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Newsletter
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The public and press are cordially invited to all parish council meetings at 7.30pm. An opportunity will be given for the public to speak. Look out for the agenda and venue which is posted on the parish notice boards and our website www.meridenparishcouncil.org.uk prior to the meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting dates are:

- 10 June 2016 - The Pavilion
- 18 July 2016 - The Pavilion

Community Surgeries 10am-12pm:

- Monday 06 June 2016 – Meriden Library
- Monday 04 July 2016 – The Pavilion
- Monday 08 August 2016 – Meriden Library

Police Beat Surgeries at the Library 11am-12pm

- Monday 06 June 2016
- Monday 11 July 2016
- Monday 08 August 2016

Should you wish to contact the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk or drop into the Parish Council office on Monday mornings where you may access information or have a private chat with the Clerk to address local community issues.



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Protecting our history, planning our future

A Neighbourhood Plan for Meriden ... Questionnaire coming soon

When we asked you to vote on a strapline for Meriden's Neighbourhood Plan, 'Protecting our history, planning our future' was the most popular amongst all age groups.

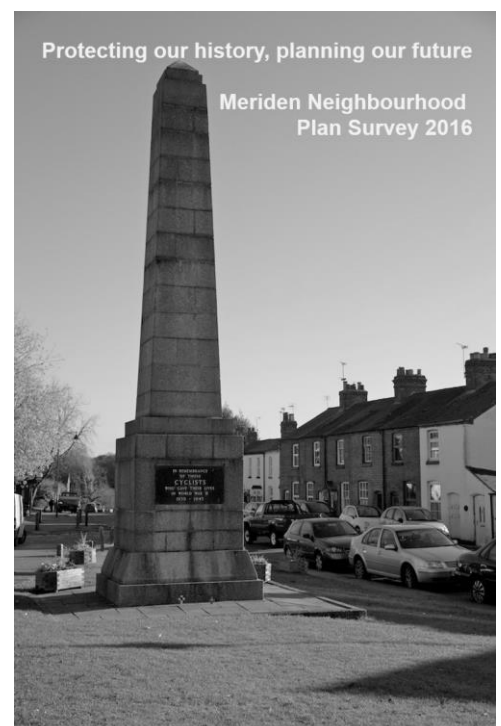
The questionnaire will be delivered to your door in early June and will ask for your views on our future.

Please help develop our future in Meriden by completing this questionnaire by 30 June. It will be delivered with a FREEPOST envelope or you can drop it off at the Library, FredAnita or Blitz.

An online questionnaire will also be available on our website www.meridenparishcouncil.org.uk. You can also enter our prize draw when you complete the questionnaire.

If you need help / support in completing it, please contact the clerk and we can arrange for a volunteer to help you.

The Localism Act enables local communities to develop their own Neighbourhood Plans, which the local authority must then consider when determining planning applications.



A message from Beechwood Recycling

We were pleased to host two well attended meetings for local residents to discuss our plans for our recycling facility at Meriden Quarry. It was a great opportunity for our team to explain how the facility will work and the benefits it will bring to the local area. It was also a good chance for us to dispel myths surrounding the project following the distribution of some misleading flyers by a local political candidate.

The much-needed facility will take in organic green and co-mingled household food waste and convert it into high quality compost enabling the area to meet its recycling targets. It will use the best available technology and comply with robust local, national and European standards while creating jobs and bringing significant investment to the area.

We have been working closely with the Parish Council and Solihull Council over the last six months to develop plans for a project which will have a positive impact on Meriden.

The team was pleased to welcome residents to the two events and are looking forward to continuing to work with the local community as we bring this important project to life.

Street Association has launched in Alspath Road and Fairfield Rise



Alspath Road and Fairfield Rise just got friendlier, as about 40 neighbours met for a barbecue in April, sponsored by Solihull Council and backed by the parish council. The result was the formation of a Street Association, with "friendship, fun, belonging and a helping hand" as the basic purpose.

Residents, look out for news of a street party to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday at 4pm on Saturday 11 June and if you'd like to be part of the team organising it, please contact martin@streetassociations.org.

Meriden Sports Park Phase 1 works - children's play area & exercise circuit

Further to the temporary closure of the children's play area to accommodate on-going maintenance and improvement works, you will notice new play equipment installed in the play area comprising a Springer Truck and re-tensioning of the Zip Wire. On the perimeter of the Exercise Circuit, additional outdoor gym apparatus has been installed comprising a Double Sit-Up Bench and Side by Side Double Rower combination.

Additional surfacing works have also been carried out in the Children's Play Area to remove the grassed matting wear and tear, with the installation of a new Bonded Rubber Mulch and Wet Pour soft surface. Further surface improvement works will be carried out as Phase 2 in the Spring of 2017.

We apologise for any inconvenience over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend and trust you will see the benefit and enjoy the new equipment and improved surfacing in the coming summer months and school holiday periods.

Highways and drainage works update from Solihull Council

Solihull Council has rebuilt a section of retaining wall around the perimeter of the pond, along the boundary with Berkswell Road and the Heart of England Club. To enable the work to be undertaken, a short length of dam was erected and water pumped out of this corner of the pond.

We are aware of a recurring problem with a gully just up the hill from the Heart of England Club. A camera survey of the drain is programmed to be undertaken on Wednesday 4 May to investigate whether there are any structural issues with the pipework, the results of which will be reported back to Meriden Parish Council.

We are also expecting to undertake various resurfacing works within the Meriden area this year as part of our 3 Year Rolling Plan. Roads and footways include:

Roads: Alspath Rd, Arden Close, Fairfield Rise, Hampton Lane, Becks Lane, Harvest Hill Lane and Shaft Lane.

Footways: Birmingham Rd from Church Lane to end property and Back Lane.

The programme is subject to change based on any emerging issues that may mean adjustments but we are pleased that there will be substantial improvements in this area this year.