

# HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held at

**THE MEETING ROOM**

on

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011**

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

**Clerk:**            **Mrs J Richardson**

## **10/84 APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received

Action  
(by when)

## **10/85 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **10/86 ACTION AGAINST POVERTY STRATEGY**

The Chair welcomed Ms Bernadette Abbott from Solihull MBC who informed the council about the Local Authorities obligation to carry out a comprehensive needs assessments concerning child poverty, developing a strategy to address it with partner agencies. SMBC is collecting data concerning need and finding ways of increasing uptake of benefits, it was agreed that Councillor Rolf would act as an intermediary.

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## **10/87 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chair welcomed members of the public who attended the meeting. Dr E McIntyre spoke on behalf of residents of Old Station Road (OSR) summarising the problems being experienced since October as a result of cars parking from the junction of Meriden Road for approximately 250 meters along OSR. This resulted in drivers having to enter OSR blindly, and drive approximately 250 meters on the wrong side of the road which was felt to be potentially dangerous and could lead to a head-on collision. Dr McIntyre said OSR residents felt very strongly that action should be taken quickly and double yellow lines would be a small price to pay to make the road safer. A petition had been signed by 200 residents supporting this view, they represented a majority of OSR. The sudden increase in parked vehicles is believed to be due to relocation of Severn Trent offices and it was felt that the Recreation Ground car park should be offered to Severn Trent for its staff to use.

Mr Paul Haggerty added that children on bikes were experiencing difficulty passing along the length of parked cars in safety.

The Chair thanked residents for their participation in the meeting.

## **10/88 PARKING PROBLEMS IN THE ROADS SURROUNDING THE STATION**

This item was moved up the agenda.

The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council were aware of the problem and

extremely concerned about safety issues. In addition to the OSR petition they had received letters and a petition from residents in the service road and railway cottages on Meriden Road requesting residents parking permits, these are not currently available in Solihull. The increase in parking is believed to be due to the relocation of 1,700 Severn Trent Water staff to new offices in Coventry, where no car parking facilities are available.

A meeting between representatives of the parish council, residents of OSR, a Solihull MBC highways officer and Councillor Sleigh was held in December to look at the problem and try to find a solution.

A meeting with Severn Trent and Centro has been arranged in February to attempt to alter travel patterns.

The recreation ground car park was discussed as an option for overflow parking. Whilst village residents would be encouraged to use it there was concern that if it was offered to outside companies it would be overwhelmed and unavailable for sports club and scout and guide use.

There was a concern that any traffic restriction order would displace parking to other areas of the village, particularly around the village green, and could prevent residents parking outside their own homes.

**The Chair proposed that the following requests form a motion to be approved by the council and forwarded to Solihull MBC for urgent consideration, the motion was seconded by Councillor Bowen and carried unanimously:**

GL (14/2)

- 1) Double yellow lines at the junction of Old Station Road and Meriden Road.
- 2) Intermittent single yellow lines on Old Station Road, from Meriden Road as far as the entrance to Wyckham Blackwell, so creating pinch points for cars to pass, this would necessitate parking restrictions on the other side of the road. Parking restrictions should apply from 08.00 to 18.00 Monday to Friday excluding Bank Holidays and weekends.
- 3) Parking restrictions in the form of double yellow lines on both sides of the roads surrounding the village green.
- 4) Implementation of residents parking permits for the service road and Station Cottages on Meriden Road as soon as they become available.

#### **10/89 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

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

#### **10/90 MATTERS FOR ACTION ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

M11/26 The Chairman thanked Councillor Bowen for organising the Remembrance Day Parade.

M10/71 The council felt that the solar powered Christmas lights on the Village Green had been a great success.

#### **10/91 MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING HELD 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011**

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

### 10/92 MATTERS FOR ACTION ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

10/78 The Chair confirmed that the clerk is in the process of obtaining alternative insurance quotes and Councillor Juniper is looking at investment account interest rates.

JR (28/2)  
GJ (15/3)

### 10/93 CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The following correspondence was presented to the meeting

1. Sad news concerning the death of Ronnie Bowker our Recreation Trust representative. The Chair to send a letter of condolence to Julie Bowker.
2. Our neighbourhood police officer is being transferred to another area and is unlikely to be replaced. The Chair to send letter expressing our concern to the Chief Inspector in Solihull.
3. Letter from Mr Grundy to SMBC concerning drainage in Shadowbrook Lane which is an on-going issue. Councillor James informed the meeting that various agencies were now involved to try and solve the problem, including environmental health. The Clerk would write to Mr Grundy.
4. Letter received to confirm the polling station will remain at Fentham Hall.
5. Copy of letter sent by a resident of Peel Close to George Fentham school to request children do not use footpath from school field to Peel Close as a slide in snowy weather.
6. Notification of the Mayor's Ball.
7. Notification of routine footpath work and detail of re-surfacing of the footpath from Lapwing Drive to The Crescent which is now completed.
8. Letter advising of dates for the Conservation Advisory Committee. Councillor Blomer agreed to become the representative on the committee. Clerk to write and inform committee chair.
9. Email from a student asking if Parish Council are able to offer any land for an eco house to be built. Clerk to reply explaining the usual planning permission would be required and we do not own any suitable land.
10. Letter asking Parish Council to inform residents of importance of the 10 year census. Chair to include in Chronicle article.
11. Communication from Dr Prince regarding liaison with the Church Youth group to increase provision for youngsters. Chair to contact Helen Dawes the youth worker.
12. Neighbourhood team contact details.
13. Notification of extended deadline for reply to LDF consultation.
14. Reminder to councillors to register any change in their interests within 28 days.

GL (28/2)

GL (31/1)

JR (31/1)

MB (14/2)  
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GL (7/2)

GL (15/2)

### 10/94 FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP

Councillor Rolf stated that following meetings in December and January work was almost complete on the first newsletter which will be delivered to

all residents in the next few weeks. The web site will be updated shortly. Work is continuing to develop a youth group, together with a youth website. Discussions are still on-going about the most effective way to utilise the telephone box.  
Next meeting is 17<sup>th</sup> February.

### **10/95 POSITION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL CONCERNING HS2**

The Chair explained that 2 public meetings and 3 exhibitions had been held to brief residents on the HS2 proposals as they affect Hampton in Arden. A questionnaire had been distributed to each house in the parish resulting in 144 residents stating that they oppose HS2, 5 supporting it and 4 undecided. After discussing the issues raised at the meetings and the villagers' views, the chair proposed a resolution to oppose the proposal for HS2, and asking for a thorough review by Government.

**This motion was seconded by Councillor Juniper and passed unanimously.**

Councillor Juniper commented that we should also send a detailed list of conditions and reviews that we wished to propose as part of the consultation.

The Chair had received a request for a large trailer to be parked on the recreation Ground car park on 7<sup>th</sup> June from 8am-8pm as part of the government public consultation for HS2. It was agreed to permit it requesting a donation of £300-00 to the car park maintenance fund. The sports club would need to be approached directly regarding use of other facilities.

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### **10/96 CONFIRMATION OF CHAIRMANS REPLY TO SMBC CONSULTATION ON THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

The reply was approved as **proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Juniper**

### **10/97 FEEDBACK FROM FENTHAM RD TRAFFIC CALMING CONSULTATION DAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

A large number of residents attended the consultative exhibition staged by SMBC and comments were generally supportive. The closing date for comments has yet to be decided but if favourable work should take place in the summer, it is believed that funds have been allocated already.

### **10/98 PLANNING FOR LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN MAY**

The Chair reminded the meeting that all councillors will need to stand for re-election on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The election will be advertised in the local press and also in the village, with a view to generating interest for other residents to stand. The clerk will seek confirmation of the election timetable. The last official meeting of the present council will be 16<sup>th</sup> March.

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### **10/99 RESPONSES TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The meeting considered the following applications:

10/1890	28 Marsh Lane	No objection
10/1891	36 The Crescent	No objection
10/2030	White Lion	No objection
10/1935	20 Fentham Road	No objection

It was agreed that in future the clerk would notify councillors of any planning applications received by council on a fortnightly basis by email. Any comments should be communicated to Councillor Juniper.

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**10/100 TO APPROVE FINANCE**

The clerk presented the accounts and schedule of payments for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter which were **accepted as proposed by the Chair and seconded by Councillor Blomer.**

**10/101 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next full council meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

Maintenance Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February, and Communications Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> February

The meeting closed at 9.20pm