



Since the election Mr Ken Blanch had expressed an interest in becoming a councillor and he gave the meeting a brief overview of his working experience. Councillor Blomer proposed that Mr Blanch be co-opted, which was seconded by Councillor Cuthbert and unanimously agreed by all councillors.

### **15/07 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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

<u>Maintenance Committee</u>	Councillor Blomer (CHAIR) Councillor Beresford Councillor Sandells
<u>Planning Committee</u>	Councillor Doidge (CHAIR) Councillor Sellars Councillor Cuthbert
<u>Communications Working Party</u> (including Youth Affairs)	Councillor Sellars (CHAIR) Councillor Sandells
<u>Neighbourhood Plan Working Group</u>	Councillor Sellars Councillor Doidge Councillor Blomer (CHAIR)
<u>Remembrance Day</u>	Councillor Doidge (CHAIR) Councillor Blanch
<u>HS2</u>	Councillor Doidge Councillor Lewis Councillor Blanch

### **15/08 APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BODIES**

<u>Airport Consultation Committee</u>	Councillor Sandells
<u>Airspace Change Working Party</u>	Councillor Blomer
<u>SAC WALC</u>	Councillor Lewis
<u>Conservation Advisory</u>	Councillor Cuthbert
<u>Footpaths</u>	Councillor Lewis
<u>SMBC Partnership Forum</u>	Councillor Lewis
<u>SMBC Tree Warden Committee</u>	Mr David Grimshaw

### **15/09 RE-DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS CLUB**

Mr Chester Barnes and Mr Graham Hollway attended the meeting and Mr Barnes detailed the need for significant repair of the sports club. An offer has been received of £750,000 towards re-development if a swimming pool is incorporated. The total cost is expected to be between £2.5 and £3 million and the sports club will endeavour to obtain the additional funds required.

They believe that the build would be significantly better if the oak tree adjacent to the Club House was removed and are asking the parish council for permission to do this.

A tree survey has been completed which shows that the tree is in an acceptable condition however, the plan of the new development would need to be altered if the tree remains as they will be unable to build within the crown area plus 1 meter.

Mr Barnes reassured councillors that work would not go ahead if there was any doubt that the sports club would not be able to support the asset. They would like to maintain their CASC status, but will need to look into it.

The Chair advised that the parish council would like to be involved in the

design of the building and that a parking/traffic survey would be required. Councillors felt they should consider the improved asset this re-development would offer the village when making any decision. The Chair suggested that a meeting be arranged for councillors to discuss the issue in more detail and report back to the sports club at the beginning of June.

ALL CLLRS

### 15/10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr T Rogers, SMBC advised on the following items:

Overgrown Hedge Cutting Procedure – A letter is sent to the property owner by SMBC, requesting that the hedge be trimmed. If this is not completed, SMBC will arrange for the work to be done and invoice the owner.

Lighting Repairs – Passed to Highways to repair.

White Line over Patricks Bridge – These have not been replaced following resurfacing as the carriageway is less than 5.5m wide. Councillor Sandells requested that white lines be replaced up to the narrowest part. Mr Rogers will look into it and report back.

T ROGERS

Councillor Blomer suggested contacting Highways to reconsider this decision as the parish council feel it is a hazard and there have been accidents.

Flooding – Mr Rogers will investigate the flooding which occurs on the left hand side of the bridge towards Balsall Common.

T ROGERS

Japanese Knotweed – Councillor Sellars advised that this is growing by the church; Mr Rogers will investigate.

Overhanging Hedges – Mr Rogers to look at hedges which need reducing on Meriden Road.

T ROGERS

Best Kept Village – SMBC will provide litter pickers etc for the village tidy-up on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July. They will also arrange for the bags of waste to be collected on the following Monday morning.

T ROGERS

Miss Thelma Borley wanted councillors to be aware of the following: rubbish being left by the river - the Chair advised her that this has been reported and a police notice has been put up. The stone wall at the junction of Fentham Road and Marsh Lane has mortar missing – SMBC will be notified. The proposed re-development of Howard House does not have a suitable access for emergency vehicles – Councillor Doidge confirmed that the parish council had responded to the application.

CLERK

### 15/11 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015

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

### 15/12 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

14/114 Centro - A meeting has been arranged with Centro for 2<sup>nd</sup> June, which the Chair and Councillor Doidge will attend.

14/114 Airport – Councillor Blomer advised that the airport has acknowledged a coding problem has resulted in aircraft turning too quickly and is investigating the issue.

The Chair advised that complaints to the airport are up, year on year, by 113%.

14/114 HS2 – Councillor Doidge and the Chair attended a meeting with the police Crime Prevention Team where the effect on roads through the village were discussed. The parish council are encouraged to collect information regarding any accidents or issues.

14/116 Catherine de Barnes Common – Councillor Blomer confirmed that an

amendment had been made to the wording of the Deed of Easement relating to the surfacing of the access road. A site meeting will take place with the parish council prior to work commencing.

There is still a problem with access over The Common to the adjoining parcels of land. A meeting with the SMBC Enforcement Officer has confirmed that the parish council, as landowners, are held responsible for the damage caused by vehicles being driven across the Common. Councillor Blomer will pursue the issue.

M BLOMER

14/116 War Memorial – A grant has been applied for additional names to be added.

14/120 Neighbourhood Plan – This is progressing well and a detailed informal response to the pre-submission draft has been received from SMBC. The final version of the Plan is now being prepared for statutory consultation to take place prior to its submission for examination.

C SELLARS

14/122 Transparency Code – This will be looked at by the Communications Group. Emergency Planning will be investigated by Councillor Sellars.

### **15/13 REPORT OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> 2015**

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

### **15/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MEETING**

None

### **15/15 CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

The following correspondence was presented to the meeting:

1. Invitation to Investiture of Mayor.
2. WALC letter detailing training days.
3. Email received from Councillor Sleight, SMBC regarding broadband – Hampton-in-Arden now on the list.
4. Letter from Mrs Bixby regarding accessing trains, sent to Network Rail.
5. Notification about community grants.
6. Letter offering 30% off Living World.

### **15/16 REPORT FROM COMMUNICATION GROUP MEETING 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015.**

Councillor Sellars summarised the meeting:

- The website homepage will be updated to include details of new councillors.
- Facebook now has 53 'likers' and a reminder will be included in the newsletter which will hopefully increase this.
- The phone box has been cleared and discussions continue about the best way to improve this facility.
- The next newsletter items were discussed, which is planned to be ready for delivery by the 26<sup>th</sup> of May. A schedule for future editions was presented by Councillor Sellars to enable councillors to be aware of production dates for the next 4 editions.

Next meeting was arranged for 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

### **15/17 SPORTS CLUB 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS – PROPOSED ERECTION OF MARQUEE 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

The Sports Club have asked for permission to erect a marquee for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on 11<sup>th</sup> September. The marquee will be erected on the previous Thursday and removed on the following Monday.

**This was approved by all councillors.**

### **15/18 SOLIHULL NEIGHBOURHOOD IN BLOOM 2015**

All councillors were in favour of entering this competition. The judging will be week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> July and so the Village Tidy-up has been arranged for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July between 10.00am – 12.00pm. This will be advertised in the newsletter and on the village notice boards.

### **15/19 RESURFACING OF RECREATION GROUND FOOTPATH**

CLERK

The Chair advised that SMBC have been contacted regarding the poor condition of the path to the recreation ground. Following this a quote has been received for the path to be repaired. The clerk will obtain a further quote from Dawsons before a decision is made.

### **15/20 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS MEETINGS**

The Chair has attended a WALC meeting where it was suggested that the police should be invited to attend parish council meetings, so councillors can be informed of their current priorities. It was agreed that they will be invited to a future meeting.

### **15/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Councillor Doidge circulated details of all planning applications currently outstanding, prior to the meeting.

The Chair advised that it is necessary for the parish council to decide the best way to publicize planning applications and comments, to comply with the Code of Transparency. The planning sub-committee will discuss this further and report back to the full council.

### **15/22 FINANCE**

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

### **15/23 APPROVAL OF FINANCE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

The Annual Return and completed annual governance statement were received and approved as **proposed by Councillor Sellars and seconded by Councillor Doidge.**

### **15/24 UPDATE BANK MANDATES**

CLERK

The bank mandate needs to be amended to remove previous councillors as signatories, and to add new signatories. Councillors Sellars, Doidge and Blomer agreed to be added to the mandate to enable them to sign cheques.

### **15/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Date for the next Parish Council meeting:

8<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Maintenance Meetings

10<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Communication Group

30<sup>th</sup> June 2015

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

UNAPPROVED