

HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Meeting Rooms, Fentham Hall

7:30pm on Wednesday 4 October 2017

PRESENT

Councillor T Beresford (Chairman)
Councillor M Blomer
Councillor D Sandells
Mr D Colman
Mr G Hollway
Mr D Adams

Mrs J Barnes (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACTION

17/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was noted that Councillor Woodall will not be attending future Maintenance Committee meetings unless specifically required.

17/13 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 7 JUNE 2017

These have already been adopted by a full parish council meeting.

17/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING

The Chairman requested that the Clerk contact Graham Dawson to enquire when the works to repair the sunken ground by the table tennis tables would commence.

CLERK

17/15 THE COMMON AND THE DELL, CATHERINE DE BARNES

Councillor Blomer confirmed that Knotweed has been located on land belonging to the Tarplins. Tarplins have been informed and confirmed that they are dealing with the situation.

Councillor Blomer confirmed that a quotation had now been received from Graham Dawson for the works to improve the crushed stone access road and the carriageway. That has come in at £960.00 plus VAT. The Clerk is making enquiries as to how the costs will be split between the residents of the Dell and the three bungalows. Councillor Blomer will ask Councillor Cuthbert to notify the residents in advance.

**CLERK/
MB/DC**

17/16 WAR MEMORIAL PROTECTION IDEAS

Councillor Blomer referred to conversations held with SMBC Highways Team who had put forward the idea of implementing substantial bollards. That idea was both unsightly and costly and therefore had not been pursued further.

Councillor Sandells enquired about the possibility of a picket fence to sit on top of the boundary wall to highlight its location. Councillor Sandells confirmed he would discuss this further with Councillor Woodall to see whether someone from her husband's haulage business could come down to the War Memorial to

provide an opinion on whether having a picket fence would increase the visibility of the presence of the wall to help combat further instances of damage. **DS**

17/17 SMOKER'S SHELTER, SPORTS CLUB

Mr Hollway confirmed that this would not be being pursued.

17/18 CHURCHYARD

Mr Colman confirmed that a new Vicar will start on the 14 November. Councillor Blomer asked that he provide some words to the Clerk to go in the next Newsletter.

Mr Colman confirmed that quite a large maintenance job of painting the inside of the church will also be taking place shortly, subject to costs.

17/19 RECREATION GROUND AND SPINNEY (TO INCLUDE SECURITY)

Councillor Blomer confirmed that the Conservation Group would be shortly commencing their works on the Spinney (subject to Dave Grimshaw being able to). Mr Adams stated that the Trust is looking to implement a Woodland Management Plan for the woodland area at the Recreation Ground. Mr Adams enquired whether the parish council wanted to include the Spinney in that plan. The Chairman confirmed that he would like Mr Adams to do that. Councillor Blomer confirmed that the parish council had undertaken a tree survey approximately 3 years ago. The clerk confirmed she would circulate that tree report to the Chair and Councillor Blomer following the meeting and also to Mr Adams. **CLERK**

Carpark Security

The Chairman explained that as a result of the recent traveller activity, it has been necessary to reassess the security surrounding the Recreation Ground. The Chairman confirmed that last year the parish council had a gate put on the top end, as you enter the field and, also a new gate put in by the Scout and Guide hut. Concerns were now regarding the path from the High Street onto the carpark and also the main entrance to the carpark. The parish council has now received a quotation from Graham Dawson, totalling £5,700 plus VAT and that includes putting some posts along the paths (similar to those by the Scout and Guide Hut), some ditches either side then two height restriction barriers as you come into the entrance of the carpark. Those barriers will have anti tamper padlocks. In addition, it is intended that the parish council will then create two mini bus bays, a painted walkway from the path along the side of the mini bus and some hoops in the tarmac to stop entrance from that side. The carpark would be altered slightly but no spaces would be lost. The works for amending the carpark markings would cost approximately £520 plus VAT. The Chairman confirmed that he has reviewed the quotations and believes them to be reasonable.

The Chairman enquired with Mr Hollway whether, given the works would benefit the sports club and their members, the sports club would contribute 50% towards the costs of the works. Mr Hollway confirmed he would make further enquiries and report back. **GH**

Mr Hollway also stated that the Sports Club were implementing further CCTV around the grounds to provide greater coverage.

TB

All in agreement to proceed with works. Councillor Beresford confirmed that he would notify Graham Dawson to proceed.

17/20 SCHOOL FIELD AND PLAY AREA

Councillor Sandells confirmed that he has purchased the paint and will give that to Rory the Carpenter so that he can proceed.

Councillor Sandells circulated some paperwork providing a concept design to the committee. The cost of implementing new play area equipment coming in at approximately £63,000. Councillor Sandells will look into possible funding sources but explained that there will be a shortfall that the parish council will need to bridge.

DS

Mr Adams confirmed that the Trust may be able to tap into additional funding sources and that further enquiries could be made in that regard.

17/21 SPORTS CLUB BUILDING

Mr Hollway confirmed that Mark Walker had recently met with Solicitors but that any further works were in the very early stages.

In terms of maintaining the current building, Mr Hollway confirmed that the inside had been painted and that the club would continue to maintain the building as it currently is.

Boules

The Chairman confirmed that the parish council had been approached by Geoff Phillips regarding how boules could be better represented also, in turn, creating the addition of an overflow carpark. The Chairman confirmed that the parish council had explained to Mr Phillips that further discussions were needed between him and the club to ensure that any developments with regard the boules pitches were in keeping with the proposed future developments for the clubhouse.

17/22 ALLOTMENTS

Nothing to report.

17/23 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

The Chairman requested that the Clerk make enquiries of Phil Farrington-Lloyd to obtain a copy of the street care rota for the village.

CLERK

17/24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

17/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is arranged for 7 February 2018 at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.

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