

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.

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.



The next Parish Council meeting dates are:

- Monday 16 December 2019 – The Pavilion Barbara Bland
- Monday 20 January 2020 – The Pavilion The Pavilion
- Monday 17 February 2020 – The Pavilion Meriden Sports Park



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

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

- Wednesday 18 December 2019 – The Pavilion
- Wednesday 22 January 2020 – The Pavilion
- Monday 9 December 2019 – Meriden Library Meriden CV7 7SP
- Monday 6 January 2020 – The Pavilion
- Monday 10 February 2020 – Meriden Library

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Your Parish Councillors are:



Rosie Weaver BEM (Chair) Jon Barber (Vice-Chair) Bob Kipling Frances Lynch-Smith Matthew Nunn Marie Woollard James Hughes Vacant seat

Meriden Hill

SMBC Highways have instructed Balfour Beatty to undertake vegetation clearance of the wall and banking of Meriden Hill as a structural survey of the wall is required prior to any repairs being undertaken.

More news to follow on our website www.meridenparishcouncil.org.uk

Enforcement Officer and Car Parking

The parish council approved the initiative of an Enforcement Officer for Meriden to improve the parking difficulties particularly around The Green. We report that 39 tickets have been issued recently and the majority of parking violations were generated from around The Green.

Please remember that the Sports Park car park may be used by residents shopping or attending appointments at The Green.



Footpaths

The parish council now has copies of maps numbering Meriden's footpaths. We welcome residents advising us of footpaths that are inaccessible, overgrown, blocked, fallen trees, etc.

However, we would also welcome some volunteers who regularly walk our many footpaths to get in contact if they would like to record issues relating to specific footpath numbers, particularly Meriden's many dog walkers. Please contact the clerk at clerk@meridenparishcouncil.org.uk.

The Parish Council would like to thank



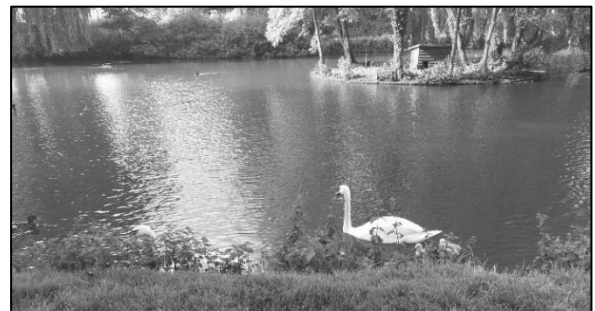
Volunteers of Meriden Speed Watch for their recent efforts. If you would like to join the Speed Watch Team, please contact Cllr Jon Barber at jon.barber@meridenparishcouncil.org.uk

All the volunteers for making Remembrance Sunday memorable and accessible for the local community and visitors, the **Barber Family** who put the poppies onto the lamp-posts at the start of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and **Paul Lee** for co-ordinating the Remembrance Sunday road closure with Solihull Council.

Meriden Pool update

"As mentioned in last quarter's Mag, during September in conjunction with SMBC and half a dozen volunteers from a Solihull finance company, we carried out a good refurbishment of the wood chip path running along the back of the pool. We widened and deepened it, also cleared away a lot of weeds that were intruding. We will keep a regular check on its condition, a very grateful thanks to all involved.

"Everything is now settling down for winter including the arrival of some of our regular wild Canada geese who are already having the usual squabbles with some of the local population.



"No doubt many have noted the comings and goings of our local swan population, first of all the parents moved out, apparently they normally split with offspring after 5/7 months, ours were rather early, 4 months, perhaps it was due to their inexperience. Then one of the cygnets was found with a broken wing/wings, The Swan Rescue were called in and they decided to take all three to one of their sanctuaries where they will look

after them and release them again in the Spring, not to Meriden. Now, not entirely unexpectedly, the two parents have returned and should settle down for the winter and hopefully produce some cygnets in the Spring.

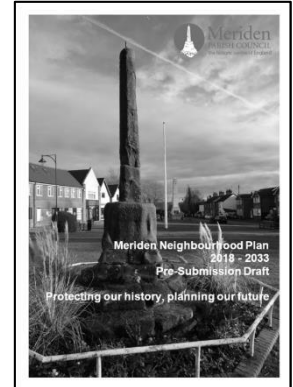
“As previously mentioned, continuing to feed all the birds through the winter is good way of ensuring their survival, whatever the weather.”

**Lead Friend Peter Moss
Friends of Meriden Pool Group**

Meriden's Neighbourhood Development Plan

Regulation 14 public consultation ended on 25 October with 14 representations received. The revised timeline for Stage 3 – Pre-Submission Version of the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan is as follows:

Health check review of draft NP by Avon Planning and SMBC	Jul-Aug 2019
Statutory consultation of pre-submission version (Regulation 14)	Sep-Oct 2019
Analysis, summary and tabulation of consultation responses	November 2019
Amendments and modifications to pre-submission version	December 2019
Basic Conditions Statement (required)	February 2020
Consultation Statement (required)	February 2020



Dog Bins

Due to local resident requests, the parish council has agreed to purchase two dog bins at a cost of £508 including installation plus another monthly charge to empty bins which the parish council will pay for. Siting to be advised by residents, so please contact the clerk.

HS2

The parish council welcomed guest speakers from HS2. Please see update on 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.

You can also get in touch with HS2 via their Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on 08081 434 434 and at hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk. HS2 also host monthly community drop-in events in the local area where you can find out more about their works near the A452, A45 and M42, as well as community opportunities. For more information please visit <https://hs2insolihull.commonplace.is/schemes/proposals/upcoming-local-events/details>. HS2 and LM will be returning to present to the Parish Council in the New Year.