

**Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**Present**

Melanie Lee, Rosie Weaver, Paul Lee, Shirley Goodsir, Bob Kipling, Marilyn Hamilton, District Councillor David Bell and no members of the public.

**1. Apologies**

Graeme Goodsir

**Absent**

William Markham

**2. Declaration of Interest**

The Chair invited members to make declaration of personal and prejudicial interest in respect of items on the agenda of the meeting.

**3. Minutes**

**3.1 RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2010, having been circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes**

4.1 Item 8.2 to be corrected. Clerk confirmed that this should read as deputy head resigned not "retired". Also at item 20, no donation was approved for Meriden War Memorial Committee

**5. Public Participation**

Councillor David Bell advised of the planning application at **Spice 45**, A45 Birmingham Road, Meriden. Clerk to check why we have not been notified. Our previous letter remains on file but an extension is to be requested so that we may provide comments

**6. Correspondence and Communication**

6.1 Letter from SMBC – Reminder to update Register of Interests

6.2 Society of Local Council Clerks – Membership 2011 – annual subscription £106 plus £10 joining fee

**RESOLVED**

The membership is renewed

6.3 Letter from SMBC – Main Road, proposed installation of road humps

**7. Receive Reports**

7.1 Committee Member for Village Hall Management Committee - no report

7.2 School Governors for Parish Council - no report

- 7.3 Committee Member for War Memorial - member not present
- 7.4 Pool - dealt with later on agenda
- 7.5 Allotment Representative – Clerk advised that one plot is due to become vacant. Clerk to put details on Notice boards
- 7.6 Footpaths/Forum – no report
- 7.7 Meriden Sands Working Group – no report
- 7.8 Conservation Committee – RW did not attend last meeting due to illness but e-mailed comments relating to Meriden
- 7.9 Local Strategic Partnership – no meeting
- 7.10 Police Rural Assembly – no report
- 7.11 Solihull Area Committee - next meeting February
- 7.12 Tree Wardens – no report
- 7.13 Parish Plan – Comments received from Action Group regarding Emerging Core Strategy
- 7.14 Community Surgery – Clerk attended with police and neighbourhood co-ordinator, one resident attended raising concern over parking
- 7.15 Joint Councillor Surgery –no surgery
- 7.16 Community Speed Watch – no report
- 7.17 Fusion Football Sessions – Wednesday evenings – Due to weather RW has spoken to Paul Jayes regarding the possibility of children meeting at the scout hut when it is not possible to play outdoors
- 7.18 Paul Jayes Football Academy – Meriden Rovers – Saturday Mornings – logo being chosen

## **8. Village Matters**

- 8.1 **Community Centre – Alspath Road** – Nothing further to report. Matter has now been satisfactorily dealt with. Police will continue monitoring.
- 8.2 **Pool** – Meeting with Bruce Brant and drainage engineers took place with the Clerk on Tuesday 30 November – Clerk to prepare a report
- 8.3 **Parking on The Green** – Inspected bollards – Have advised Bruce Brant that we are not happy with them.
- 8.4 **Maxstoke Lane/Hampton Lane development – Update** – Advisory Group meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December – RW provided an update. Next meeting in March 2011

8.5 **Road Hump and new zebra crossing in Meriden** –Report to Cabinet on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010 – ML read e-mail from Chris Morton. Clerk to ask English Heritage what we can do to protect the Green.

It was also agreed that ML would respond to SMBC advising that the proposal is not acceptable and we shall contact them once we have consulted with English Heritage.

ML also read out a statement from the MPPAG regarding beneficial changes to the parking restrictions. Concern was raised regarding current parking around the Green. Clerk to write to owners of properties and businesses to ask that parking restrictions are adhered to.

8.6 **Eaves Green Lane** – Update – Public Inquiry 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Nothing further has happened.

8.7 **Public Conveniences** – Decision as to next step to be taken. SMBC agree to pay half the costs of demolition. Clerk to obtain a quote from Scouts for storage of the road closure equipment at the Scout Hut. RW proposed that the public conveniences are demolished. PL seconded

#### **RESOLVED**

The public conveniences are demolished. Clerk to check the legal position and that all quotes are using the same specification.

8.8 **Roundabout** – planting update – e-mail received from Lorna Teager 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – SMBC will proceed with planting as drainage works are not due to start until Spring.

8.9 **Emerging Core Strategy** – Submission to be made by 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011. It was noted that the Meriden Gap should be saved.

#### **RESOLVED**

RW will submit response to SMBC. Councillors to submit individual comments to RW

8.10 **Standards Committee – Self Assessment and Publishing Costs Consultations** – Discussed Parish Council's response to consultations

#### **RESOLVED**

MPC agree to self assessment and publishing of costs

8.11 **Alcohol Free Zones** – Consultation and survey to be completed by Councillors

8.12 **Meriden Heath Painting** – Packington Estates have contacted to see when this will be collected. BK advised that the Heart of England Social Club would be able to house the painting temporarily.

#### **RESOLVED**

Clerk to arrange the transfer of the painting to Heart of England Social Club.

8.13 **Clerk – Joining Pension Scheme** – Need to formally resolve to allow joining scheme

#### **RESOLVED**

The Clerk shall join the pension scheme

8.14 **Meriden War Memorial Committee** – Annual Donation. It was confirmed that a donation was not approved at the last meeting and we needed to know what the public money would be used for before any donation is approved.

9. **Planning Matters**

None

10. **Accounts**

**Accounts for Payment**

**RESOLVED**

That the above accounts are approved for payment.

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting is the Finance meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7.30pm and the next Parish Council Meeting is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

**Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_