his son-in-law being an applicant for the parish councillor vacancy.

Councillor Doidge and the Chairman declared an interest in HS2.

13/101 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

13/102 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13th November 2013

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

13/103 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

13/53 CENTRO – A meeting has been arranged for 27th January at 2.30pm – all councillors are welcome to attend.

Neil Emmerson (Network Rail) had looked into the cost of putting access in, and considers that £100,000 is an accurate assessment. Unfortunately, there will be no funding for at least the next 5 years.

Councillor Bowen questioned again whether shuttering could be installed, the Chair confirmed it was not considered to be secure enough to be covered by insurance.

The Chair will approach Jonathan Salmon for advise, the problem will also be raised at the meeting with CENTRO. Nicola Moss (Network Rail) will be invited to attend the meeting.

CHAIR

13/56 SUCCESSION PLANNING – A meeting was held on 3rd December 2013, where it was agreed that all councillors would detail their roles and responsibilities. Information will be forwarded to the clerk and then reviewed at the AGM in May.

13/74 PLAY AREA – Councillor Doidge confirmed that a grant application had been made to The Fentham Trust, following the disappointment of being unsuccessful in the various applications made to other bodies. Councillor

James suggests the item is on the agenda for the next meeting to enable the parish council to allocate funds if required.

13/80 NOTICE BOARDS - Councillors agreed that 2 notice boards were needed and if the existing board needs replacing, this should be within the bus shelter.

13/75 SKYLARK – Councillor Rolf has received an enquiry regarding the electricity supply to the Skylark. The Chair confirmed that approval had been given, provided the contractor makes contact with the parish council.

13/87 NETWORK RAIL – The Chairman reported that Network Rail had confirmed their agreement to arrange a meeting with the parish council, prior to any tree felling.

13/104 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING HELD 8TH JANUARY 2014

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

13/105 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

RISK ASSESSMENT – The Chairman stated that concrete evidence should be available to show that a risk assessment has been carried out. Councillor James recommended that this be done on a monthly basis, and confirmed it would be carried out and recorded. The question of whether to obtain an independent tree survey, to give us a permanent record, will be raised at the next maintenance meeting. The need to liaise with the conservation society was also noted.

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13/106 CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The following correspondence was presented to the meeting:

- Letter from the airport regarding options 5 and 6.
- Letter from Caroline Spelman MP regarding HS2 petition.
- Letter from a parishioner complaining about the heavy lorries travelling through the village.

13/107 REPORT FROM COMMUNICATION GROUP MEETING 10TH JANUARY 2014.

Councillor Rolf circulated a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting, and briefly summarised them:

The Youth Bus is still being well supported with no outstanding issues, other than the electricity supply. Unfortunately, the diary page is still being underused so it was agreed that it would be detailed more prominently in the newsletter, which is due out at the end of February. Councillor Bowen will obtain 3 quotes, including Graham Hollway, for printing the newsletter.

The Chairman clarified that the paths being installed around the new lake, were not intended for cycles, but for walkers.

13/108 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Chairman and Councillor Blomer have met with all applicants and their report and recommendations circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. Councillor James abstained from voting.

A secret vote by the remaining councillors resulted in an absolute majority for Cat Sellars.

The position will be offered to Cat Sellars and the chairman will meet with her. The Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interest will be completed.

The Councillors agreed to ask Peter Kennedy to join the Communications

Group, and Tim Beresford to join the Maintenance Committee.

13/109 REPORT ON HS2

Councillor Doidge gave a brief summary, detailing that the HS2 Working Party Hybrid Bill had been deposited and Community Forums have now finished. A response has been drafted by the parish council and it was confirmed that Hampton Society response will be separate.

All councillors agree with the response, and Councillor Rolf confirmed she was happy to endorse it. It was agreed that a talk should be done at the Annual Meeting to inform parishioners.

CHAIR

Following a meeting with the Chairman and Councillor Doidge, Councillor Sleigh offered his support and involvement to help negotiate with HS2.

13/110 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Blomer confirmed all residents and business surveys were posted out at the beginning of December, allowing 28 days for return. Approximately 250 have been returned so far. It is proposed that a reminder letter is sent to anyone who has not responded, these can be posted as there are sufficient funds in the budget.

MB

The forms will also be put on to the website to offer the option to download a copy.

CLERK

13/111 OUTDOOR FITNESS CLASSES

The Chair advised councillors that, in line with the funding bid, classes had now started on a Saturday and Sunday morning based on the Outdoor Gym Equipment. It was agreed that up to £100 could be used to support the trainer while the number in the classes built up.

13/112 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

Planning Meeting, Burton Green -

Rural Partnership – The Chair reported that a link was available on the Solihull MBC website regarding the winter warmth campaign. Ultra high speed broadband is now being rolled-out.

Solihull MBC – A meeting with Alison Lush and Tom Rogers had been held to get an update on all outstanding items.

Quarry Liaison Meeting -

13/113 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

2013/478 Land off Catherine de Barnes Lane - Objection sent

2013/2137 Patricks Farm Barns – Councillor Doidge to make further enquiries.

JD

Councillor Doidge was pleased to notify the councillors that one of the benefits resulting from the parish council's response to 'Improving Planning Performance', is that parish councillors will be allowed to speak at a planning committee meeting (restricted to 3 minutes) in addition to a member of the public. In addition, early notices for applications are now being received.

A resident of Bellevue Terrace has contacted the parish council regarding improving a spare piece of ground. Councillor James and Councillor Doidge will investigate further. Councillor Rolf declared her interest as a resident of Bellevue Terrace.

Councillor Blomer advised the councillors that legal representatives had been appointed for The Dell, Catherine de Barnes.

Solihull MBC has confirmed that access will not be a consideration in the planning application.

The Chairman advised the councillors that an approach had been made from a developer who is intending to submit plans for residential properties to replace the Ring O Bells Garage. This will be considered when a planning application is submitted.

Councillor Bowen and Rolf have received notification of a public exhibition of the plans for further development of The National Motorcycle Museum.

13/114 FINANCE

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

13/115 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Dates for meetings of the Parish Council in 2014 will be as follows:

Parish Council

12th March 2014

Annual Parish Meeting 15th April 2014 FENTHAM HALL

14th May 2014 AGM

Maintenance Meetings

4th February 2014

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

