

**Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**Present**

Melanie Lee, Shirley Goodsir, Paul Lee and 1 member of the public.

**1. Apologies**

Graeme Goodsir and Rosie Weaver

**Absent**

Will Markham, Bob Kipling and Marilyn Hamilton

**2. Declaration of Interest**

The Chair invited members to make declaration of personal and prejudicial interest in respect of items on the agenda of the meeting.

**3. Minutes**

**3.1 RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010, having been circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes**

None

**5. Public Participation**

A resident attended to explain the planning application at item 9.2 of the Agenda. The resident explained the nature of the application was to seek storage space that was due to be lost at Packington Estates.

Plans and documents were considered and it was confirmed that there was no objection to the planning application

**6. Correspondence and Communication**

6.1 Solihull in Bloom – Confirmation that we have not been selected this year. Solihull had a record number of entries this year. We will be entering next year and local businesses will be sponsoring hanging baskets.

6.2 Invitation to the Chair from the Mayor to attend Civic Service in Solihull Parish Church. Chair will be attending this event with Paul Lee.

6.3 Letters from resident concerning the displays in the window of the library. The Clerk has made enquiries with the library and is advised that the library do not advertise in their windows. It was agreed that we do not need to respond as Solihull has dealt directly with the resident.

**7. Receive Reports**

7.1 Committee Member for Village Hall Management Committee - New chairs have been purchased. Also re-doing car park and purchasing new tables. Donation was proposed to be sought from members who use the Hall.

7.2 School Governors for Parish Council - None

- 7.3 Committee Member for War Memorial – No meeting
- 7.4 Pool – Clerk is waiting for a meeting date with Barry Gardner
- 7.5 Allotment Representative – We have a resident interested in taking Plot 2 – we hope to have a tenancy agreement signed next week.
- 7.6 Footpaths/Forum – No report
- 7.7 Meriden Sands Working Group - this is to be reconvened to deal with land pinpointed to deal with extraction of sand and gravel in emerging core strategy. Dave Simpson invited to attend a Parish Council Meeting.
- 7.8 Conservation Committee – No report
- 7.9 Local Strategic Partnership – No report
- 7.10 Police Rural Assembly - No report
- 7.11 Solihull Area Committee - No report
- 7.12 Tree Wardens- No report
- 7.13 Parish Plan – Attended by Clerk, Chair and Paul Lee – Ian Roxburgh is attending the meeting with Chair and Rosie Weaver regarding the pedestrian crossing. We also discussed, a leaflet drop to local residents in the village for consultation regarding the pedestrian crossing. This will be finalised once we have held the meeting with Solihull on 29<sup>th</sup> September (this Wednesday)
- 7.14 Community Surgery - Attended by Clerk and Jackie Latchford from the Police – Two residents attended and raised concerns regarding anti social behaviour outside the Community Centre – Jackie is taking action in relation to this matter– A different resident attended and raised concern about overgrown foliage in various locations. The Clerk is dealing with this issue as it also coincides with item on the agenda below – Meriden Hill.
- 7.15 Joint Councillor Surgery – no report
- 7.16 Community Speed Watch – no report
- 7.17 Fusion Football Sessions – Wednesday evenings – no report
- 7.18 Paul Jayes Football Academy – Meriden Rovers – Saturday Mornings – no report

## **8. Village Matters**

8.1 **Meeting with Footpaths Officer** - The Clerk met with Lorna Teager the footpaths officer to introduce herself and to understand any current issues. The current outstanding item is planting on the roundabout. Lorna has obtained quotes and these are rather high Solihull do not have the money to approve this expenditure and Lorna is looking at ways of reducing the cost but it may be that we have to wait until next year when Lorna thinks that

the cost will be approved and we can get the planting scheme that we have chosen. Do we want to consider making a contribution to get works done now or can we wait until next year?

## **RESOLVED**

Chair to call Lorna Teager to discuss matter

8.2 **Pool** - As reported earlier.

8.3 **Parking on The Green** - Wooden posts – We have been informed by the Planning department that so long as the posts are no more than one metre high, no planning approval is required.

8.4 **Tennis Courts – Maxstoke Lane** - Update – payment of monies received from Priority Builders

8.5 **Road Hump and new zebra crossing in Meriden** - Update – Objection submitted by the Parish Council to the road hump. We have also been invited to a site visit with Chris Morton. Ian Roxburgh will also be attending. Meeting has been arranged for 29<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon. Also, a public Cabinet meeting is to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> November. We can attend and observe proceedings and make representations if necessary.

8.6 **Eaves Green Lane** - Update -Planning Consultant Neil Pearce instructed – submissions have been prepared and an approved Statement of Objection has been sent to the Planning Inspectorate adding to the matters previously outlined by the Parish Council. Neil Pearce has also advised the Planning Inspectorate that a member of the Parish Council would like to attend the Public Inquiry. We have also been notified that the applicant has requested permission to carry out further works at the site. The request is for:-

1. More fencing to keep the mares separate from the stallions
2. Membrane and woodchip to cover the ground and entrance as the weather has now changed and it's quite muddy
3. Additional shed for kitchen and cooking facilities

8.7 **Public Conveniences** - Update – These have now been boarded up. The services have now been isolated. As for the specification, a quote has been received from Ralph Ledbrook to provide a specification for £850.00 plus VAT

Graham Sandford will approach his architect to provide a quote.

An e-mail has been sent to Commander Foulkes who has responded advising that the Police are unable to commit to the project. We therefore need to decide how to proceed.

## **RESOLVED**

Place on agenda for next meeting. Clerk also to obtain quotes for the demolition of the Public Conveniences

8.8 **Meriden Walks Leaflet** - We have provided comments and this leaflet is being sent out for printing. It will be distributed in due course. We have also submitted a letter to David

Keaney that has been copied in to his manager to express our gratitude for the new gates that have been erected by Solihull Council on the public footpath route.

8.9 **Remembrance Sunday** – We have purchased the road closure equipment and this is stored in the Public Conveniences.

8.10 **Bus Issue** - We have notified Centro of the lack of Notices regarding changes to the service and Centro have advised that they are placing further Notices and putting up special flags removing 900 from eastbound route . We also have a new school bus service and details of the timetable and route have been displayed around the village. Timetable casings are now ready to be installed. The Clerk has been informed that these will be done very soon. Centro are installing the new casings next to the wooden ones.

8.11 **Meriden Hill** - Meeting with Darren Parkin– Main Road/Meriden Hill – Site visit took place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. The Clerk attended with a resident. The meeting was productive as many trees are to be removed or pruned by Darren. Work is unlikely to be carried out soon due to other pressing matters such as the removal of dead elm trees that are causing a danger. Darren Parkin hoped that the work would be done by the end of the year. We shall keep in contact with Darren for progress reports. Whilst out we noticed that hedges and shrubs were overgrown and we have e-mailed the footpaths officer to attend to these matters. We are informed that during the autumn/winter months, (but before Xmas) work will be done to cut back the vegetation.

8.12 **Standing Cross** - English Heritage have viewed the Standing Cross and they consider that it is in good condition. They advise that it should not be cleaned as this may leave it vulnerable to erosion. They have suggested remedial works and we have requested recommendations.

8.13 **59 Main Road Meriden** - Planning department have provided a response. A response has been sent by the Chair to complainant received.

8.14 **Churchill visit to Meriden** – A local journalist is investigating Churchill's possible visit to Meriden and that he may have been offered and accepted a cup of tea from a local resident on 25 June 1945. Shirley Goodsir provide contact details of Doreen Agatter who may recall something.

8.15 **Filming on The Green** - We have received requests to film a feature for the One Show and Oz and Hugh's adventure. The One Show broadcast took place on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

8.16 **North Warwickshire Planning application** – This was an application raised by Bob Kipling regarding the change in use of premises on A45 to a nightclub. The Clerk has made enquiries with North Warwickshire Council and they advise that this has not gone to planning. The current application is a Licensing application.

## **RESOLVED**

No comments to licensing application

8.17 **Rotary Club of Meriden** – Request made to use the playing fields to host charity Megaride events – Propose to hold the next event in early June 2011 – situation regarding proposed development

**RESOLVED**

No objections but subject to clerk checking availability of playing fields

8.18 **Draft review of Licensing Act 2003** –

**RESOLVED**

Place on agenda for next meeting

8.19 **Development Maxstoke Lane/Hampton Lane** – Meeting scheduled to take place on 29<sup>th</sup> September.

**9. Planning Matters**

9.1 **2010/1494 - 9 and 11 Albert Road, Millisons Wood, CV5 9AS** – Non-material amendment to planning application 2010/61 for the removal of proposed side facing bedroom windows to Nos 9 and 11 and retention of existing windows, plus the introduction of new velux roof light to rear roof slope in the same bedroom.

Leave to neighbour notification

9.2 **2010/1516 – The Dairy Farm, Land adjacent to Lodge Green Lane, North Meriden** – Agricultural prior notification for a storage building.

No objection

9.3 **2010/1368 Hawkesmill Nurseries** Honiley Road, Balsall Common, CV8 1NQ – Erection of 750msq horticultural plant and potting dispatch barn, relocation and erection of polytunnels, formation of a nursery yard and improvements to highways access

No comment

**10. Accounts and Governance**

**RESOLVED**

That the accounts are approved for payment.

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

**Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_