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Minutes of the **Annual Parish Meeting** held on 28 April 2014
Held in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr R Kipling – Vice Chair
Cllr R Weaver
Cllr F Lynch-Smith
Cllr M Nunn
Mrs B Bland - Clerk

In attendance: Cllr T Diccico

Public participation: Members of the Beaty Family attended the meeting to give an overview of recent planning applications submitted for High Ash Farm, Lodge Green Lane (i) 2014/574 Erection of New Dwelling and (ii) 2014/578 Erection Livestock Building.

Tom Beaty opened the discussion as follows; we are a family business, farming at The Dairy Farm, Meriden and at Patrick Farm, Hampton-in-Arden. We are principally tenants of the Packington Estate, with the majority of our land, two farm houses and farm buildings occupied on agricultural tenancies. The family have been at The Dairy Farm for nearly 60 years and at Patrick Farm for the last 27 years.

The business currently extends to around 1700 acres of arable and grassland on various tenancy and contract agreements. The grassland supports a herd of 100 autumn and spring calving beef cows and their calves, plus a flock of 300 breeding ewes and 600 lambs destined for local meat trade, all of which, need to be house inside during the winter months and for lambing and calving. All the livestock buildings which housed our 100 calving cows at Patrick Farm have recently been taken back in hand by the Packington Estate for development and storage for Hs2. Our occupation of Dairy Farm remains relatively secure with a long term agreement in place, but the Packington Estate intends to take back the farmhouse at Patrick Farm. There are two reasons for this decision both of which are beyond our control.

Firstly the Estate believes a much higher rent can be achieved through letting the house out privately; and secondly the house is likely to be compulsory purchased by Hs2 as the line runs 20 metres away. The loss of the farmhouse and buildings at Patrick Farm leaves us needing alternative accommodation. With no suitable buildings with accommodation available locally and the Dairy Farm being fully occupied it makes economic and logistical sense to utilise the existing site at High Ash as we already have an agricultural building there. As owners of this land it will provide our family with security for the future and ensure the longevity of our farming business without having total reliance on Packington Estate.

The unit being self contained gives the added bonus of the reduction annually of at least 300 heavy agricultural machinery movements through the village of Meriden.



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The house and building as a unit are a necessity for the continual welfare and bio security of our livestock enterprises. To ensure our continued good relationship with the local community we are utilising existing roadways and tracks and siting the proposed dwelling to minimise impact.

Cllr Kipling asked if advice had been sought from SMBC?

Mr Beaty replied he had used an agricultural officer from Rugby.

Cllr Lynch-Smith asked if residents in Lodge Green Lane had been consulted?

Mr Beaty replied that reasons have been given to neighbouring properties and there had been no objections by residents.

Cllr Kipling asked why an agricultural worker's dwelling needed a double garage?

Mr Beaty replied that shown as a double garage, it will be the farm office.

Cllr Lynch-Smith asked that materials will be used?

Mr Beaty replied that Warwickshire Brick will be used.

Mr Beaty advised that the planning applications will go before planning committee on 14th June and the closing date for comments is 21st May.

Members thanked the Beaty Family for taking the time to appraise Parish Councillors of their plans.

1. Welcome & Apologies

Cllr Kipling opened the meeting and accepted apologies from Cllr Bell, Cllr M Lee, Cllr P Lee, Cllr Haque and Cllr Barber. Members wished to record the sad news of the death of Cllr M Lee's mother earlier this afternoon and offer their deepest sympathy to the family.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of 24th March 2014

Members had been circulated minutes of 24th March 2014 for consideration prior to meeting. Cllr R Kipling proposed approval of minutes, seconded by Cllr Weaver.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members accepted minutes of 24th March 2014 as read.

4. Chair's Annual Report

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr M Lee, due to extenuating circumstances, Cllr Weaver presented the Chair's Annual Report as follows.



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It has been another challenging year made particularly so as most of us have suffered personal setbacks. Despite the setbacks, we have achieved a lot and a great part of this has been thanks to the excellent work of our Clerk Barbara Bland.

- ***£1.6million sale proceeds from Meriden Gate were transferred from SMBC to Meriden Parish Council.***
- ***We continued to meet with Neal Thomas from SMBC over the flooding issues which came to a satisfactory conclusion in January when they announced they had secured £75K in funding to do the necessary works.***
- ***Cameo successfully relocated to the pavilion when the Community Centre closed. Two new bungalows are nearing completion at the centre's location on Alspath Road.***
- ***We continue to work with SMBC to improve facilities at our library. Works will commence in September or October this year for roof and damp repairs and the installation of a new computer suite.***
- ***The bench on the Village Green was repaired and turned inwards facing the shops.***
- ***Allotment holders now have a licence to occupy their plots until 2015 at Leys Lane.***
- ***A 'Pool Tidy' took place in September with volunteers from National Grid.***
- ***A new cricket team approached us to use the sports park as their home ground. Renamed Meriden Spartans CC, they have been providing free cricket training for 5-15 year olds since August last year.***
- ***New signage went up at the main entry points to Meriden and Hampton 'NO HGV QUARRY TRAFFIC'.***
- ***The post office bin was replaced with a larger one and the original was resited outside the school.***
- ***Meriden Sports Park Ltd was established in November 2013.***
- ***Packington Estate offered us land to rent behind the sports park for extra pitches which is subject to attaining funding from Sport England and the ECB.***
- ***A WW1 working group was formed with members of the community to plan events for the Centenary Commemoration.***
- ***We worked with Solihull Area Committee to revise the charter between SMBC and all town/parish councils which has now been adopted and its template is to be used by Warwickshire County Council.***
- ***We submitted our response to the HS2 Environmental Statements on behalf of the Parish opposing the HS2 railway.***
- ***The Hunt family paid for the restoration of the memorial plaque on the village roundabout which was originally unveiled by Alderman Bernard Hornby Hunt in 1962.***



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This year it was unveiled by the Mayor Councillor Joe Tildesley.

- *A yew tree has been planted on Coronation Island.*
- *The footpath and copse behind the sports park has been offered to the parish by Packington Estate*

Planning matters and issues have taken up a lot of our time.

Eaves Green Lane reached a near conclusion as the occupants vacated the site in April last year but the ground has not been reinstated to the satisfaction of RAID or the Parish Council. We have raised our concerns but as the owner has been out of the country for sometime Solihull Council is resigned to let nature take its course.

Housing developments at Meriden Gate and Leys Lane have caused problems for residents and the Clerk works hard to resolve the issues with the developers and Solihull Council. We lobbied for a pedestrian crossing on Fillongley Road but Solihull Council's traffic survey concluded it wasn't necessary.

Jephson Housing who owns the Firs are proposing 20 new bungalows on their land behind the Firs and the Parish Council has raised concerns over its greenbelt status. Our Visual Design Statement identified the land on Birmingham Road (former garage and caravan Storage Park) as the ideal location for bungalows to meet the needs of older people in the Parish. This land has now been sold and we do not know yet what plans the owners have for its redevelopment.

The Quarry Liaison Group has been meeting quarterly since March last year. A special thank you goes to Lynn Parker who represents the residents of Meriden. She has worked hard with our clerk to help us mitigate the quarry traffic and respond to planning applications for Area G and the recycling centre proposed by NRS Wastecare.

We commissioned an arboricultural report on the horse chestnut tree in the Village Hall car park to ensure it is protected when the car park is renovated. It is also Meriden's first memorial after the First World War which commemorates the pupils of the Old School who fought in the war. As such, the WW1 working group adopted it as their logo.

The parish council agreed to support the petition against HS2 from Berkswell and Hampton in Arden up to £5K so as Meriden's position is put forward.

Birmingham Airport consulted with the community over the new flight paths. Flight path trials take place this month and they will present their findings to us once completed.



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Community events were once again successfully organised. We send a special thank you to Alan Lole for the Sunday Funday on the Village Green in June and the Meriden Tree of Thought. Special thanks also go to Meriden Rotary Club for the 9th Meriden Megaride in June and the 2nd Santa Fun Run in December. Meriden's three churches held a carol service on the green in December which was well attended, despite the inclement weather.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members thanked Cllr Weaver and acknowledged the excellent work achieved by the Parish Council. On behalf of Members Cllr Weaver formally wished to record thanks for the Clerk's outstanding work during this last financial year.

5. Standing Order Review

This item is deferred to next meeting.

6. FINANCE

6.1 April Payments

Members received April payments for approval. The Clerk advised a transfer from base rate tracker account to Business account will be required via an electronic transfer. Members further considered approval for SLCC subscription, ICO Data Protection renewal and Zurich Insurance renewal for 2014-15.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members unanimously approved payments list, transfer request and renewals as above.

6.2 Land Investment(s)

The Clerk informed Members that she had applied to the Land Registry for various land ownership and subsequently visited the Land Registry offices in Coventry on 25th April. She will be attending a Land Registry Advisor to further research and obtain maps and land ownership details. Cllr Weaver stated that identification of land holding is required for future burial and allotment sites.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members unanimously approved Clerk's actions and the clerk will update Members at next meeting.

7. Progress Reports

7.1 Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Lynch-Smith reported that land ownership of Village Hall site is almost confirmed. She further confirmed that the "Big Picture Show" is underway with Warwickshire's Live and Local Initiative, with 4/5 box office films lined up to be screened in the Village Hall with War Horse showing on 7th June as part of Meriden's Centenary Commemoration events. Cllr Lynch-Smith talked about a time capsule for Meriden being placed under a Centenary Memorial being created at the National Arboretum in Staffordshire commemorating "horses in conflict".



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Cllr Diccio asked how the rural cinema was being promoted? Cllr Lynch-Smith replied that film notices were in process and these would be displayed in noticeboards, public places such as surgery, local businesses and Library.

7.2 Community Governor for Meriden C of E School

Cllr Weaver reported that there is a finance meeting today.

Ofsted is expected this term and an Ofsted working group will be doing a review of paperwork. Full Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr Weaver will provide meeting updates at next meeting.

7.3 War Memorials

Cllr M Lee had dictated to the clerk the following for Member's consideration:-

Cyclists Memorial Cleaning

Three quotations have been received from:-

1. Ralph Ledbrooke
2. IMI
3. Steven Hill

The Memorial was cleaned 12 years ago by Mr Ledbrooke and the Parish Council paid for this. Cllr Weaver advised that considerable discussion had taken place with the stone mason regarding the individual quotations to ensure cleaning was undertaken without incurring any damage.

Cllr M Lee proposed to accept Ralph Ledbrooke quotation and for the Parish Council to pay. It should be noted that we have received £100 from the Chippenham Wheelers towards the cost of cleaning and requests have been made to the Bidlake Trust and CTC.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members considered Cllr Lee's proposal. Cllr Weaver proposed acceptance and this was seconded by Cllr Kipling, with Members voting 3:1 in favour of Mr Ledbrooke.

The Clerk updated Members on the quotation for flags now received from Scouts and Parish Council. Cllr Lynch-Smith requested flags to be purchased only if they are made in England and of cotton material. The Clerk is to contact both organisations and confirm flags are made in England and of cotton. In principle subject to the Clerk confirming the above, purchase should be made for new Union and St George flags.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will order from appropriate supplier in accordance with Member's request above.

7.4 Pool Tidy



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Cllr Kipling confirmed the Willow to be pollarded and for the Clerk to contact SMBC Tree Officer, Darren Parkin. He also advised the cutting back of trees between Pool and Club car park that have exceeded two years growth.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will contact the Tree Officer.

7.5 Allotment Representative

The Clerk reported there is now one vacant plot. Cllr Kipling stated that SMBC let themselves down with enforcement. Cllr Lynch-Smith stated the curbs and verges are broken and muddy with extensive hedgerow damage.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk was requested to write to SMBC and speak with the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator regarding what had happened with the CPRE campaign to remove signs as all the signs along the Meriden mile slowing traffic to 30 mph is not being enforced.

7.6 Footpaths/Forum

Cllr Lynch-Smith reported that a Walk Programme is published and she join the two local walks in Berkswell on 4th June and Meriden on 15th June; if anyone is interested in finding out about walks and dates please let her know or go to website.

7.7 Quarries Liaison Group

Cllr Kipling stated Cornets End Lane is a disgrace with very little action from SMBC to maintain and keep clean.

The Clerk advised she had circulated the formal response regarding planning applications 2014/474 and 2014/476 for Area G operations setting out conditions for consideration, providing a brief overview for Cllr Diccio who requested a copy of the letter be emailed to him.

Cllr Weaver formally recorded thanks to Mrs Parker and the Clerk for their diligence and efforts to reduce the impact of Area G operations.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members acknowledged the work of Mrs Parker and the Clerk.

7.8 Solihull Area Committee

Nothing to report.

7.9 (i) Tree Warden

Nothing to report.

7.9(ii) TPO List

Cllr Lynch-Smith advised that Charles (local Arboriculturist) was ready to start photographing trees and recording their geographic location cross referencing list, tag and map. The cost is £150 and approval was requested. Cllr Weaver asked



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how many days would be required? The Clerk asked if £150 was a lump sum payment or a daily rate in which case a formal quotation would be required outlining number of days. The Clerk was requested to obtain information available from SMBC. Cllr Lynch-Smith was asked to confirm cost.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr Lynch-Smith and the Clerk will report back at next meeting.

7.10 Community Surgeries

The Clerk reported no residents attended April's surgery and there was no attendance by PCSO's at recent Beat Surgery.

7.11 Community Speed Watch

Nothing to report.

7.12 Hs2

Cllr Weaver advised that the 2nd reading of Bill was being read today. Residents are writing to MPs and also petitioning. Meriden is not petitioning as there is a need to do this personally at Committee. Approval was given at last meeting for 5K financial contribution to Berkswell PC for Meriden's mitigation to be included; Cllr Weaver has advised Cllr Graham Locke, Chair of Berkswell PC, who is grateful for this contribution.

Cllr Kipling asked if the financial contribution will make any difference to outcome? Cllr Weaver replied that it will help to get environmental mitigation. Cllr Diccico confirmed this to be sensible as the environmental impact and devastation Hs2 will cause is enormous and the petitioning process dates back to Victorian times; it has to be worth mitigating to keep roads open and reduce impact during construction. Cllr Weaver reaffirmed it would be wrong for the PC to do nothing and she had already submitted the environmental statement on behalf of Meriden PC. Cllr Diccico had attended local petitioning evenings with the Parliamentary Agent and Cllr Locke had sent a summary mitigation; Cllr Diccico further added that it would be good if residents support what SMBC is petitioning for as Ian Courts is doing good work but Hs2 is very dismissive, and if local residents do not support SMBC then some of the "asks" will not be considered and there will be a greater impact on local communities by construction traffic.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr Weaver will continue to monitor and report back to Members.

8. **Clerk's Report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting**

The Clerk circulated by email to Members her actions since last meeting. There were no questions and the Chair expressed Members thanks and acknowledged content.

9. **District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Diccico advised:-



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(i) Hs2 petitioning process is underway with Parliamentary Agents and this is being heard in the House of Commons this evening; (ii) the runway for Birmingham Airport is being trialled with new routes which is causing louder noise at take offs and (iii) Duggins Lane housing development will be providing 30 affordable houses. This site has been controversial due to density of development and increased traffic and is not identified in Solihull's local plan.

Cllr Weaver asked if there was a LOCAL allocations policy for Duggins Lane. Cllr Diccico will follow up and report back at next meeting.

Cllr Weaver asked if there was a new allocations policy for Duggins Lane as this could prove useful for Meriden and future development sites. Cllr Diccico will follow up and report back at next meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr Diccico to find out about allocations policy for Duggins Lane and report back.

10. Meriden Village Matters

10.1(i) Library Update

The Clerk reported a follow up meeting was due for May.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk to follow up with Cllr Lee and Library officers.

10.1 (ii) Historic Panels

Nothing to report.

10.2 Village Commemoration WW1

Cllr Lynch-Smith reported that the working group is moving forward with the following events planned:-

Megaride relating to WW1; Football Match; Cricket Match; Family Picnic in the Park; adult and child trip to Imperial War Museum; Living History Group; Commemorative Film Night.

Information is being shared with residents and wider community with flyers being printed and circulated. The next meeting is 31st May at 10.00 am at Pavilion.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members unanimously acknowledged and supported the working group.

10.3 Meriden Gate

10.3(i) £10K Update

The Clerk advised that SMBC are awaiting a definitive decision from the Parish Council and read the suggestions listed in 24th March minutes.



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- (i) Contribution to new Library computers & IT Suite.
- (ii) Pedestrian Crossing Fillongley Road.
- (iii) Creation of car parking bays on Birmingham Road.
- (iv) Financial contribution to Berkswell and Balsall Common PCs for HS2 petition.
- (v) Playground resurfacing.
- (vi) Cyclist's Memorial cleaning and maintenance.

Members considered the options and unanimously agreed the 10K will be used as a contribution towards Library refurbishment and computer suite.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members unanimously approved that the 10K be restricted for contribution towards Library refurbishment and computer suite. The Clerk was instructed to liaise with Mike Swallow and David Waterson.

10.3(ii) Shared Space Urbanisation and Landscaping

The Clerk reported that she had attended a site meeting with residents and Solihull officers Danny Gouveia, Bruce Brant and Cllr Allsop. The officers listened to resident concerns regarding shared space, speeding traffic and landscaping. Danny Gouveia is revisiting Highways decisions and will report back. Whilst on site it was noted that there were exposed live cables lying on the boundary of Archery Road properties and Letitia Avenue since David Wilson contractors removed temporary fencing leaving rubbish and cables. The Clerk called National Grid as an emergency to make safe and reported actions to Mike Swallow and David Waterson who were pursuing David Wilson Homes under their health and safety policy. Cllr Weaver suggested a call to the Health & Safety Executive. Cllr Nunn also reported issues with litter and lack of response from David Wilson to finish the site to a satisfactory standard. He further suggested the Scouts were doing a community litter pick in June and suggested Meriden Gate as a site in need of a cleanup.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will monitor and update Members accordingly.

10.3(iii) Overage

The Clerk advised that she had received the following response from Mike Swallow regarding Cllr Kipling's question of the 40/60 split as follows:-

"The basis for calculation of overage and its split between DWH and the landowners was part of the original terms set out in the Development Agreement entered into between SMBC and DWH and approved by the Parish Council. The detailed review referred to above is ongoing. Once a figure has been agreed (or determined by a third party expert in the situation where DWH or SMBC cannot agree), it becomes payable to SMBC together with interest at bank base rate from the calculation date of 17 February 2014."



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Cllr Kipling said this did not answer the question and stated that the Parish Council never agreed to a 40/60 split with DWH and SMBC. He requested the Clerk to follow up asking (i) when and where it was agreed and (ii) who agreed shared accountability?

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will write to Mike Swallow for clarification.

10.4 Taylor Wimpey Development & Associated Works

There was nothing to report; however the Clerk circulated information that she had downloaded from Taylor Wimpey's website regarding Mulberry Gardens and a 330K financial contribution to Meriden's community for the provision of recreation, open space and play areas, and 25K towards highways and transport improvements. Cllr Allsop had advised the Clerk of this contribution during the Meriden Gate site meeting. Members were surprised and requested the Clerk write to Taylor Wimpey for clarification.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will write to Anne Wallace, Regional sales and Marketing Director.

10.5 Ashley Prior meeting

Nothing to report.

10.6 Impact Survey

This item is deferred in light of correspondence with NRS and planning officers regarding Area G planning applications and traffic report therein..

10.7 Eaves Green Update

Cllr Kipling confirmed all Members had seen the response previously circulated.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members acknowledged receipt of Anne Brereton response.

10.8 Copse/Footpath

The Clerk advised she had received the following response from David Keaney:-

"In terms of the proposal for the Parish Council to formally register the land in their ownership and to dedicate a route across it as a public footpath, the first step must be for the Parish Council to get to the bottom of and formalise (if it so wishes) its ownership of the land. I would suggest that you will need to approach the Land Registry and seek formal advice on how to proceed. The following guidance note may be of use; however I would suggest that the Parish Council may wish to seek private legal advice should they be intent in formally registering an interest in the land. The guidance note can be found here: <http://www.landregistry.gov.uk/public/guides/public-guide-13>



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Having inspected the Council's landownership records I can confirm your belief that the adjoining section of land at the bottom of Strawberry Fields is in the ownership of the Council. It is registered as public open space and therefore there is already access for the public across this land. Therefore there is no requirement for a public right of way to be created across this section as public access and protection already exists."

The Clerk further reported that she had applied to Land Registry for land ownership details and this will be discussed at tomorrow's Land Registry meeting. The Clerk is also meeting with local Historian Doreen Agutter for historical evidence of ownership to support Parish Council application for land registration as per Packington Estate letter.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members acknowledged the Clerk's actions who will update at next meeting.

11. Meriden Sports Park

11.1 Directors Update

Cllr Weaver reported that a User's meeting had been held on 14th April. The next Director's meeting was to be held on 12th May. The Clerk reported CCLA investment account was in process of being set up; a new bank account and charity registration is also in process to finalise transfer into investment fund. Cllr Weaver advised new contractors were working well and Easter sports camps had been well attended.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members acknowledged Director's update.

11.2 Transfer of Freehold

The Clerk advised this is in process with Solicitors.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will update at next meeting.

11.3 Patrol Alarms CCTV

This item is deferred due to no further response from SMBC and David Wilson Homes.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk to chase David Waterson, SMBC.

11.4 Children's Play Area

Cllr Weaver advised a quotation had been received from Sovereign and as per Members request AMS have been asked to attend next Director's meeting and provide a quotation for resurfacing.

Cllrs Kipling and Lynch-Smith reiterated their lack of support for resurfacing works to play area and requested David Wilson and SMBC are accountable for defects. Cllr Weaver advised that surface repairs were needed due to wear and tear, and further



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advised that Directors and the Clerk had exhausted the possibility DWH contractors carrying out remedial works outside of defects period.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members suggested this item be deferred to May meeting.

11.5 Packington Estate Options

The Clerk advised Mr Bob Williams has drawn up plans and sent them to Nick Barlow for consideration and await for the Estate's feedback.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr Kipling requested a letter of thanks be written to Bob Williams for his pro bono work on behalf of the Meriden Sports Park. The Clerk will follow up with Bob Williams and Nick Barlow.

It is recorded that Cllr Lynch-Smith and Cllr Kipling said too much time was being spent on Sports Park business within Parish Council meetings. They suggested a summary update only be made by Directors at future meetings.

12. **Planning Matters**

12.1 Neighbourhood Planning Applications update for Members.

2014/590 New	News Express The Green Meriden	Installation of shop fronts to replace existing and to provide disabled level access.
2014/649 New	Berryfields Farm, Berkswell	Erection of one primary/permanent agricultural workers dwelling with a detached double garage.
2014/578 New	High Ash Farm, Lodge Green Lane	Erect a livestock building.
2014/574 New	High Ash Farm, Lodge Green Lane	Erect an agricultural workers dwelling house.
2014/476 New	Meriden Quarry Area G Birmingham Road Meriden	Vary condition No 7 of review of mineral permission ref. 97/535 to allow infilling of quarry void with inert materials (construction and demolition waste) rather than colliery spoil.
2014/474 New	Meriden Quarry Area G Birmingham Road Meriden	Change of use of part of the Area G quarry landfill site to a recycling centre/facility for the storage, crushing,



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		screening and re-use of selected construction and demolition waste materials.
2014/473 New	Hollyberry End, Meriden	Prior Notification for a steel portal framed building to replace existing.
2014/431 Waiting	Fordson Farm Harvest Hill	Erect agricultural storage barn with associated access and driveway, new gates and flanking fencing (refused last year but smaller scale application).
2014/393 Full Plans Approval	19 Bonneville Close, Millisons Wood	Single storey rear extension and single story side extension.
2014/364 Waiting MPC Independent Arboriculturist's report sent to Martin Saunders	Old School House, 200 Main Road, Meriden	Remove roots causing hazard to pedestrians on one horse chestnut tree
2013/994 Refused but gone to Secretary of State Appeal – deadline for comments 8 April - WAITING	Pertemps Group Limited, Meriden Hall	New office building with basement parking on site of existing car park.
2014/299 TPO Approval	6a Meriden Park Homes	Reduce height of hedge and trim away from property
2014/240 Full Plans Approval	23 Strawberry Fields	Change of Use to residential curtiledge
2014/30 TPO Approval	Meriden Hall	Fell Yew, Ash, Pine. Remove damaged limbs from Oak & Ash
2014/168 Full Plans Approval	Meriden Mobile Home Park	Removal of conditions 3 & 4 and variation conditions 1 on 2013/508
2014/167 Full Plans Approval	Meriden Mobile Home Park	Retain 2 ancillary storage sheds to 2 residential mobile homes
2014/10 Waiting Please note email circulated 24/2 from Mr Marshall.	The Grange, Main Road	UPVC Doors Grade II bldg



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The Clerk advised that she had received several concerns from neighbours of Fordson Farm. Cllr Diccico is aware of the issues and will take back to planning officers.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will continue notifying Members of Parish Notifications for and recording comments on planning portal.

11.2 Jephson Housing

Cllr Weaver updated Members of situation and read letters received from Jo Welch of Jephson and Mark Collyer of SMBC requested by the Clerk asking for their point of view on this land; also to request a map showing public footpaths and right of way and point of access to the Firs and Census data comparing 2001 to 2011 for Meriden.

Cllrs Kipling and Lynch-Smith reiterated their opposition to any future development in greenbelt. Cllr Weaver advised that Solihull's Local Plan, the Parish Plan and Visual Design Statement all identified need for affordable housing for over 65's within Meriden Village and there was a definite need due to older people moving out of the Village as there was no suitable assisted housing available. Cllr Weaver further advised that Jephson owned the land in which they wish to develop linking to The Firs and expanding provision for older people assisted living and community care.

Cllr Lynch-Smith advised that there were public footpaths connecting Meriden Gate to bus stops on Birmingham Road and these should remain accessible. The Clerk was asked to follow up with David Keaney for public right of way. Jephson Housing has their Solicitor looking into footpaths and right of way across their land.

IT WAS RESOLVED A further update will be provided at next meeting. Jephson is looking into public right of way and making contact with owners of caravan storage site and garage regarding their future proposals to develop this site.

12.3 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Weaver advised the benefit of moving forward with a Neighbourhood Plan stating that most of the work had been undertaken for the Parish Plan and Visual Design Statement. Cllr Lynch-Smith asked if Packington had a Parish Council and if not whether Packington is to be included within Meriden Parish. It was the opinion of Members that Packington should have its own Plan. Cllr Weaver proposed the Clerk contact Michael Wellock of Kirkwells who gave a presentation earlier in the year to provide a cost for pulling together the information already available for Meriden's Neighbourhood Plan.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members approved the proposal and the Clerk was instructed to contact Kirkwells and obtain price for next meeting.

12. **Parish Council Newsletter** Editorial Committee



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Cllr Weaver and the Clerk volunteered to meet the deadline of 4th May for Parish Council inclusion in the Meriden Mag.

14. Councillor's reports and items for future agenda

Nothing to report.

15. Correspondence & Communication for information share only

The Clerk advised Solihull in Bloom entry deadline is 6th June 2014 and informed Members that local businesses were supportive and making donations towards the cost of hanging baskets and plants; and further noted circulation of the Rural Ward Action Plan 2014-15 to Members with some of Meriden's wish list included.

16. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting of Meriden Parish Council to be held on Monday 19th May 2014 at 19.30 hours. Venue: Pavilion, Meriden Sports Park.

The meeting closed at 22.05

SignedCllr R Kipling – Vice Chair

Dated