

Meriden Village Appraisal Seminar
26th January 2009, 12pm – 2pm Civic Suite, Solihull

What can you do?

West Midlands Police

Will look to improve our local provision of police staff for the Meriden area. Deploying a PCSO to the village as soon as we can recruit to the role.

In order to build relationships and communication we will review our times/dates of our consultation events to ensure we reach out to as large an audience as possible.

Make sure named officers are allocated to the village.

We will support work to close the gap between young peoples' behaviour and older peoples' perception.

Officer to make visits to school on a regular basis.

Examine whether "speedwatch" volunteers can give out parking advice outside schools – also additional patrols at school open/close times to address parking issues.

Meriden School

- Village Panto – Bands
- Head boy and girl meet Parish council – Young Person's Council?
- Invite local police to come to talk in school.
- Link with individual elderly people to lessen isolation – ask Parish Council for contacts.
- Look at our Travel Plan and who wants to cycle – meet someone from Highways to help plan a safe cycle route to school.
- Use volunteers to stop people parking in bus space.

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Let others know what a wonderful job you have done and offer up examples of activities that you may be able to replicate.

Ken Hawkins, Cabinet Member for Resources – Solihull MBC

- Link to/from cabinet of SMBC?
- Link with Iain Roxburgh with regard to on-going service. New Meriden bus timetable started today!!

James Carney, Strategic Development – Solihull MBC

- Firstly, strategic land can work with the Parish Council to try to maximise the benefit of the new developments at Maxstoke Lane/Hampton Lane taking account of the Parish Plan.
- We can also work with the Parish Council to help deliver the desired outcomes of the plan.

Sustainable Development – Solihull MBC

We are currently developing a new plan for the Borough which sets out how and where the Borough should develop to 2026.

We are at the very early stages of this process and currently we are looking to identify the key issues that we will need to address in the plan and how we can tackle them.

We will be able to use results of the survey to help identify what the key problems are for Meriden and to look at objectives for addressing them.

It appears that our work and your work can be very closely linked and we, through our new plan, can help with the delivery of your aspirations (eg, local housing need, especially accommodation for older people).

We look forward to working with you.

Kath Hemmings, Neighbourhood Manager - Solihull MBC

- Footway repairs
- Meet Rosie in a month or so with Streetcare Officer to talk through local issues.
- Complete repairs/investigation into Meriden Pool with the Parish Council.
- Ward Action Plan – joint priorities.
- On going contact with Clerk re Meriden/SMBC/Highways/Environment Projects.
- On going close working relationship and joint project delivery!

David Bell – Ward Councillor and Mayor of Solihull

Will investigate the issue of whether parished areas are losing out on the allocation of SMBC resources (e.g. for play facilities etc).

Phil Bateman, Regional Manager – Confederation of Passenger Transport

Offered to be a conduit for all bus issues including with Travel West Midlands

Jennie Ord, Chair, Solihull Care Trust

Agreed to check references to Meriden in relation to the Care Trusts Estates Strategy and other initiatives including proposals for new surgery facilities at Balsall Common.

She also recognised the difficulty that elderly people can have accessing services and that carers have in finding out what is available and how to access it.