

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held at

THE MEETING ROOM

on

WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH 2011

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

Clerk: **Mrs J Richardson**

10/102 APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor Blomer and Councillor Dove

10/103 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

10/104 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair welcomed members of the public who attended the meeting.

Mr Robin Etherington spoke on behalf of residents of Station Road summarising their concerns that the solution put forward to reduce the parking problems on Old Station Road would only push the problems elsewhere, specifically Station Road. This would result in a serious safety issue as large vehicles, including the emergency services, would not be able to gain access past the parked cars.

Mr Etherington asked that the council would consider their issues and concerns with any recommendations made, and stressed the importance of any traffic restrictions being policed correctly.

Mr Lol Bishop spoke to express his strong concerns about the proposed cuts to the ticket office opening hours at the station. Mr Bishop works at the station and considers the station has never been busier, the car park being full by 9am during the week. He feels the reduction in the weekly opening hours of the ticket office from 128 down to 15 will have a negative impact on the elderly villagers and those with walking difficulties as the access to the platform will be restricted. Mr Bishop also stated that unmanned stations inevitably attracted vandalism, this would be compounded by the installation of a ticket machine holding cash at the station.

The Chair thanked residents for their participation in the meeting.

10/105 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 19th JAN 2011

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

10/106 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

10/93 No response has been received to the Chairman's reply to SMBC consultation on the Local Development Framework. The clerk will contact SMBC.

JR(25/3)

10/97 No notification has been received regarding the Fentham Road traffic calming. The clerk will contact SMBC for an up-date.

JR(25/3)

10/107 MINUTES OF MAINTENANCE MEETING 9th FEB 2011

Approved as proposed by the Chairman and seconded Councillor Bowen.

10/108 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

M11/34 The Chair gave an update, explaining that a map had been constructed showing the outline of Catherine de Barnes Common and has been marked with the zones indicating planting and use, for each area. Chris Boxall has now completed a maintenance plan which will be presented to the next Maintenance Committee.

10/109 STATION PARKING & FEEDBACK FROM MEETING WITH SEVERN TRENT

This item was moved up the agenda.

The Chair summarised the recommendations of the parish council to try and reduce problems being experienced due to station over-spill parking: Double yellow lines at the junction of Old Station Road and Meriden Road, intermittent single yellow lines on Old Station Road from Meriden Road to the entrance of Wyckham Blackwell, double yellow lines around the Village Green and the implementation of residents parking permits for Meriden Road service road and station cottages (when available).

Councillor Sleigh has presented our request at a meeting where it was ranked as 7th in priority.

Councillor Sleigh is aware of the fact that Wyckham Blackwell have offered to contribute to the cost. Wyckham Blackwell have also suggested that the parish council make a contribution, but following discussion, Councillors felt it was the responsibility of SMBC at this stage.

The Chair gave a brief summary of the meeting held with Severn Trent and Centro on the 14th February, where Severn Trent admitted that research prior to their relocation had not indicated any problems were anticipated at our station. At the meeting, Centro confirmed there would be additional parking spaces at Tile Hill in the near future which would hopefully alleviate the problem.

The Chair confirmed that Station Road has never been suggested as a suitable place for station users to park.

10/110 CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The following correspondence was presented to the meeting:

1. Letter from SMBC about Love Food/Hate Waste, to highlight the large amount of food wasted every week.
2. Letter from Mr Etherington, Station Road about parking issues.
3. Letter from West Midlands Police explaining reasons why they will not be replacing the village policeman.
4. Letter from Mr Lang to explain he does not consider it financially viable

to sell fish and chips in Hampton in Arden due to the cost of a trading licence.

5. Letter from resident about parking concerns on Marsh Lane and any future one-way system. The KEEP CLEAR signs need to be made clearer, Councillor James will request that they are re-done.
6. Letter from journal of local planning showing the footpath maintenance report.

MJ

10/111 FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNICATIONS MEETING 17th FEB 2011 10/112 ONGOING FUNDING FOR NEWSLETTER

These 2 agenda items were combined.

Councillor Rolf summarised items covered at the Communications meeting:
Telephone Box: The scouts are holding a competition to look at producing a design for the telephone box. Councillor Dove has requested a budget to cover the necessary materials. The Chair suggested the possibility of using the £100 prize money the parish council won. This will be discussed further at the next Communications Meeting.

Youth website: Councillor Dove is in discussion with Ian Geddes about the possibility of setting up a youth domain.

Newsletter: Feedback has been very positive about the first newsletter. It was agreed that the next newsletter would go ahead, and then future funding would need to be approved by the new council. Councillor James suggested trying to reduce the cost by having volunteers from the village to help. It was agreed that we could arrange this for the next newsletter, along-side the formal one, a decision could then be made on the results. Councillor James will contact the volunteer.

MJ

The Chair informed the meeting that an email had been received asking about the progress of the youth project as hopes had been raised that progress would have been made by now. Chair to liaise.

Next meeting is 5th April

10/113 HS2 CONSULTATION

The Chair confirmed the mobile HS2 Ltd exhibition will visit the recreation ground car park on 15th June from 8am-8pm, the parish council will receive a £300 fee.

The deadline for comments to the consultation is 29th July and the Chair asked if the Councillors felt a sub-committee was appropriate, or volunteers to work with Hampton Society. Councillor James suggested it should be done by 2 or 3 Councillors, following the May elections. Until then, the Chair will liaise with John Doidge of the Hampton Society.

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10/114 FUTURE COLLECTION OF ALLOTMENT RENT

A Letter has been received from Mr Fuller to confirm he will no longer be collecting allotment rent as he has given up his allotment. Councillor James will collect rent for the time being and the clerk will reply to Mr Fuller's letter.

MJ
JR

10/115 INSURANCE POLICY RENEWAL

The insurance policy is due for renewal on 1st April 2011, and the clerk has negotiated a discount of 9% on last years' premium if a 3 year agreement is

made. Councillors voted to approve this and the clerk will contact the insurance company to confirm renewal.

JR(25/3)

10/116 REDUCED HOURS OF HAMPTON STATION TICKET OFFICE

Councillor Rolf reported that London Midland are proposing to reduce the hours the ticket office is open to 7am – 9am on weekdays and 9am-2pm on Saturday. There is only a 3 week consultation period ending on 22 March. Councillors expressed concern that when the ticket office is closed, access to Birmingham trains is very difficult, especially for the elderly or disabled. The possibility of additional access from Station Road to include a disabled ramp was discussed which would partially alleviate this issue. Councillor Rolf will draft a letter showing our serious concern.

AR(18/3)

10/117 NOMINATIONS TO RECREATIONS TRUST

No nominations have been received. It was suggested that Mr John Bransbury would be a suitable representative and Councillor James would contact him.

MJ

10/118 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 5th 2011

The Chair informed the meeting that there had been 3 or 4 enquiries, but the open evening had not been well attended. It was confirmed that the first meeting of the new council will be Tuesday 17th May 2011.

10/119 RESPONSES TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The meeting considered the following applications:

1. 2011/87 Arden Woodshavings No objection to demolish, but temporary permission only should be given for new build
2. 2010/2134 Chauk, Dunne & Brazil Objected. Councillor Juniper to represent in person to reinforce objection.
3. 2011/168 Houston No objection
4. 2011/169 Houston No objection
5. 2011/192 Lloyd No objection

GJ

10/120 TO APPROVE FINANCE

The clerk presented the accounts and schedule of payments for the 11 months ending 28th February 2011 which were **accepted as proposed by Councillor James and seconded by the Chairman.**

10/121 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is the Annual Parishioners Meeting, scheduled for 19th April. At 7.30pm in Fentham Hall.
The first meeting of the new council is scheduled for Tuesday 17th May at 7.30pm in the Fentham Meeting Rooms.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

