

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Held at
THE MEETING ROOM

On
WEDNESDAY 9th MAY 2012

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

12/01 CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Vice Chair, Councillor James, welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated Councillor Bagnall on her co-option to the parish council.

12/02 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

12/03 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor James proposed the election of Councillor Lewis as Chair. This was seconded by Councillor Blomer and Councillor Lewis was unanimously elected.

12/04 CHAIR'S DECLARATION OF OFFICE SIGNED

Councillor Lewis signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

12/05 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded that Solihull MBC will need to be updated concerning any interests they have relating to Hampton in Arden and to parish council business.

There were no declarations of interest relating to the business of this meeting.

12/06 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

The Chair was pleased to report that both Councillor Blomer and Councillor Rolf had expressed an interest in this post. Following discussion, the council agreed to split the role of vice-chair for the coming year, Councillor Rolf for the first 6 months followed by Councillor Blomer enabling both to get a feel for what was involved.

The Chair thanked Councillor James for his tremendous support throughout the last few years.

12/07 APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

The Chair and Vice-Chair are ex-officio members of all committees.

Maintenance Committee

Councillor James
Councillor Bowen
Councillor Blomer

<u>Planning Committee</u>	Councillor Doidge Councillor Blomer
<u>Communications Working Party</u> (including Youth Affairs)	Councillor Rolf Councillor Bagnall Councillor Bowen
<u>Parish Plan Monitoring Group</u>	Councillor Lewis Councillor Doidge
<u>Remembrance Day</u>	Councillor Bowen

12/08 APPOINTMENT OF SUB COMMITTEE CHAIRS

It was agreed the following councillors would chair the sub-committees:

Maintenance	Councillor James
Planning	Councillor Doidge
Communications	Councillor Rolf
Parish Plan	Councillor Lewis
Youth Affairs	Councillor Bagnall
Remembrance	Councillor Bowen

12/09 APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BODIES

<u>Airport Consultation</u>	Councillor Bowen
<u>WALC</u>	Councillor Rolf Councillor Lewis
<u>Conservation Advisory</u>	Councillor Blomer
<u>Police Consultation</u>	Councillor James
<u>Footpaths</u>	Councillor Lewis
<u>Local Strategic Partnership Forum</u>	Councillor Lewis
<u>SMBC Tree Warden Committee</u>	Ray Parker

12/10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

12/11 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14TH MARCH 2012

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

12/12 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

11/86 Train Ticket office closures – Many parishioners have asked if it is possible to arrange for direct access to the platform, even if the ticket office is closed. The Chair has requested a meeting with CENTRO and London Midland. GL

11/71 Cottage Car Crash – The design and possible positioning of a vehicle activated sign, which would alert drivers to the sharp bend at the top of High Street, was reviewed and approved by all councillors, adjacent properties would need to be appraised when the time came.

11/71 Neighbourhood Plan – Councillor Doidge summarised the document which he and councillor Blomer had previously circulated for discussion pointing out that the process to produce a Neighbourhood Plan was complex. Guidance notes from SMBC were also reviewed. It was agreed that a revision to the existing Parish Plan should be drafted and that the Chair arrange a meeting with Solihull MBC planners by the end of June. JD
GL

11/91 Network Rail Tree cutting – The views of the village and our elected representatives have been ignored by Network Rail who intend to continue with tree felling on the embankment and will not allow re-planting.

The council could consider planting additional trees along the recreation ground railway fence to try and improve screening.

11/93 Traffic Restrictions – We continue to await implementation of the orders already approved. Old Station Road residents requested an increase in the extent of the plans for OSR; the revised scheme was approved by all Councillors but the chair was asked to draw the attention of Highway Officers to the planning applications adjacent to 8 OSR and 1 MR which would result in additional pressure for parking.

11/98 Best Kept Village – Necessary maintenance to the telephone box and war memorial has been completed. Village and Fleethire volunteers will complete the final tidy before the judging.

CB

11/108 War Memorial Restoration – Councillor Bowen confirmed he has now received 3 quotes to complete the work, ranging from £6,500 to £10,000. Councillor Bowen will meet with the Chair and Councillor James separately to consider the individual quotations. It is still hoped that the cost can be met by grant funding which Councillor Bowen will pursue.

CB

11/109 Bus Shelter – CENTRO have agreed to contribute £4685.00 towards the replacement of the obsolete bus shelter opposite the Church. The Chair and Councillor James have met with SMBC Conservation Officer and it was agreed to install a wooden replacement with glass panelling on all sides.

11/109 Parish Surgeries – These are poorly attended and the Chair has contacted the police to consider whether they should continue. The police will advertise more clearly for the next two months and then review the situation.

11/112 HS2 – Solihull MBC are in the process of establishing a working party concerning HS2 matters which will report back to The Cabinet. It is hoped that this will have representatives from local communities and will be open to the public.

The first meetings of the 5 local HS2 Ltd Community Forums have all been attended by members of the parish council, they are currently mainly involved with setting up terms of reference.

Parish Councillors continue to support the work of SHRCC.

Councillor Doidge has now received a reply to his letter to Caroline Spelman concerning mitigation, she is awaiting responses from other councils before proceeding.

12/13 CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The following correspondence was presented to the meeting:

1. Letter from Andy Minton requesting permission to place reconditioned planters at the Sports Club. The Chair and Councillor James will agree where they will be sited.
2. Invitation to the Girl Guides AGM – Councillor James to attend.
3. Invitation to the Mayor's Investiture.
4. Letter from a Lapwing Drive resident regarding houses being built on the ammunition dump.
5. Letter received from Hampton-in-Arden Library requesting a grant for summer activities. This will be forwarded to the Trust.
6. Email from a local architectural business offering help with our Neighbourhood Plan – Councillor Blomer will contact.
7. Letter from Marie Curie advertising 'Blooming Tea Parties' fundraising packs.

MJ

JR

MB

8. Letter from Highways regarding 60mph speed limits on A45.
9. WCC waste core strategy.
10. HS2 Scope and Methodology EIA consultation document
11. Letter from SAC to Chief Executive of SMBC requesting more support for communities concerning HS2.

12/14 REPORT OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING APRIL 17TH 2012

The council accepted the draft minutes of the meeting, which will need to be adopted at the next Annual Meeting.

12/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MEETING

Parking problems at the entrance to Diddington Lane – The Chair will discuss with Mr Thomas who raised the matter, councillors were not aware of any existing problem.

GL

12/16 REPORT FROM COMMUNICATION GROUP MEETING 3RD May 2012.

Councillor Rolf summarised the meeting:

- The website continues to be updated regularly – Jubilee information will be updated in the next few days.
- Youth Issues will remain within the Communications Group for the time being.
- The spring newsletter is ready to be distributed. It was agreed that the parish council would deliver the newsletter this time, together with the Parish Surgery newsletter.

Councillor Bagnall informed the meeting that she had met with the vicar, Duncan Ballard, to discuss how to progress youth matters in the village. Funding of £12,000 is being sought from various sources for a Youth Bus. Councillors agreed to support the project where ever possible.

BB

Councillor Bagnall will look at setting up a youth council within the village.

12/17 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS MEETINGS

Conservation - Councillor Blomer reported that there has been nothing relevant to Hampton-in-Arden at the recent Conservation Committee Meetings.

Airport - Councillor Bowen circulated a document detailing items covered in the Airport Airspace Change Focus Group.

12/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Having previously circulated details of recent planning applications, Councillor Doidge made the following comments:

2012/204 38 Fentham Road – Plans have now been approved for the addition of a basement despite the objections of the parish council.

2012/460 1 Meriden Road – Access to the site has now been made according with plans passed in 2008 and fencing has recently been erected along the Old Station Road boundary. The outcome of the most recent planning application is awaited but Highways have not supported our concerns regarding access and parking.

8 Old Station Road – New plans have been submitted for a double garage, with music room above, adjacent to the boundary with 3 MR and a new house to replace the existing garage adjacent to Fiddlers Green– Councillor Doidge and Councillor Blomer will obtain further details and then consider if an objection should be submitted.

JD/MB

Peel Close – The Chairman has been in contact with Meriden Parish Council who have secured control, for local allocation, of a proportion of houses

recently built there. Councillor Blomer will contact P C Chair Rosie Weaver to obtain further details. JD

Yellow Signs – at least 7 signs have been erected around the village advertising a property for sale. Councillor Doidge will investigate whether they are legally permitted.

Satellite Dishes – Councillor James informed the meeting that any dishes at the front of properties and within the conservation area requires planning permission.

12/19 FINANCE

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

12/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Dates for meetings of the Parish Council in 2012/13 will be as follows:

18th July 2012

19th September 2012

14th November 2012

Maintenance Meetings

30th May 2012

24th October 2012

The meeting closed at 9.30pm