

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at
THE MEETING ROOM

On
WEDNESDAY 16 JANUARY 2013

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

12/86 CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and expressed deep sadness following the recent death of Ray Parker. Councillors requested that the Chair write to Mrs Parker expressing the gratitude of the village for all that Ray had done in many spheres over many years. It was suggested that Mrs Parker should be asked if a bench could be dedicated to Ray's memory. GL

12/87 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Bowen and Councillor Rolf.

12/88 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

12/89 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair welcomed Miss Borley who reported that some trees appear to be in a bad condition adjacent to the Catherine de Barnes roundabout. Mr Rodgers, SMBC, pointed out that this is private land. The parish council will make enquiries to try and establish who owns the woods.

Miss Borley informed the parish council she was a member of the Police Independent Advisory Group, and wanted to stress the importance of confidentiality when any resident was talking to the police. The Chair confirmed this was always respected by the parish council at village surgeries.

12/90 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 14th 2012

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

12/91 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

12/65 The Chair advised that Highways officers did not consider the suggestion of directing traffic to turn 'left only' when coming out of Shadowbrook Lane, in an effort to avoid lorries damaging the War Memorial, to be a practical option.

12/67 Parish Surgeries – The date of the next Surgery has been set by the police for January 23rd. As attendance by members of the public is very rare

it was decided that in future a parish councillor would not be present. The clerk is now available at the parish office daily if residents need to make contact.

12/67 Benches – Councillor Bryant stated that George Fentham PTA are only able to make a donation of £50.00. Councillor James suggested using money from the maintenance budget to put a bench in the playground area by the school in spring 2013.

12/67 Lighting on footpath between Peel Close and Fentham Road – Mr Rogers reported that SMBC do not consider solar lighting to be an option due to high cost and poor lighting. Mr Rodgers suggests the possibility of 1 new light, but unfortunately, there is currently no funding – he will arrange a site visit and establish a firm quotation. TR

The Chair asked if a supply of grit could be obtained as the path is very dangerous. TR

Blocked Gullies - Councillor Doidge requested that Mr Rodgers investigate the blocked gullies on Meriden Road, Station Road, The Crescent and next to the Church. Mr Rodgers will contact the drainage engineer and report back. TR

12/67 The additional Saturday Conservation group working party arranged for 19th January will be cancelled due to the bad weather and re-arranged. JD/GL

The Chair thanked Councillor Rolf and Councillor Bryant for buying and decorating a Parish Council Christmas tree for the Church.

12/92 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING 4TH DECEMBER 2012

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

12/93 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

None

12/94 CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The following correspondence was presented to the meeting:

1. Email from SMBC to remind councillors to complete new pecuniary interest forms when there are any change in circumstances. The clerk will confirm that no further action is necessary if there have been no changes. CLERK
2. Letter from Scouts and Guides Association, asking permission to install a notice board and requesting a contribution from the parish council. It was agreed that a meeting will be arranged to discuss the design, tendering process and proposed location. GL
3. Letter to notify the parish council that following the lorry crash next to the Church, 2 traffic surveys will be completed to analyse traffic.

12/95 REPORT FROM COMMUNICATION GROUP MEETING 3rd JANUARY 2012.

The Chair summarised the meeting:

The Website – The home page will be updated to include the pantomime, Christmas tree competition and the crib service. The diary is still not 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. AR

The Newsletter – The next issue will be ready for delivery in February. Councillor James has been approached by the surgery to ask if their

newsletter could be delivered with the parish council newsletter. Councillors agreed that would be possible, if the surgery were able to make some of the deliveries. Councillor James will notify them.

MJ

Youth Issues – Councillor Bryant will be attending a meeting on 17th January to set up a Management Group for the youth bus. If sufficient volunteers are found, various youth groups will be held weekly on the bus. The Fentham Trust are considering developing the old football fields, and our Chair asked if the young people of the village could be involved in planning at an early stage.

BB

12/96 UPDATE OF PLAYGROUND/OUTDOOR GYM FACILITIES

Outdoor Gym – Site meetings have taken place and following discussions, it has been agreed to site the outdoor gym between the tennis court and the Scout and Guide Hut. Installation will begin on Monday if the weather permits. The clerk will notify local recreation facility users, and confirm with the Sports Club that use of their toilets and outdoor tap are available.

CLERK

Playground – If funding is obtained, the playground will be sited alongside the Scout and Guide boundary with a gate in to their grounds to facilitate use by preschool.

12/97 FUNDING FOR WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION

Funding will be drawn from reserves with additional contributions of £500.00 by Hampton Society and £1500.00 by Fentham Trust. It was agreed not to have a public appeal for funding as residents already contribute to maintenance by way of the precept. A date will be agreed with the stonemason to start the work.

CB/CLERK

12/98 HS2 – UPDATE

The Chair gave a brief update on HS2.

The Public Consultation concerning Safeguarding and Compensation has begun continuing until the end of January 2013. The Chair and Councillor Doidge will prepare a response from the parish council.

A second meeting between HS2 and representatives of the parish council and Hampton Society was held Friday 11th January to discuss specific village mitigation issues, Chair of the SMBC HS2 Working Party, Borough Councillor Sleigh and M P Mrs Spelman also attended. For the first there seemed to be willingness to help the village derive some benefit if the construction goes ahead. Configuration of the road layout to discourage through traffic and landscaping of the Blythe Valley area to provide a circular recreational route was discussed. HS2 undertook to involve the village in choice of a design for the viaducts.

At the recent SMBC Scrutiny Board Meeting, the Chair spoke requesting the compensation criteria be widened.

12/99 OLD STATION ROAD PARKING

There continues to be concern regarding parking in Old Station Road and communication from residents requesting introduction of limited waiting times has been forwarded to Mr Bradford, SMBC. His opinion is that at present there is no serious hazard and the introduction of limited waiting times would result in displacing cars to other, more unsuitable, areas.

A report about the overhanging vegetation from 8 Old Station Road had been received. This will be investigated by Mr Rodgers, SMBC.

Car Parking – Following a suggestion by residents, Wyckham Blackwell looked at the possibility of providing landscaped parking for 20 cars in a field

opposite the offices on Old Station Road to reduce roadside parking. A letter informing residents of this proposal has resulted in 16 objections with no letters of support. The Chair will contact Wyckham Blackwell to advise them of this outcome, it is unlikely that the issue will be taken any further. GL

12/100 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Blomer gave a brief update:

The parish council has submitted an application to SMBC for designation of the Neighbourhood Area, the consultation period will continue until 22nd February 2013. Details of the application is publicised in various places, including the village notice boards, the website and will go in the Newsletter and Chronicle.

A meeting will take place on 23rd January with representatives of the Parish Council, Hampton Society and Fentham Trust to look at the plan.

Councillor Blomer has looked at possible funding, but it is only available to higher authorities. Councillor Blomer suggests including SMBC whenever it is appropriate.

12/101 BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT – AIRSPACE CHANGE CONSULTATION

With introduction of the lengthened runway BIA propose that the 'Hampton Turn' will be lost, in addition aircraft will be 51 ft lower when approaching over Eastcote Lane. Councillor Blomer will prepare an objection to these changes on behalf of the parish council and Councillor Bowen has sent a statement to the local press. Disappointment was recorded concerning the poor organisation of the consultation process in the village. MB

12/102 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS MEETINGS

None

12/103 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 applications:

2012/1953 Arden Brickworks – Processing of hazardous and non-hazardous waste – variation of existing conditions – objection sent

2012/2010 Potters Chicken Farm - objection to be sent.

12/104 FINANCE

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

12/105 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

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

13th March 2013

16th April 2013 – Annual Parish Meeting (Tuesday)

8th May 2013

Maintenance Meetings

6th February 2013

The meeting closed at 9.20pm