



# Meriden Parish Council

*the centre of england*

Minutes of Meriden Parish Council **Extraordinary General Meeting** held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at The Pavilion, 10 Main Road, Meriden, at 6.30 p.m.

**Present:**

Cllr M Lee	Chair
Cllr R Weaver	
Cllr P Lee	
Cllr M Haque	
Cllr J Barber	
Mrs B Bland	Clerk

An Extraordinary General Meeting was called to provide Members and residents with an update prior to Members consideration and approval of the transfer of funds from the sale of Maxstoke Playing Fields for the development of Meriden Gate and construction of Meriden Sports Park. It was duly noted the meeting is quorate.

## **Public Participation**

There was no public attendance.

### **1. Welcome & Apologies**

Apologies received from Cllr Kipling and Cllr Nunn due to diary commitments; Cllr Lynch-Smith due to holiday commitments and Cllr Bell due to extended leave.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** Members duly noted and accepted Cllr M Nunn, Cllr F Lynch-Smith and Cllr D Bell's reasons for absence.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

2a Declaration of Personal Interests  
None.

2b Declaration of Prejudicial Interests  
None.

### **3. Transfer of Funds**

Cllr M Lee welcomed and thanked Members for their attendance; it was also noted there were no members of the public present.

Cllr M Lee outlined the purpose of the EGM to approve the transfer of sale proceeds from Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council to Meriden Parish Council.

Cllr M Haque summarised her understanding of the purpose of the EGM (i) to agree final settlement figure provided by SMBC; (ii) to approve arrangements made for the transfer of funds; (iii) to confirm that any outstanding snagging issues are not jeopardised by accepting transfer of funds into Meriden Parish Council bank account; (iv) MPC will continue pursuing SMBC and DWH to conclude all snagging prior to handover completion (v) the transfer of funds will be paid into the new public sector deposit fund account (ratified by Members at Parish Council meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013), as an interim holding account.



Cllr M Lee confirmed this to be the purpose.

Cllr R Weaver focused attention to the work of Members, the newly formed Sports Park Management Company and the Clerk, who have worked through issues relating to snagging, finance and contractor pursuance.

Cllr Haque asked what snagging remained; the Clerk reported that Regal had attended site on 8<sup>th</sup> April for the purpose of replacement fan unit and fault panel and temperature regulator valve. Unfortunately there was another problem with a pulley system between both fan unit motors and the job would be completed on 15<sup>th</sup> April. The Clerk has been in communication with Mike Callow, David Wilson Homes and Peter Brannen of Ian Firth Ironmongery, who confirm the door closers are not fit for purpose due to their domestic use and an order for replacement commercial door closers is in process.

Cllr P Lee pointed out some other minor snagging requirements; the Clerk will contact DTZ and process.

Cllr Haque reiterated that if Members approve transfer of funds; outstanding snagging issues will be resolved?

Cllr M Lee agreed this was her understanding and in approving the transfer of funds all outstanding snagging issues would not be jeopardised.

Cllr Weaver raised the restricted budget of £10,000 for the construction of a play area at Meriden Gate and overage from the sale of houses?

Cllr M Lee confirmed that both items fall outside of the current transfer sum of £1,633,859.60. There will be a legal agreement stating that £10,000 is provided for a children's play area at Meriden Gate. If a play area is not constructed, then the legal agreement will include an alternative use by Meriden Parish Council for the £10,000. The overage from David Wilson Homes based on sales will probably not be realised any time soon; perhaps up to two years due to slow house sales.

Cllr P Lee proposed Members approve the transfer of £1,633,859.60 from Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council to Meriden Parish Council.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** Members unanimously approved the transfer of £1,633,859.60 from Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council to Meriden Parish Council.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** The Clerk will confirm public sector deposit account is set up and operational to received transfer of funds week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** The Clerk will notify Mike Swallow, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council of Member's approval and provide bank account details for transfer process to be completed.

Cllr M Lee closed the meeting at 7.15 p.m.

Signed ..... Dated .....