

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at
THE MEETING ROOM

On
WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2012

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

12/62 CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.

12/63 APOLOGIES

None

12/64 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

12/65 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair introduced Richard Temple-Cox (Chairman) and Simon Price (General Manager) of Birmingham Dogs Home.

Early in the new year Birmingham Dogs Home is seeking to submit a detailed planning application to re-site the overstretched city centre facility to 12 acres of green belt land which it has acquired on Catherine de Barnes Lane, within the parish of Hampton in Arden. Mr Temple-Cox advised councillors that SMBC have indicated they would be 'mindful to approve' the application in 'very special circumstances' but as it was in green belt it would go to the secretary of state for final approval. The ecologically designed development would accommodate 120 dogs, a secure dog walking area, a specialist behavioural centre, a suite of offices, an educational unit, 2 apartments for managers and car parking for 28 public and 12 staff.

Exhibitions have been arranged for 28th November in Bickenhill and 1st December at the Glades Football ground.

The Chair thanked Mr Temple-Cox and Mr Price for attending to inform the parish council concerning the plans.

Miss Borley suggested that a left only turn from Shadowbrook Lane directing traffic past the bus stop could prevent lorries repeatedly damaging the War Memorial wall. Councillors thought this idea was worth investigating with Highways.

The Chair thanked Miss Borley for attending the meeting.

12/66 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 19 SEPTEMBER 2012

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

12/67 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

12/49 White Lion signage – Councillor Bowen reported that he had held a meeting with the landlord of the White Lion, SMBC conservation officer and the Post Office concerning replacement of the car park signs. It was agreed that the White Lion landlord would request that the brewery install a ‘No Entry’ sign. Subsequently SMBC had specified detail more precisely, Councillor Bowen will pursue the matter. CB

12/49 Marsh Lane verges – Councillor James is continuing to monitor the situation regarding any damage being caused by turning vehicles. MJ

11/93 Traffic Restrictions OSR– Phase 2 has now been implemented. Several emails have been received from residents who are unhappy about cars parked on footpaths, on the yellow lines when covered in leaves and close to the junction. Mr Rogers reported that SMBC enforcement officers had not visited as yet, but he will ensure they do as soon as possible. The Chair asked to be provided with a report identifying their findings. TR

The Chair will meet residents who have contacted the parish council. GL

12/35 Parish Surgeries – The next Parish Surgery is scheduled for 29th November Councillor Bowen to attend.

12/51 Benches – Councillor Bryant is still waiting for contact from the school PTA about funding for benches to be sited in the play area by the school. Councillor James suggested the parish council fund some in the spring if nothing has been received from the PTA. Councillor Bryant will pursue. BB

12/51 Lighting on footpath between Peel Close and Fentham Road – one street light is faulty and will be repaired. Although there is no funding available from SMBC the Chair requested that Mr Rogers investigate whether solar lighting is available for footpaths. TR

12/54 Remembrance Day – The Chair thanked Councillor Bowen for the smooth running of the road closures. Councillor Bowen asked that in future, any events at Fentham Hall or the Sports Club need to be communicated to ensure traffic problems are kept to a minimum.

12/57 Youth Bus – The Chair, Councillor Rolf and Councillor Bryant have met with the vicar, an informal committee is administering the project.

12/58 SMBC – The Environment Champion Day arranged for 15th November has been cancelled by SMBC, but will be re-arranged. Mr Rogers will confirm a date as soon as possible. The Chair was disappointed, this is the 2nd time the parish council has been let down by SMBC volunteers. Mr Rogers apologised and confirmed he would pursue an alternative date. TR

A Spinney Conservation Group has been arranged for 24th November and Councillor Doidge will contact Dave Grimshaw to plan a work schedule. JD

12/59 The Dell – No further contact has been received. If an application is submitted legal advice must be sought concerning the common.

12/58 Reduction of ticket office opening hours – The Chair has sent a strongly worded letter regarding access issues to the Chief Executive of London Midland.

12/68 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 24TH OCTOBER 2012

The minutes were approved as **proposed by Councillor Lewis and**

seconded by Councillor Blomer.

12/69 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

M13/18 Jubilee – A meeting has been arranged for the 22nd November for anyone interested in being involved in the 2013 Hampton Festival.

12/70 CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The following correspondence was presented to the meeting:

1. Email from Richard Lloyd requesting permission to address the parish council concerning HS2. Councillors agreed this would not be necessary as Councillors Doidge and Lewis are keeping the council up to date.
2. A letter from Mr Etherington concerning various issues from the recent Newsletter.
3. Email from Mr Arthur concerning the various planning applications for 1 Meriden Road.
4. Letter from the Church requesting the parish council sponsor and decorate a Christmas trees within the Church, along with other village organisations. It was agreed that councillors Rolf and Bryant would assume responsibility for this. It was also agreed that the solar lights for the village green, which were stolen last year, would be replaced.
5. An email received regarding provision of a pedestrian crossing at the station. This is already being kept under review.
6. Councillor Rolf has been approached by BASE to request additional lighting in the nursery car park. The clerk will contact Fentham Trust.

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12/71 REPORT FROM COMMUNICATION GROUP MEETING 8th November 2012.

Councillor Rolf summarised the meeting:

The Website – The home page continues to be updated regularly. The village diary is still not being used very much. The email addresses of village organisations will be collated to make it easier to contact them and request information for the diary.

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The Newsletter – Councillor Bowen thanked Mr & Mrs Wasse, Mrs Hammond and Fentham Trust trustees for their help with distribution of the last newsletter. Councillor James reported that 2 people had recently been bitten by dogs while delivering in the village. The properties concerned should be identified and no further deliveries done to these houses.

Next meeting is scheduled for 3rd January 2013

12/72 APPOINTMENT OF FENTHAM TRUST REPRESENTATIVE

Following advertisement, the only response has been from the existing incumbent, Dr Martin Shalley who was appointed for a further 4 year term.

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12/73 UPDATE OF PLAYGROUND/OUTDOOR GYM FACILITIES

Outdoor Gym - £10,000 has been received from The National Lottery fund following the application by Councillor Doidge for funding of outdoor exercise equipment. No match funding has been offered by village organisations .

The supply and installation of outdoor gym equipment has now gone out for tender and the supplier will be decided by representatives from various village organisations.

Playground – Councillor Doidge reported that SITA would need separate applications for each of the 2 locations which would then be considered in competition with each other. In view of this, it was decided to apply for

funding only for the play area at the Recreation Ground. A further application could be made for the Fentham Road play area in spring 2013.

12/74 FUNDING FOR WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION

Councillor Bowen reported that the application to the Airport had been unsuccessful, and the War Memorial Trust consider that some of the lettering does not need restoring.

Following a conversation with Councillor Bowen a village business, Fleethire, have pledged a donation of £3,000.00 towards the restoration, further funds might come from their staff fundraising. Councillors were very grateful for this generous offer and would seek advice from the SMBC monitoring officer before it was finally accepted. Hampton Society and the Fentham Trust will also be approached in an effort to raise further funding for the project.

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12/75 HS2 – COMPENSATION, CONSULTATION & MITIGATION

The safeguarding maps have now been published and no properties in the village other than Patricks Farm fall within the statutory compensation zone. Councillor Doidge reported that HS2 had arranged 2 meetings concerning the compensation and safeguarding consultations for residents, one in Burton Green on 17th November, and one in Chelmsley Wood on 29th November. The consultation period ends on 31st January and the parish council will submit a response.

The possibility of holding a village meeting, circulating a HS2 newsletter or organising a meeting with HS2 and our MP and ward councillors was discussed and the later was felt to be the best option.

Councillor Doidge and the Chair have attended the relevant Community Forums, and the SMBC working party on 20th November. On 27th November Caroline Spelman and an all party delegation from SMBC will meet with the Transport Secretary to discuss local issues. A deep bore tunnel from Burton Green and eastern realignment away from Hampton are being pressed for by local groups although HS2 engineers have previously stated that this was not being considered.

12/76 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Blomer gave a brief update:

Neighbourhood Plan Boundary - This should follow the Parish boundary.

Funding – There is no funding available to the parish council, all funding is for SMBC for officer time to give advice etc. Councillor Blomer has applied to 3 funding streams and none are available for the preparation of the Plan. The main cost involved will be for printing as a large number of questionnaires and surveys will need to be obtained.

Following discussion it was agreed that the absence of a Neighbourhood Plan would leave the parish open to speculative development and so we should proceed with the planning process. Councillor Blomer will liaise with the clerk to submit an application for designation of the whole parish as a neighbourhood area.

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12/77 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS MEETINGS

Birmingham Airport Airspace Change Focus group– A recent meeting was attended by Councillor Blomer. It is possible that EU regulations will mean the Hampton turn cannot continue rendering the public consultation, planned for 1st December to 29th March 2013 futile. Regulations will also result in aircraft being nearer the ground and considerably noisier. We will

await the consultation period and Councillor Bowen suggested combining a newsletter for airport changes with HS2 information.

SAC – Councillor Rolf reported NALC have advised that the benefit system is to change which will affect council tax calculations– details will be passed to the clerk to circulate. It is possible that we will have to alter the timing of our budget meeting to set the precept at an earlier stage.

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12/78 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

2012/1503 Fleethire – Single storey extension to side of existing offices– observation to be submitted concerning parking issues.

2012/1657 2 Butchers Road – 1st floor side extension over garage – observation to be submitted regarding proximity to neighbouring property and intensity of development.

12/79 FINANCE

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

12/80 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Dates for meetings of the Parish Council in 2012/13 will be as follows:

2nd January 2013 – Budget Setting

16th January 2013

13th March 2013

16th April 2013 – Annual Parish Meeting (Tuesday)

8th May 2013

Maintenance Meetings

6th February 2013

The meeting closed at 9.55pm