

# HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at  
**THE MEETING ROOM**  
On  
**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JULY 2011**

**Present:**      **Councillors: Dr G Lewis (Chair)**  
                         **Mr M Blomer**  
                         **Mr C Bowen**  
                         **Mr J Doidge**  
                         **Mr M James**  
                         **Mrs A Rolf**  
                         **Mr M Dove**  
**Clerk:**            **Mrs J Richardson**

## **11/22 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

## **11/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **11/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chair welcomed Miss Thelma Borley to the meeting, who wanted to bring the following 2 items to the attention of the parish council:

1. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – a meeting was arranged for the residents of Diddington Lane and Fentham Green. Unfortunately, there were no volunteers to co-ordinate either scheme, and out of 16 shed alarms which were made available by West Midlands Police, only 4 were taken. The Chair will include the availability of shed alarms in the newsletter or chronicle.
2. Mailbox at 37 Marsh Lane – The mortar is coming away from the bricks and really needs repairing. The parish council will look into the matter.

GL

The Chair thanked Miss Borley for her contribution.

## **11/25 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011**

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

## **11/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

11/10 Councillor Blomer informed the meeting that the Conservation Advisory group is under review and not currently having meetings, he will notify the council of any developments.

## **11/27 MINUTES OF MAINTENANCE MEETING 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011**

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

## **11/28 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

12/03 Councillor James to contact Mr Minton to confirm work will take place to replace damaged footpaths.

12/05 The PCC is still in the process of setting up a church yard working party

MJ

12/07 Best Kept Village – Following discussion, it was felt that it would be helpful to have the marking system defined as certain areas of the results did not appear to give an accurate reflection of the village, for example the parish council have already granted the school an allotment, and the low mark for community spirit. Councillor Bowen will draft a short report to summarise and forward to the Chair.

CB

### **11/29 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2011**

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

### **11/30 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

None

### **11/31 CORRESPONDENCE.(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

1. A letter has been received from a resident of Corbetts Close to state that the new kissing gate is not big enough to accommodate an electric wheelchair . The Footpath's Officer is dealing with the enquiry.
2. An email has been received to promote the use of the taxi-bus service, details of which are already on the website.
3. 2 emails received from Mr Grundy at the Village Stores, one about the charge of £81 from SMBC for the use of an A board on the pavement, this is being widely applied in the borough. Secondly about the inappropriate use of traffic cones on Butchers Lane, it was agreed that the cones should be moved to allow cars to be able to park.
4. Letter received from Lloyds TSC about the change in procedure for documents held in their safe. The clerk will arrange to collect documents with the Chair and review.
5. Letter from Lloyds TSB about high interest accounts, it was agreed that the clerk, chair and vice chair should make a decision
6. Notification from National Grid about the gas main replacement.
7. Letter from SMBC about the gypsy site allocation (agenda item).
8. Letter from SMBC about LDF (agenda item).
9. A letter has been received about the property damaged by a stolen car being chased by the police through the village, asking for support in having a barrier to replace railings outside the cottage. A meeting will be arranged between the parish council, West Midlands Police and SMBC to look at the best way forward.
10. Notification of Environmental Champion Projects, Peel Close bulb planting on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 between 10am - 12noon was noted.
11. Notification of road shows aiming to help people get back to work. All venues are in the north of the borough, Rosie Weaver of SAC is looking into the possibility of having some in the rural area.
12. Letter from SMBC notifying of a change in re-cycling services. All collections for re-cycling will change to once a fortnight.
13. SMBC Annual Overview and Scrutiny report.
14. NALC document concerning Open Public Services White Paper

### George Fentham School PTA - Circus

Councillor Rolf questioned details of the circus to be held on the school playing fields in September. A request to stage the event was made to the parish council in November 2010, a decision was deferred pending further information. Councillor James confirmed that the fund-raising event was to

take place on the school playing field. Following discussion, it was agreed that there were no objections to the circus going ahead.

### **11/32 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS**

The standing orders were discussed and felt to be largely appropriate, a few minor amendments were agreed and would be checked with WALC before any alterations were made.

MD

### **11/33 MINUTES OF COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2011**

Councillor Rolf summarised items covered at the Communications Meeting:  
Village Diary – Continue to look at ways to promote the village diary on the website and to make it easy to use. Councillor Dove to contact Ian Geddes to investigate easy ways for village organisations to have access to the diary to allow updates.

Newsletter – Councillor Bowen requested all items for the summer newsletter to be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> August. As there has been such a positive response to the newsletter, it was suggested that increasing it to double the size should be considered.

### **11/34 REPORT FROM YOUTH AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE**

Councillor Dove reported that the youth website will go live on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2011 and he is in the process of forming a sub-committee.

A charity specialising in working with youths has been approached and a meeting has been arranged to try and progress further.

The phone box (Central Point) will be addressed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August to consider further what is needed to move forward.

The Chairman stated that she had been in touch with a youth worker from BARTS and Heart of England School who was very keen to work with us on youth issues and the website.

### **11/35 FEEDBACK FROM SOLIHULL AREA COMMITTEE 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011**

The Chair summarised items covered at the SAC meeting:

Policing – Alterations have been made to how the police deal with calls, aiming to resolve as many issues as possible at 1<sup>st</sup> point of contact. This will result in response times to true emergencies to be improved.

Solihull MBC – The Localism Bill is likely to become an Act of Parliament later this year. It aims to give a shift in responsibility from government to local authorities. Neighbourhood Plans will be needed to identify and detail local needs and should be formally adopted by the local authority.

WALC – Historically WALC has received an annual grant of £20,000 from Warwickshire County Council. This funding is now being withdrawn and WALC will need to increase the subscription for parish and town councils by 12% for the next 2 years. We have been assured that other measures of economy have taken place within WALC.

### **11/36 FEEDBACK FROM LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CONFERENCE 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011**

The Chair and Councillor Doidge attended the conference which was largely about planned housing development. The UDP and draft LDF figure of about 6,500-10,000 new housing units to be built in the borough over the next 6-10 years has been increased to 14,000 and the aim of the meeting was to identify possible sites for these houses and for work places. It was stated

that if these were not agreed locally less desirable options could be imposed from central government. Considering rural development, parish plans suggest the need is for affordable housing for the young and elderly close to village centres. SMBC planners stated that it was not possible to dictate what type of housing should be built within a development and there was no way of guaranteeing it would match the need in an area. Delegates therefore refused to suggest any sites in the rural area.

MB

Councillor Blomer offered to organise a meeting to look at how the housing needs of the village can be met, a representative from George Fentham Hampton in Arden Charity and Dave Simpson from SMBC would be invited.

CB

### **11/37 COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE AIRPORT REVIEW OF NIGHT FLYING POLICY**

Councillor Bowen circulated notes concerning the expected increase in passenger numbers with the runway extension, noise and night flying numbers. Councillor Bowen will draft a response to the airport review, based on his notes, to be circulated for comment. It was suggested that clarification be sought about the volume of night flights.

### **11/38 FENTHAM ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME**

It was unanimously agreed to support SMBC Option 2 for the traffic calming scheme in Fentham Road to be commenced in the near future. The need for yellow lines will be assessed when the other measures have been implemented.

JD

### **11/39 APPROVAL OF COUNCIL SUBMISSION TO HIGH SPEED 2 CONSULTATION**

The council submission opposing HS2 had been drafted by the Chair and was unanimously approved.

### **11/40 GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITE ALLOCATIONS**

The Consultation Document needs a response by 30<sup>th</sup> August. Councillor Doidge suggested a separate meeting of the planning sub-committee members to go through the papers and formulate a response. This response will be circulated to the councillors for comments.

### **11/41 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

After consideration, objections were made to the following applications:

2011/995 146 Old Station Road The plans suggest the development may be more extensive than detailed on the application.

2011/1147 38 Fentham Road The parish council is concerned that the application represents over-intensive use of the site.

2011/1150 114 Old Station Road The parish council will seek assurance that at no time in the future will the garden building become a second dwelling.

### **11/42 FINANCE**

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

### **11/43 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

September 21<sup>st</sup> 2011

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

