

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:

- 17 December 2018 – The Pavilion
- 21 January 2019 – The Pavilion
- 25 February 2019 – The Pavilion

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

- Monday 3 December 2018 – Meriden Library
- Monday 7 January 2019 – The Pavilion
- Monday 4 February 2019 – Meriden Library

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

- Tuesday 11 December 2018 – The Pavilion
- Tuesday 15 January 2019 – The Pavilion
- Tuesday 19 February 2019 – no meeting

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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Your Parish Councillors are:



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BEM (Chair)



Matthew Nunn
(Vice-Chair)



Bob Kipling



Melanie Lee



Paul Lee



Mandy Haque



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Jon Barber

Fillongley Road Bridge update



The Fillongley Road bridge project is currently on hold whilst Solihull Council identify funding opportunities.

Currently they do not expect a start on site until April 2020.

In the meantime, they will continue to inspect the bridge on a regular basis to ensure that there is no further deterioration in its condition.

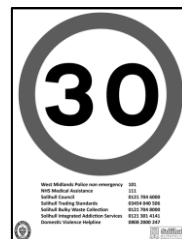
Latest news from Meriden Sports Park

'CRAFTS FOR ALL', which started on 29 November at the Pavilion, Meriden Sports Park, is a group for anyone who does a craft to sit, have a cuppa and craft away with others. Beginners welcome. Takes place every **Thursday 1pm till 3pm**. Contact Debbie on 07483 371 204.

Speed Initiative – traffic calming displays on wheelie bins

We still have some 30 mph stickers and life-sized stick on 'children' for residents' wheelie bins along Main Road and Fillongley Road.

If you would like some, please contact our Clerk, Barbara Bland.



Update on Solihull's Draft Local Plan

Solihull Council are reviewing their current Solihull Local Plan (LPR) to replace the one that was adopted in December 2013.

In October 2018 they announced, "We have made significant progress with the review. However, it was becoming clear that uncertainties regarding key issues were going to impact on our original programme. The main issue was the continued uncertainty regarding the Government's standard methodology for calculating housing need and the distribution of the wider housing market area shortfall. We have therefore revised the timetable. This was discussed and agreed at a Cabinet Member for Managed Growth's decision-making session on 25th September 2018." The revised timetable for the Local Plan Review is now as follows:

- **Publication of Draft Local Plan (Supplementary Update) – winter 2018/19**
- **Publication of Submission Draft (for consultation) – summer 2019**
- **Submission to Secretary of State – autumn 2019**
- **Examination of plan – winter 2019/2020**
- **Adoption of the Local Plan Review – spring/summer 2020**

If you have any queries about the Local Plan Review, please email the Policy & Delivery team using psp@solihull.gov.uk.

Update on Meriden's Neighbourhood Plan

As we continue to develop our Neighbourhood Plan, the following progress has been made. Results of the Housing Needs Survey were received at the end of August and the Housing Needs Assessment undertaken by Locality followed in October 2018. An independent assessment of our Local Green Spaces was undertaken in October as well, which we will consult with Meriden residents in the new year. Our draft submission plan currently contains 26 policies on housing, the natural environment, built environment, local community, local economy and transport and three aspirations, referred to as projects, on road safety, removing street sign clutter, traffic management and public transport. Our revised timetable is as follows:

- **Submit Neighbourhood Plan to Local Planning Authority – March 2019**
- **Statutory consultation period (Regulation 16) – April/May 2019**
- **Submission of NP to examiner – May 2019**
- **Receipt and publication of examiners report – July 2019**
- **Submission of Referendum Version of the NP – August 2019**
- **Referendum – October 2019**
- **Consideration and adoption by LPA Cabinet/Full Council – November 2019**
- **Plan is 'made' – December 2019**

Meriden's Neighbourhood Plan steering group meet monthly and if you would like to get involved, then join us. The meeting dates are featured on the previous page.

Become a Parish Councillor

Elections are in May 2019 and if you would like to stand as a Parish Councillor, there will be a briefing at Solihull from Solihull Area Committee and WALC explaining how to become a Councillor; what is expected of you and why it can be very rewarding.

Date: Monday 28 January 2019, 6.30pm to 8.30pm, refreshments served from 6pm

Venue: Solihull Council House, Manor Square, Solihull, B91 3QB

Admission: Free and open to all members of the public

For more information on how to register, contact our clerk, Barbara Bland.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BEING A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

- Don't know what it entails?
- Feel like you might not be qualified?
- Not sure if you can spare the time?

Come along and find out

If you are eligible to stand as a Councillor • Learn about the code of conduct and the training available • Find out what your Council can do for your communities and how you can influence that • Find out about a councillor's role in looking after public money and spending it wisely • Identify the council's responsibilities as the employer of a clerk • Get first hand knowledge of why people become councillors and what fulfilment they get.

FREE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

WHEN
Monday
28 January 2019
6.30 pm—8.30 pm

WHERE
Solihull Council House
Manor Square, B91 3QB.

SPEAKERS

- The County Officer of the Warwickshire Association of Local Councils (WALC)
- Experienced local clerks
- Local Parish Councillors
- The Chair of WALC

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