

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at
THE MEETING ROOM
on
WEDNESDAY 8th June 2011

Present **Councillors Mr C Bowen**
 Dr G Lewis
 Mr M James (Chairman)
Dr A Smyth
Mr P Adams
Mr J Robinson
Dr C Boxall
Mr R Parker
Mr A Minton

ACTION

M12/01 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr N Holmes, Councillor M Blomer and Mr J Eccleston.

M12/02 Minutes of Meeting of 9th February 2011.

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

M12/03 Matters Arising

11/31 1. Mr Minton confirmed the footpaths which were damaged due to the frost, were to be replaced.

11/31 2. Councillor Lewis stated that following a meeting with SMBC, Chris Parker will be investigating funding possibilities, and the installation of an outdoor gym.

11/32 The Chairman confirmed that Dawsons grass-cutting contract had been re-newed for this year.

11/34 Dr Boxall informed the meeting that unfortunately Pete Peters had been unable to locate any old photographs of Catherine De Barnes Common.

11/42 Although all the lights are now working on Fentham Road, it was noted that one of them still needs swapping from a telegraph pole, on to the light pole.

Councillor Bowen confirmed that all other action points were complete.

M12/04 The Common, Catherine De Barnes

Councillor Lewis, Dr Boxall, Mr Parker and David Keaney have been working together to analyse and consider the best way forward for The Common. Dr Boxall has produced a detailed project document showing maps and on-going maintenance requirements (copy attached).

Councillor Lewis gave a brief overview of the project and informed the meeting that both Alison Lush (SMBC) and Trish Willetts are very interested in being involved in creating a working party.

Dr Boxall is very keen to create a destination that will attract visitors, possibly incorporating a picnic table and an information board.

Dr Boxall will apply to Birmingham airport to see if funding is available –

following discussion, it was agreed that the application should come from Catherine de Barnes Residents Association.

CB

M12/05 Churchyard

Dr Smyth reported that David Coleman and Gary Wood are new Church Wardens and are considering if there would be a benefit from changing the grass-cutting company. The Chairman requested that the parish council be kept informed of any changes as they contribute to the funding.

Councillor Lewis asked Dr Smyth to let the parish council know if a working party is arranged, as the parish council will support them in any way they can.

M12/06 Forward Maintenance plan for 2011/12

Mr Parker, Councillor James and Councillor Lewis are formulating an annual plan, the main area being The Spinney. Mr Parker confirmed that the Conservation Society were committed to maintaining and improving The Spinney. A plan is currently being put together showing any work required for large tree removal. This plan will be presented at the October meeting.

RP

The Chairman discussed concerns around the rest of the village, such as over-hanging hedges. After discussion, it was agreed that SMBC should be notified of any issues and they should progress where possible. Councillor Lewis suggested that a detailed maintenance plan should be produced and be funded from the precept as not all areas are the responsibility of SMBC.

M12/07 Any Other Business

1. A document had been received from Paul Tovey, SMBC regarding Fentham Road traffic calming, but it was felt that more detail was required before a decision could be made. The clerk will contact Paul Tovey to arrange a meeting.

JR

2. Dr Boxall notified the meeting that some strimming was required within the next month to clear the path to the stile at Catherine De Barnes – it was agreed that Dawsons would be asked to do the work.

MJ

3. Councillor Bowen will contact the War Memorial Trust to see if it is possible to get a report and advice on the condition of the war memorial, also to try and obtain funding for any necessary work. The Chairman confirmed that the war memorial wall damaged by a lorry will be repaired in the near future.

CB

4. Councillor Bowen informed the meeting that the Best Kept Village was won by Berkswell. The clerk will contact the organisers to find out what criteria was used for the decision, and remind them to return the portfolio.

JR

M12/08 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 19th October 2011 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm