

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at George Fentham Meeting Room
7.30pm WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER 2013

Present
Councillor Mr M James (Chairman)
Councillor Mr M Blomer
Councillor Dr G Lewis
Mr N Holmes
Mr J Pearson
Mrs J Richardson (Clerk)

ACTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

M13/39 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Bowen, Mr D Coleman and Mr J Robinson.

M13/40 Minutes of Meeting 5th June 2013.

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

M13/41 Matters Arising

13/32 **War Memorial** – The Chairman stated that Councillor Bowen had plans for Remembrance Day in hand.

13/32 **School** – Mr Holmes reported that the school had renewed its signage around the school premises. The Chairman said no further contact had been received from the school about additional signs on the main road, but if the school contact us again, the signs will be pursued.

13/32 **Grit Bins** – The grit bin next to the library has still not been replaced – the clerk will contact Mr Rodgers, SMBC again. The Chairman confirmed that additional grit bins are being provided for the Recreation Car Park and the area by the school children's entrance and car park. The Fentham Trust is also placing 2 grit bins in the Fentham Hall car park, which will be reasonably convenient for use at the top of Marsh Lane.

CLERK/
T.RODGERS

13/36 **Flag** – The Chairman will continue to pursue the idea of a village flag, to be made by the school children.

CHAIR

13/37 **Dogs in School Field** – Mr Holmes reported that signs relating to dogs being on the school field had still not been replaced. The Chairman will pursue.

CHAIR

M13/42 The Common, Catherine De Barnes

Councillor Lewis gave a brief update: Work has been ongoing over the last couple of years and a plan is now being put together to improve the wildflowers. SMBC have given a quote of £2000 for cutting and collecting the grass. This quote was considered to be very high, but no one else is able to collect the cuttings. Councillor Lewis will contact SMBC again to try and obtain a more acceptable quote.

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It was reported that 3 working parties have been scheduled for this winter.

M13/43 Churchyard

The Chairman summarised a report received from Mr Colman:

Repair of the Churchyard Wall - work will start on Monday 28th October and take a maximum of 2 working weeks. Permission from Solihull MBC has been granted on the basis that the temporary traffic lights needed, will only be in operation from 9.00am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday.

Tree works - work has been completed in the Churchyard and Vicarage garden in line with Midland Forestry's surveys. These surveys are ongoing to ensure that our trees are maintained in a safe and healthy condition.

Refurbishment of the kitchen and toilets in the Church Hall - all the tables and chairs have been replaced, a disabled toilet created, a new central heating boiler fitted and all the kitchen units renewed.

Quinquennial (5 year) Inspection - This is conducted by the Diocese to confirm the overall condition of the Church building and prioritises the actions required. There were no major issues highlighted, but work is required to small areas of external stonework and internal plasterwork as well as other small issues. This work will be put in hand over the next 6 months.

M13/44 Recreation Ground and Spinney

Spinney – The Chairman has asked Mr Grimshaw to survey The Spinney to identify any tree work necessary. CHAIR

Old Football Pitches - A park area with pond and landscaping has been commissioned by The George Fentham Trust which may affect access at times.

Proposed Play Area – An application for funding for a play area has now successfully gone through to the 2nd stage. This could offer funding of up to £10,000.

M13/45 School Field and Play Area

Mr Holmes confirmed that the school have relinquished their allotment. Councillor Lewis reported that at the awards evening where Hampton won the Best Village award, there were lots of schools which had contributed and it was a shame that our school was not continuing with their allotment. Mr Holmes reported that unfortunately there was not a teacher able to be responsible. However, they have the facility in nursery to do some gardening.

M13/46 Any Other Business

Councillor Lewis commented that it was a really good result for Hampton to win Best Village in the 2013 Competition.

The Chairman advised everyone it would be Mr Holmes' last meeting, and thanked him for his contribution over the last few years.

M13/47 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is arranged for 5th February 2014

Meet at 7.30pm in Meeting Room.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

