



Meriden Parish Council

The Centre of England

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:

- 19 March 2018 - The Pavilion
- 23 April 2018 – Annual Assembly, Village Hall
- 30 April 2018 – The Pavilion
- 21 May 2018 – Annual Meeting of Meriden Parish Council, The Pavilion

Community Surgeries **11am-12pm:**

- Monday 5 March 2018 – Meriden Library
- Monday 9 April 2018 – The Pavilion
- Monday 14 May 2018 – Meriden Library

Meriden Neighbourhood Plan meetings **6.30pm – 8.00pm:**

- Wednesday 14 March 2018 – The Pavilion
- Wednesday 18 April 2018 – The Pavilion
- Wednesday 16 May 2018 – The Pavilion

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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Update on Fillongley Road Bridge repairs



Further to our update on our website, the repair work has been postponed. Solihull Council are "currently reviewing the design specification to deliver a more cost-effective solution, which hopefully will minimise disruptions to motorists." At our January parish council meeting, Head of Highways Ashley Prior, explained that the delay will be at least six months while they consider a better, quicker and more cost-effective solution.

The Parish Council would like to thank



Bruce Brant for daffodil bulbs which have been planted around the Oak Tree and shrub beds on Meriden gateway roundabout.

Also, a sack of daffodils has been planted by **Woodland View** along verges either side of driveways and around bus shelters at the top of Meriden Hill.

Update on the Quarries

Wayne Wardle advised that as part of the completion of the Slinkett fields, a number of Sand Martin nesting boxes have been installed.

Barbara Bland advised that residents were asking for confirmation of the final restoration contours and the landscape design for Area G. Wayne Wardle is to produce a brief report for the Meriden Mag – so far not received.

Meriden Pool update

Plans are being prepared for a joint Parish Council bid with SMBC to improve the pool for future years.

Meriden Neighbourhood Plan Update

Latest news from Solihull Council:

The timetable for the Local Plan Review has been revised. This is due to a number of reasons – the volume, nature and extent of representations received, the importance of preparing concept masterplans for proposed site allocations and the need to consider the implications of the Government's intentions to implement a standard methodology for assessing housing need.

In addition, work is also being undertaken on a Housing Market Area wide study on housing need and strategic growth locations. Work on this is still to be concluded and the implications of this will need to be considered in the review of the Local Plan.

It remains a Council priority to have a reviewed development plan in place as soon as possible, but it is also important to ensure that a robust and sound plan is prepared that can be progressed to examination. Following a meeting of Full Cabinet on 7 December 2017 it was agreed that the timetable should be adjusted. It is now expected to proceed as follows:

- Publication of Submission Draft (for consultation) – Summer / Autumn 2018
- Submission to Secretary of State – Winter 2018/19
- Examination of Plan – Spring 2019
- Adoption of the Local Plan Review – Summer 2019

The Local Development Scheme will be updated to reflect this.

Latest news from Meriden's Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group:

Good progress is being made on our pre-submission draft. Next stage is to issue a Housing Needs Survey coming soon to you.

Sports Park News

Any girls / young women interested in playing football should contact Rosie Weaver, Chair of Meriden Parish Council at rosie.weaver@meridenparishcouncil.org.uk .