

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at George Fentham Meeting Room
7.30pm Wednesday 15th October 2014

Present

Councillor Mr M James (Chairman)
Councillor Mr D Sandells
Councillor Dr G Lewis
Councillor C Bowen
Councillor M Blomer
Mr T Beresford
Mr J Eccleston
Mrs J Richardson (Clerk)

ACTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

M14/10 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr J Robinson, Mr D Coleman and Mr T Rogers (SMBC).

M14/11 Minutes of Meeting 4th June 2014.

These have already been adopted by a full Parish Council meeting.

M14/12 Matters Arising

M14/03 – Pot Holes/Severn Trent – Severn Trent will come back to us to let us know where they will be working next.

M14/03 Pot Holes – Councillor Lewis will raise the issue of pot holes at the SMBC Neighbourhood meeting next week.

GL

The following items will also be raised at the meeting with SMBC:

Pavement Sweeping – The Chair advised that if SMBC are not sweeping the pavements, then the parish council can do it, but should be reimbursed by SMBC.

Drains – Councillor Doidge had sent a report to the meeting that drains had now been cleared, with the exception of 114 High Street.

Street Lights – The Chair requested that a maintenance schedule for clearing obstructions for street lights should be produced. It is the homeowner's responsibility to keep their foliage clear of the streetlights; if they do not do this, then SMBC should complete the work and invoice the homeowner.

M14/06 Fete – A new committee has been formed for next year's fete. The date proposed is 4th July, which Councillor Rolf confirmed would not be a problem for the big lunch.

M14/08 Neighbourhood in Bloom – Councillor Bowen reported that we were awarded 'Most Engaged Village' and won £50 of Notcutts vouchers. It was agreed that these should be added to the £100 won last year to purchase and plant a cherry tree on the corner of Diddington Lane. Councillor Bowen will make the necessary arrangements.

CB

M14/08 War Memorial – Councillor Bowen reported that Bellamy Waterhouse have looked at the memorial and submitted a quote for an annual chemical wash. It was agreed that this will need to be discussed by the full parish council.

M14/13 The Common, Catherine De Barnes

Councillor Lewis reported that SMBC had quoted £2000 to mow and collect the hay from the common. As this was considered to be expensive, a

meeting was arranged with Community Projects. Agreement was given for them to complete the work at a cost of £200 per day; the work was expected to be completed in 2 days. This work has been started and will be finished next week. Following completion, the work will be reviewed prior to any further work being authorised.

Councillor Lewis reported that deep tyre tracks and rubble had appeared across The Common this week; Councillor Blomer will investigate. MB

M14/14 Churchyard

Councillor Bowen advised the Chair that the Church was unhappy with the grass cutting. The Chair explained that certain wild flower areas are not always cut every time. The Chair will speak to Mr Coleman to discuss. CHAIR

M14/15 Recreation Ground and Spinney

Grass cutting - Mr Eccleston questioned whether the grass cutting schedule could be altered to Fridays to ensure the grass is cut before cricket. The Chair will speak to Dawson's to see if this could be achieved. CHAIR

Clubhouse - The Chair asked if the side of the clubhouse could be cleared of rubbish. Mr Eccleston will pursue. JE

Store Shed - The Chair enquired what was stored in the tin shed belonging to the parish council. Mr Eccleston will investigate and report back. JE

Table Tennis - Councillor Lewis is pursuing a scheme for a table tennis table to be sited at the recreation ground. Mr Eccleston will enquire if a representative from the sports club can attend the meeting on 28th October with the table tennis representative and Councillor Lewis. JE

When discussing the options for the location of an outdoor table tennis table, the size of planters and location of picnic tables were questioned. Mr Eccleston will investigate and report back. JE

New Lake Area – The Chair advised that the land will be tidied up, but the surface of the paths won't be finished until next year when the paths have settled.

Youth Bus – The bus is now parking where pushchairs can't get through. Unfortunately, the bus has broken down at the moment.

Play Areas – Councillor Lewis advised that a training course for RoSPA inspections has been arranged by WALC, and as the parish council now have 2 play areas and the outdoor gym it may be good for a councillor to attend. Following a discussion, it was agreed that 2 places should be reserved on the course in March 2015 and then the matter raised at the next full parish council meeting. CLERK

M14/16 School Field and Play Area

Signs have been produced which will be put up in the school field to state 'no dogs'.

M14/17 Any Other Business

Tree Surveys – Councillor Lewis advised that 2 quotes had been received to survey the trees on parish council land. The quotes were a similar price and it was agreed that the clerk will contact both to determine if they are a fixed price and the hourly rate charged for any work identified. A decision will then be made which company to instruct to complete the survey. CLERK

Old Station Road – Councillor Sandells reported that foliage is overgrown on Old Station Road. Tom Rogers will be contacted. CLERK

Shadowbrook Lane – Solihull MBC have put slabs on the corner of Shadowbrook Lane, which have been damaged by traffic. Tom Rogers will CLERK

be notified.

M14/18 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is arranged for 4th February 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm