

# HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at  
THE MEETING ROOM

on  
WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011

**Present**

**Councillors** Mr C Bowen  
Dr G Lewis  
Mr M Blomer  
Mr M James (Chairman)

Dr A Smyth  
Mr P Adams  
Mr J Robinson  
Dr C Boxall  
Mr R Parker  
Mr A Minton  
Mr N Holmes  
Mr J Eccleston  
Mr D Grimshaw  
Mr C Parker (SMBC)

ACTION

## **M12/09 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies received.

## **M12/10 Minutes of Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011.**

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

## **M12/11 Matters Arising**

12/03 2. Councillor Lewis stated that options were still being looked at for an outdoor gym, including funding possibilities.

GL/CP

12/07 3. Councillor Bowen had received a letter to say there is a possibility of funding to repair the corroding Portland stone of the War Memorial. More detailed photographs have been requested.

CB

12/07 1. Mr Holmes enquired about the Fentham Road traffic calming scheme. Councillor Lewis gave a brief summary explaining how 106 funding was being used to fund part of the project. Mr Holmes was not aware of any request from School Governors for funding. Mr Holmes and Councillor Lewis agreed to arrange a meeting to consider the best way to progress the project.

GL/NH

## **M12/12 The Common, Catherine De Barnes**

Dr Boxall has been looking at funding possibilities to progress the necessary on-going maintenance work required for Catherine De Barnes Common.

Although some investigative work has been done to make an application to the airport for funding, Dr Boxall requested that the Parish Council make the application. Following a discussion about whether the application should be made by Catney Residents Association, or the Parish Council, Councillor Bowen agreed to liaise with Dr Boxall to progress the application.

CB/CB

The possibility of a pond in The Common was discussed. Chris Parker will

arrange for Alison Lush to contact Gary Falmer to discuss the options. Councillor Lewis explained the plan produced by Chris Parker, which is very similar to the project document from Dr Boxall. Provisional dates for the working parties to meet were agreed as 10/12/11, 21/01/12 and 25/02/12 - specification being decided prior to these dates. 31/03/12 was suggested for the pond exercise.

Councillor Lewis will arrange advertising of these dates to try and get volunteers, and will liaise with Dr Boxall about progress.

GL

### **M12/13 Churchyard**

Dr Smyth stated a working party had been arranged for this Saturday (22/10/11) by David Coleman and Gary Wood.

The Chairman will contact the Church Wardens for an update.

MJ

### **M12/14 Recreation Ground and Spinney**

A number of complaints have been received about the persistent problem of dog fouling. Councillor Lewis has had discussions with Alison Lush and Chris Parker (SMBC) and are considering the option of putting bag dispensers in the village. Research in other boroughs have shown that this results in a reduction of the problem.

GL

SMBC are also currently doing training sessions to allow people to issue fixed penalties.

Councillor Lewis suggests bag dispensers to be installed by the Sports Club, Scout Hut and at the gate of the arboretum. Following a discussion, Mr Adams considered that the funding for these could possibly be met by the Fentham Trust. New notices are also necessary and could be sited with the bag dispensers.

Mr Eccleston confirmed that the path at the Sports Club had been repaired, and that he was not aware of any other issues.

Councillor Lewis questioned why the hockey pitch was being swept and the waste being left in a pile on the grass outside of the pitch – Mr Eccleston will investigate.

JE

The problem of damage being caused by rabbits was discussed and the possibility of railtrack getting involved.

#### The Spinney

Mr Grimshaw has produced a very detailed report, identifying various projects required in the Spinney. The key issues are funding to get some of the work completed, and also the lack of volunteers. Various possibilities were discussed, such as requesting Saturday help and getting the scouts and guides involved. Chris Parker suggested contacting Trish Willetts to try and get volunteers.

MJ/DG

The Parish Council will liaise with Mr Grimshaw to look at the plan in more detail, and consider the best way to progress.

### **M12/15 School Field and Play Area**

Councillor Lewis informed the meeting about the Parish Council's

investigations into the possible funding to enhance the play area.  
Councillor Bowen asked whether the school allotment was not required any more. Mr Holmes will contact the school and report back.

NH

**M12/16 Any Other Business**

Councillor Bowen informed the meeting that the metal handrail had disappeared from the Packhorse Bridge path. Chris Parker confirmed that it was SMBC responsibility, and he would investigate.

CP

**M12/17 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm