



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

- Wednesday 18 March 2020 – The Pavilion
- Wednesday 15 April 2020 – The Pavilion

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:

- Monday 23 March 2020 – The Pavilion
- Monday 20 April 2020 – The Pavilion
- Monday 27 April 2020 – Annual Parish Assembly at the Village Hall – **note, from 7pm**
- Monday 18 May 2020 – The Pavilion

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

- Monday 9 March 20 – Meriden Library
- Monday 6 April 2020 – The Pavilion
- Monday 11 May 2020 – The Pavilion



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Bob Kipling

Frances
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Matthew Nunn

Marie Woollard

James Hughes

Vacant seat

Community Speedwatch



Thank you to the volunteers who turned out to January's Speedwatch sessions. 50 letters have been sent out to speeders.

If you're Interested being a volunteer, please contact jon.barber@meridenparishcouncil.org.uk

Annual Parish Assembly

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Monday 27th April 2020 in the Village Hall. All community groups/members of the public can attend.

Meriden Parish Council has made a declaration of a 'Climate Emergency' and will be inviting interested residents to contact the clerk to become part of the Task Group looking at what we can do for Meriden.

Meriden's Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) - *Protecting our history, planning our future*

Following the Regulation 14 consultation, the Steering Group has analysed, summarised and tabulated all of the consultation responses with amendments and modifications made to our pre-submission version of the NDP. A Basic Conditions Statement and Consultation Statement have also been prepared in readiness for Regulation 16 consultation which will commence on 11 May 2020.

A huge 'thank you' to Melanie Lee who has chaired the NDP for the last three years and got us to the point we have. We wish Melanie, Paul and Vincent a successful move to Scotland.

The new chair will be Alderman David Bell.

The Parish Council would like to thank



Noah, aged 8, and his Mum for their recent litter picking efforts.

All residents who contributed to Teams4You shoe box appeal with 40 boxes being sent from Meriden to Rumania and Moldova. Your continued support is needed for October 2020. A big thank you to Library Staff for being the drop-off point too.

Meriden Pool update

“As one would expect at this time of year things are rather quiet at the pool, there have been a number of reports that some of the wild Canada geese, who fly in for a few nights and then move on, have been worrying and attacking Cecil, our own goose. Unfortunately this is nature and very little can be done other than make sure that he hasn't been badly injured.

‘A big thanks to everyone who assisted distributing The Pool Calendar and all the people who purchased one (there are still some left which you can purchase at Meriden Library for £5), the full results are not in yet but we are hoping that any profits can be put to purchasing a few basic gardening tools. This will enable us to carry out small general maintenance jobs without having to call in SMBC every time, this leads to another request for anyone who thinks they might like to join us, we really would like some new blood on board. I understand that a recent similar request on Facebook brought some positive responses, if those people plus any others are interested it would be useful if you could leave contact details with myself or the clerk, Barbara Bland. We are planning a meeting very shortly and could then contact you with details.

“Some very good news, ‘Meriden Bloomers’ have recently donated the money for a new seat, we are very grateful for this, thank you so much, the seat has already been purchased and will be in place for the summer.

“The ducks, geese and swans all seem to be getting plenty of food, but there are still largish quantities of whole slices being dumped by the pool, the birds just cannot eat these, so please stop, someone has to go in each time (twice this week) and clear up before the rats take it.”

Lead Friend Peter Moss - Friends of Meriden Pool Group

Defibrillators

Two new defibrillators have been purchased, one for Millison's Wood and one for Meriden Sports Park. If anyone is interested in training on how to use this equipment, please contact the clerk.

HS2

The parish council puts HS2 updates on our website. We advise signing up to the HS2 in Solihull mailing list at <https://hs2insolihull.commonplace.is/> to receive live updates to your email regarding all their works being undertaken in Solihull including details of any traffic management which is required.

Streetwatch

There is a Streetwatch initiative now in Meriden. Streetwatch is a community patrol initiative that helps you make a difference where you live. Volunteers are needed if you are interested please contact the clerk. Training will be given by the police.

Library update

It has now been agreed by SMBC cabinet members that the co-location of Meriden Parish Council and the library will go ahead. The PC will be contributing to the strengthening works of the library floor so the upstairs can be used. This is an exciting joint initiative to enable a lovely listed building to continue to be used by members of the public and for other services to use the building. Meriden Library will be closed during the works, but arrangements have been made for drop-offs in the Pavilion and other libraries.

Litter Picks

Litter picks will take place on the last Saturday in every month, kicking off on 28 March – The Great British Spring Clean – and thereafter on 25 April, 30 May and 27 June meeting at the Pavilion at 10am. Everyone welcome. All routes for all abilities. Equipment provided. Meet back at the Pavilion around 11am for refreshments. Meriden Library has 5 sets of litter picking equipment for anyone wishing to do their own.