

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at
THE MEETING ROOM

On
WEDNESDAY 14th September 2016

Present: **Councillors:** **Mr M Blomer (Acting Chair until item 16/48)**
 Mr J Doidge
 Mrs C Sellars
 Mr D Sandells
 Mr T Beresford
 Mr D Cuthbert
 Mr K Blanch
 Mrs V Woodall (from item 16/49)

Clerk: **Mrs J Richardson**

16/46 CHAIR'S WELCOME & APOLOGIES

ACTION

Councillor Blomer welcomed everyone to the meeting, including prospective councillor Vicky Woodall. Apologies were received and accepted from Ward Councillors Sleigh and Rolf.

16/47 TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Lewis, has unfortunately, submitted her resignation on the 18th of August due to family circumstances.

Gill joined the parish council in 2003 and became Chair in 2008. She has worked tirelessly for the benefit of parishioners; the parish council reluctantly accepted her resignation and members formally recorded their appreciation of everything Gill has done on behalf of the parish council and residents, particularly in regard to HS2. The clerk will write to Gill.

CLERK

16/48 TO APPOINT A NEW CHAIRMAN FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE COUNCIL YEAR

The clerk asked for nominations for Chair; **Councillor Doidge nominated Councillor Blomer which was seconded by Councillor Sellars.** There were no further nominations; Councillor Blomer's appointment to Chair was unanimously approved by all councillors.

16/49 PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Councillors Blomer and Beresford, together with the clerk, have interviewed Vicky Woodall who recently applied for the parish councillor vacancy. Vicky has been a village resident for 8 years and has 2 children at George Fentham School. She is involved in a number of community groups, including being active in HS2. The interview panel feel Vicky will be an excellent addition and recommend that Vicky is co-opted to the parish council. **Proposed by Councillor Cuthbert and Seconded by Councillor Sandells and unanimously approved by all councillors.**

The vacancy created by Councillor Lewis' resignation, will be advertised in due course.

CLERK

16/50 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

16/51 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

16/52 UPDATE FROM SMBC

A meeting has been arranged to meet the new Neighbourhood Officer, Phil Farrington-Lloyd, who is taking over from Tom Rogers. All councillors are welcome to attend on Tuesday 20th of September.

16/53 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7th July 2016

The minutes were approved as **proposed by Councillor Cuthbert and seconded by Councillor Sellars.**

16/54 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

16/28 Broadband

Councillor Beresford reported that there are 9 cabinets in Hampton and currently only 2 are being updated. Councillor Woodall understands that funding is available if it will benefit a school and will pass the details to Councillor Beresford to pursue. BT Community Fund Partnership may also match fund up to £20,000.

Councillor Beresford will write a note to go on the website and Facebook. TB

16/28 Motorway Services Application M42 J4

Highways England has deferred this application until the 9th of December; therefore the earliest it can be considered by Solihull Planning Committee is January 4th 2017. Councillor Cuthbert questioned whether it was worth writing to Solihull to suggest it is rejected if it continues to be deferred. After consideration, councillors felt this should not be done.

16/30 Catherine de Barnes Common

The Chair reported that there has been no response from the parish council's correspondence to the Tarplins, and advised councillors that their land had been identified in the call for sites.

16/30 Diddington Lane

Councillor Woodall reported that the barristers at the House of Lords have said Solihull Highways has the power to make the final decision on whether Diddington Lane should be closed to through traffic, is re-aligned as currently proposed in the Bill amendment, becomes a 'Green Route' as proposed in Caroline Spelman's petition or indeed any other variation. Ward Councillor Rolf has said she is unable to support the Parish Council, as the Action Group, Hampton Society and the Parish Council are not all in agreement. However, Councillor Doidge confirmed that all groups are consistent and will write to confirm that. JD

16/32 Security

The Chair confirmed the new security barrier is installed and working. Users of the scout hut have complained that they are unable to easily unlock the bollards – a better solution is still being sought. Councillor Beresford suggests a bar gate to be set back which would allow easy access for buggies and wheelchairs. TB

16/32 Flooding

Solihull MBC are now saying they have used all their budget and so are unable to continue investigations; The Chair is still pursuing the issue. CHAIR

16/32 Under 7s Play Area

Councillor Sandells has spoken to Graham Dawson, who considers that gravel would be the best option. Councillor's still feel plastic matting should be considered. Further quotes have been requested.

DS/TB

16/32 Allotments

The clerk now has a full list of all allotment holders. A contract will be sent to them when invoices are sent in January.

16/35 Email Addresses

The Chair has spoken to Deborah Merry, SMBC, to ask is SMBC would be able to host the councillors email addresses. She will contact their IT department to check, but does not think it will be an option. Councillor Sellars will obtain a written quote from RealPoint, and then the issue will be reviewed.

CLERK/CS
CHAIR

16/38 Scout and Guide Hut Lease

Councillor Beresford confirmed that Solihull MBC will write the lease, and the annual rent will be increased to £100. The Scout Hut needs to be registered with Land Registry and so the relevant documents will be sent to the SMBC lawyer.

TB

16/40 Affordable Housing

The Chair advised that we were still waiting for further information regarding the Fentham Trust affordable housing on Marsh Lane.

16/41 Defibrillator Provision

Councillor Sellars is still pursuing.

CS

16/55 CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The following correspondence was presented to the meeting:

Letter from Arden Free Tree Scheme,

Consultation notification for Development for Site 24,

Letter regarding RoSPA inspections,

Notification from the Airport regarding apprenticeships,

Notification from HS2 regarding the commencement of ground investigations,

Letter from West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner regarding small grants,

Notification of Library Services Consultation,

Letter regarding HS2 property compensation scheme,

Belated notification about the new 89 bus service,

Notification of new mobile library times,

WALC notifications,

Notification of Bi-Annual Solihull Partnership Forum

DC

16/56 REPORT FROM COMMUNICATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING 6TH SEPTEMBER 2016.

Minutes from the meeting were circulated, Councillor Sellars gave a brief update from the communications group:

Table Tennis – The Sports Club have provided equipment for the table closest to the club house. Signs stating the tables have been provided by the Parish Council, people play at their own risk, children should be supervised and their own equipment should be provided will be installed.

CS

Website - The new website is working well; Councillor Sellars and the clerk have been trained to do general updates. If councillors would like any updates, please forward them to Councillor Sellars.

Who's Who Directory – Councillors considered a request to make a donation towards the printing of the directory, but agreed that unfortunately,

due to the commercial content, it would not be appropriate to make a financial contribution. CS

16/57 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME

Following notification regarding the consultation for this scheme, the Chair asked councillors if the Parish Council should respond. Councillors felt it was not appropriate to respond as it is a personal decision.

16/58 GEORGE FENTHAM TRUST – END OF TERM OF OFFICE FOR PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

The term of office for one of the parish council representatives on the George Fentham Trust expires in October. **Councillor Beresford proposed that Dr Martin Shalley be re-elected for a further term, this was seconded by Councillor Blanch.** Councillors agreed that next time a vacancy occurs, they will consider if it would be more appropriate to be represented by a councillor. CLERK

16/59 FOOTBALL TRAINING ON RECREATION GROUND

Football training for children up to 10 years of age is currently taking place on the recreation ground, and a weekly payment of £10 is being paid to the Sports Club towards grass-cutting. Councillor Beresford considers that this payment should be made to the Parish Council if councillors agree that the training can continue on Parish Council land, and that all grass-cutting should be paid for by the Parish Council and then requested back from the Sports Club.

Councillors agree to allow the football training to continue but feel payments should be considered to ensure they are appropriate. Councillor Beresford will make further enquiries and report back. TB

16/60 TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS

Councillor Blanch advised that councillors need to consider what is required in the village and then the plan can be re-written. Any new developments need to be taken into consideration. It was agreed that a sub-committee of Councillors Blanch, Doidge and Woodall, will review the plan. JD/KB
VW

16/61 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The final public consultation being carried out by Solihull Council ends on 30th September 2016. Councillor Sellars will maintain contact with the responsible Planning Officer to ensure that arrangements for the independent examination are made quickly and that any further delays in the approval are kept to a minimum. CS/CHAIR

16/62 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS MEETINGS

The following meetings have been attended by councillors:

SAC – Councillor Doidge attended this meeting.

Meeting with Solihull Planning – Councillors attended a meeting to look at sites identified for housing. JD/DC
CHAIR

HS2 – Ground Investigations Meeting, attended by Councillors Doidge, Blanch, Woodall and The Chair.

Airspace Change Stakeholder Group – The Chair attended this meeting.

Airport Consultative Committee – Councillor Sandells attended and reported that various topics were covered, such as a portable noise monitor in Barston, the sound insulation scheme continuing, a trial being carried out on ground running noise and baggage development.

Centro/Transport for West Midlands – Andrew Harding, network Coordinator met with parish councillors and ward councillor Rolf to discuss the new 89 bus service which replaces the taxi-bus. This new service has a fixed time-table running from Coventry to Solihull 3 times a day. A trial is currently underway to take the bus to Peel Close. Councillors expressed their concerns that this service does not offer a suitable service for residents who used the taxi-bus and the ring and ride service is not available in the parish; they would like to see the taxi-bus reinstated. A further meeting has been arranged for 3rd November. Mr Harding suggested a community taxi service should be considered and will forward details of a similar service which is already operating. ALL

Quarry Liaison – The Chair attended.

Researcher regarding HS2 – Councillor Doidge and Blomer met a researcher from Manchester University who is preparing a comparative paper for publication on the impact of HS2 on two similar villages, to discuss the probable impact of HS2 on the local community.

16/63 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Doidge circulated details of all planning applications currently outstanding, prior to the meeting. The following comments were made:

HS2 House of Lords Visit – Councillors Doidge and Blanch presented, and report that there are issues still unresolved. Councillor Woodall advised that the responsibility for whether Diddington Lane is closed or not, is with Solihull; they have the decision of what the road will be like and can impose their standards.

Ground Investigations have now started under a ministerial works order.

16/64 FINANCE

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

16/65 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Date for the next Parish Council meeting:

9th of November 2016

Maintenance Meetings

5th of October 2016

The meeting closed at 9.40pm