

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at
THE MEETING ROOM
on
WEDNESDAY 20th October 2010

Present **Councillors Mr C Bowen**
 Dr G Lewis
 Mr M James (Chairman)
Dr A Smyth
Mr J Eccleston
Mr A Minton
Mr Chris Boxall
Mr R Parker
Mr N Holmes

M11/15 APOLOGIES

Action
(by when)

No apologies were received. The chair welcomed Mr Chris Boxall from Catherine de Barnes Residents Association who was joining the committee.

M11/16 Minutes of Meeting of 9th June 2010

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

M11/17 Matters Arising

1. Matters arising from items on the Agenda will be dealt with under the relevant agenda item.
2. The timetable on the bus shelter has still not been replaced. The chair to contact Centro.
3. There are still a few trees available for sponsorship at the arboretum.
4. The Gardening Club have agreed to plant up the boxes for winter.
5. Some damage has been made to the war memorial due to lorries' turning. Parking on the Green continues to be a problem.
6. There was no progress on the setting up of new allotments near Fentham Hall.

MJ (30/11)

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M11/18 Recreation Ground

1. The parish council is pursuing the development of a fitness gym for young people and adults on land to the right of the tennis courts. 2 quotations had been received in the region of £25000 so it is necessary to identify grant funding in order to proceed. There also needs to be consultation with other users of the area but the plans had generally met with support.
2. It had been noted that the cricket nets had not been taken down for winter. Mr Eccleston agreed to raise with the Cricket Section.
3. The Sports Club was funding some extensive hedge and tree works to the area near the Squash Courts but the footpath needed to be re-tarmaced. Mr Eccleston agreed to obtain a quote and formally ask the parish council for support in funding it.
4. The hedge along Shadowbrook Lane needed cutting. The chair

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agreed to obtain quotations.

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M11/19 Grass cutting

The grass cutting contract was due for re-tender in 2011 and it was agreed that the existing schedule was adequate for the purpose of the tendering process.

HW (31/12)

M11/20 The Play Area

The damaged area around the entrance had now been restored and a new swing installed.

M11/21 The Common

1. Mr Boxall representing the Residents' Association explained that there was still further work needed to maintain the Common as a heath and not a park. The outstanding work related to tree work and to the wetland area. It may be possible for some of the work to be done by volunteers and it was agreed that the parish council and Residents' Association work together. Mr Parker offered his advice for assessing the conservation needs.
2. It was agreed that an Interpretation Board was a priority but as there was no budget, a grant would be sought, possibly from the Airport.
3. There was no immediate need for a dog fouling bin.

RP(30/11)

HW (31/12)

M11/22 The Churchyard

1. There were a number of trees from the church overgrowing the road in the area opposite Church House. The chair agreed to consider the use of volunteers to do some tidying whilst the Remembrance Sunday road closure was in force.

MJ(14/11)

M11/23 The Telephone Box

The telephone box still needed painting and the inside re-fitted. The communications group had agreed to take on responsibility for it as a village information point.

CB (31/12)

Any Other Business

M11/24 Drain across footpath near Fentham Road

It was noted that the drain was blocked leading to the pathway flooding. The chair agreed to contact SMBC.

MJ (30/11)

M11/24 Parking in Fentham Road

The new parking restrictions were causing access problems in other areas of the road especially around school times. The chair expressed the hope that the Fentham Road traffic scheme would help to alleviate this.

M11/25 Parking in Old Station Road

It was noted that a number of cars were now parking along the entrance to Old Station Road due to the railway carpark being full. The chair agreed to raise with West Midlands Police.

MJ (30/11)

M11/26 Remembrance Day Parade

Arrangements were in place for the usual coverage of the church parade on 14th November with road closures and Marshalls appointed.

M11/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for 9th February at 7.30pm.