

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at
THE MEETING ROOM

On
WEDNESDAY 18th JANUARY 2012

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

11/ 84 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Miss Thelma Borley.

11/85 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

11/86 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair welcomed Mrs Maggie Woodhouse who delivered a letter expressing her concern regarding difficult access to trains for the elderly when the ticket office is closed. This is happening more often and she was concerned about the proposed closure of the ticket office at the train station. Chair to write to CENTRO.

11/87 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9th NOVEMBER 2011

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

11/88 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

11/65 Safety Deposit Box – The Chair and the clerk will collect the safety deposit box from the bank next week.

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11/67 SMBC still awaiting a date when the consultants are available to hold a public consultation concerning the character appraisal of the conservation area.

11/69 (M12/14) Dog Fouling – The 3 bag dispensers have now been installed around the Recreation Ground and Spinney and an additional dog waste bin has been sitted on Shadowbrook Lane which it is hoped Solihull MBC will empty.

11/69 (M12/15) Play Area –Councillor Doidge is still pursuing the upgrading of the play area next to the school, together with funding options for a play area on the recreation area. Councillors Doidge and Lewis, together with the neighbourhood co-ordinators, will prepare grant applications.

11/71 Meeting with David Lechmere and residents regarding safety barriers on the High Street corner – has now been arranged for 7th February.

11/71 Neighbourhood Plan – will need to contain technical detail regarding each possible development site and could cost in excess of £20,000. A meeting is arranged on 27th Jan with SMBC planners to discuss further.

11/72 SMBC Local Development Framework – Councillor Blomer gave a brief overview: The George Fentham Trust (GFT) and Parish Council have a

common objective of ensuring the provision of affordable homes for young and older local residents of the village, as defined in the Parish Plan. They have met with SMBC and Solihull Community Housing (SCH) to discuss the development of Peel Close garages to provide 5 affordable houses, SMBC own the land and have drawn up preliminary plans for the site. GFT wish to be involved in funding so as to retain the housing for the village in perpetuity. Part funding could be available from the National Housing Provision if the GFT meets the 'eligibility criteria'. Councillor Blomer considers this to be worth pursuing as it is likely that GFT will fit this criteria and the Parish Council could support GFT, especially in areas such as consulting with the community. Councillor Blomer will meet with The Warwickshire Rural Housing Enabler to find out more details..

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11/89 MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING 4 JANUARY 2012

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

11/90 MATTERS FOR ACTION ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

None

11/91 CORRESPONDENCE.(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

1. Network Rail are planning to cut down many trees along the embankment but failed to hold a public consultation before commencing work. Following a site meeting and strongly worded letter from the parish council, they intend to proceed with the work anyway. Replanting with evergreen species has been requested.
2. A letter from Corralie Hammond expressing her disappointment with the lack of support over the planning permission at 38 Fentham Road.
3. A letter from Highways regarding A45 Junction 6 speed limit of 60mph.
4. Communication from WALC re: planning workshops.
5. Email from a resident about drug taking in cars at the recreation ground car park. The Police are now involved and will continue to monitor the situation.
6. Revd Duncan Ballard is concerned about the lack of facilities for young people in the village. He has prepared an outline proposal for a Youth Bus, a copy of which will be forwarded to the councillors, it was agreed to support the idea in principle. SMBC have agreed to provide £2000-00 towards the project.

11/92 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Martin Dove has resigned due to pressure of work – The Chair has sent a letter to thank him for his contribution during his time as a Councillor.

All Councillors are in favour of replacing him and so the clerk will notify The Returning Officer and advertise the vacancy. The vacancy will be advertised prominently in the Newsletter and Councillor Rolf will attempt to advertise it on the Parents Network E bulletin.

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11/93 TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

The Parish Council continue to work with Solihull MBC to implement appropriate restrictions. The public consultation finished last week and a meeting was held on 17th January 2012, attended by 40 parishioners, Councillor Sleight, Ed Bradford (SMBC) and parish councillors to try to reach

a consensus. Residents from Old Station Road want to address the issues of overflow parking from both the station and Wyckham Blackwell offices. Councillors were concerned regarding promotion of the Recreation Ground Car Park for station use as it might become overwhelmed preventing use by parishioners using the surrounding facilities.

In order to urgently address safety issues agreement was reached to implement restrictions in two phases. Firstly, from the entry to Fentham Road, around The Green and into the start of Old Station Road ASAP. Amendment to the proposals for the remainder of Old Station Road would be agreed at a further meeting between Ed Bradford, The Parish Council and Dr McIntyre and Mr Blythe representing Old Station Road residents. It will need to undergo a further round of public consultation. The Chair gave details of correspondence from Wyckham Blackwell who suggested providing additional parking in a field opposite their offices. This would need to be subject to full planning consideration however Councillors considered that some members of the public might object.

11/94 FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING 10th JANUARY 2012

Councillor Rolf gave a brief summary of items from the meeting:

Youth Groups – Councillor Rolf will obtain the list produced at the initial youth meeting from Martin Dove, which identified the interests of the village youth.

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Newsletter – The next newsletter is due in February and will include details of the Golden Jubilee celebrations in the village.

Phonebox - A quote of around £300 has been obtained to complete the renovation of the phonebox.

Councillor Rolf gave a brief overview of the SAC (Solihull Area Committee) meeting attended:

Andrew Shipway explained the importance of data protection, and that laptops should be encrypted to ensure confidentiality of data. The clerk will arrange a health check to ensure adequate data protection measures are being taken.

A Charter dictating the relationship between SMBC and the parish council had been circulated to all councillors who will feedback any comments to Councillor Rolf by the end of February.

11/95 POSITION OF PARISH COUNCIL CONCERNING HS2

The Chair reported that the plans for HS2 had been approved by the Government to go forward to the next stage of planning. A revised map detailed the possible closure of both Diddington Lane and Meriden Road a new road being proposed from a roundabout at Lapwing Drive to the rear of houses in Diddington Lane to join the Kenilworth Road.

11/96 FUNDING OF BEACON FOR QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE

A resolution was passed to fund the beacon at a cost of £299.00 + VAT.

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11/97 RENOVATION OF TELEPHONE BOX

A resolution was passed to fund the renovation work required for the phonebox at a cost of up to £300.00.

11/98 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Following a meeting to review this year's competition, discussions are continuing to agree a format. Some of the decisions to be made are: whether

it should continue to be run by The Fellons, if Balsall Common should be included and if an independent judge should be used.

Councillors felt the competition should try and get back to basics, it was felt that such things as shop window displays and signs were not under the control of the parish council and should not be included in the judging. A vote resulted in 2 councillors supporting the inclusion of a portfolio, and 4 councillors opposing. Councillor Bowen will continue to work with the other parish councils concerned.

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11/99 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

All recent applications were considered and the following comments made:

2011/1784 Land adjacent to 21 Belle Vue Terrace

Councillor Doidge to send letter to SMBC regarding the complaints received due to large vehicles reversing down Belle Vue Terrace.

2011/2009 Land at 1 Meriden Road

Objection due to over-intensive use of small site with significant road safety issues.

2011/2010 Land at 8 Old Station Road

Objection due to over intensive use of narrow site.

2011/1866 Hazel Farm, Shadowbrook Lane

Objection due to development on green belt land.

11/100 FINANCE-

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

11/101 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8th February 2012 – Maintenance Meeting

14th March 2012 – Parish Council

The meeting closed at 9.50pm