



# Meriden Parish Council

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## **CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS AND ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING (25-11-13) – prepared by Barbara Bland, Clerk, for PC meeting 16-12-13**

1. Community surgery held on 2/12/13 with Bruce Brant and **no** attendees. Used the time catching with rural neighbourhood team and progressed items outstanding including Coronation Island; Pool tidy and trees; general street cleaning standard of work; siting of Memorial Bench for Highways approval; Showell Lane roundabout repairs; Birmingham Road Millisons Wood surface flaking; on going tree cut back with private households and landowners; cutting back of Millisons Wood cycle lane and removal of verge ingressions to eight drains; including site visits and walkabout.

Please note three new large planters, picnic bench and replacement basket planter to pool fence ordered by Neighbourhood Co-ordinator at no cost to Parish Council.

2. Liaison with Allotment Association and Andrew Taylor of Taylor Wimpey regarding concerns around fencing, driveway, secure storage, water butts and secure fencing of allotment gardens to prevent trespass and “adventure playground” scenarios for new development householders.
3. Parish Notifications for Planning Applications to Members for consideration and comments including discussions with Jon Hallam regarding on-going planning for Fordson Farm, and setting up planning portal to now receive all Parish Planning Notifications electronically; thus now working from SMBC's planning portal making system more effective and efficient!
4. Meeting with David Wigfield, Cllr Weaver and Lynn Parker on 4<sup>th</sup> December regarding clarification of conditions and request for assistance to protect Meriden's future from Quarry expansion.
5. Tender process and hosting prospective applicant site visits for accurate tender pricing.
6. Meriden Sports Park on site availability for Dodd Group and IWS.
7. Met with Cllr P Lee, Patrol Alarms and Traders Warehouse for independent assessment of CCTV and subsequent actions required.
8. Letter to Mike Swallow challenging outcome of original CCTV specification v. actual CCTV installation.
9. Letter to Village Hall Management Committee in accordance with Member requests and conditions of donation.

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10. Emailed precept information from WALC to Members.
11. Emailed Cllr Diccico updates to Members.
12. Emailed Hannah Colson for AGE UK Winter Warmth Campaign information leaflets to be delivered to Library for distribution to senior residents.
13. Letter to Mr C Barr as per Members request regarding non-actions of SMBC Tree Officer during recent Ash Die Back incident.
14. Contacted Linda Wilson, Senior Surveyor Business Development & Implementation regarding SMBC's maintenance programme for Meriden's Library.
15. Letter to Packington Estate regarding land options available for Meriden Sports Park consideration.

Barbara Bland (10-12-13)

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