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Minutes of Meriden Parish Council Meeting held on 25 February 2013 at The Village Hall, Main Road, Meriden at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr M Lee Chair
Cllr R Kipling Vice Chair
Cllr P Lee
Cllr R Weaver
Cllr F Lynch-Smith
Cllr J Barber
Cllr M Nunn

In attendance: Cllr Diccico and 2 members of the public.

Public Participation

Question from the representative from the allotment holders - can they start planting on their allotments from plot 4 downwards? MPC REPLY we are still waiting to hear from Taylor Wimpey Homes on this issue.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to Taylor Wimpey Homes on behalf of allotment holders to say unless they heard on the contrary from them the allotment holders will continue to plant.

Question from resident re siting of dog bins and asked where dogs could run free when let off the leash now that old playing fields are not available.

Sitings were discussed and agreed to explore a dog bin near Merriroyles on Fillongley Rd, Millison's Wood and possibly near The Green, unless Barbara Bland had received another recommendation.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the parish council will add a note in their newsletter and the future dog walking booklet that people can bag dog waste and put in ordinary waste bins or household rubbish. Also to ask dog walkers where dogs could be let free off the leash.

Note from the chair: subsequent to the meeting it was noted that there was a sign on the old playing fields that stated dogs had to be kept on a leash. It was on the entrance gate by order of the Parish Council.

Presentation by Mr M Ketcher, Director and Mr P Perryman, Operations Manager, NRS Wastecare

Re: Meriden Quarry Operations:-

Overview and update on current and future operations by NRS Wastecare at Meriden Quarry including latest planning application for change of use for a Recycling Operation. Included will be increased quarry traffic; restoration of Area G and access; s106 conditions restricting vehicle access using Meriden Village; enforcement of quarry traffic to use designated routes as part of s106 conditions, Quarry Liaison Group and site visit for Members.



Apologies from Mark Ketcher.

NRS is a local company from Atherstone. It employs 30 people and is expanding. It has got several sites - Meriden site on the Tarmac site, Cannock and 2 in Doncaster and Chesterfield. Their core business is restoration for UK Coal, Tarmac e.g. filling with soils, topsoils, all of the inert materials. A lot is from Daw Mill's waste spoil. Daw Mill will still need an area to put spoil which is Area E and been going on for 15 yrs.

NRS got the contract for UK Coal to restore the land belonging to Packington. Packington is keen to get the restoration done and there are holes everywhere in areas E and G. A lot of restoration has been done in the last 3 years and another 3 years left in Area E. People will be able to walk through the footpaths and all will be restored to the near original contours.

UK Coal has Area G. Tarmac will be finished out of the void in 6 months. It was for UK Coal spoil but now that may not be them and void must be restored. Restore with inert spoils in Area G.

Question from the floor - Could it be kept as a lagoon?

Answer – No, as Packington want it filled and is a money stream for them. It could possibly be a pool a few metres deep that could keep some of the wild life. The contours have been agreed so may not be possible to negotiate for Packington to keep this. It will be restored to the former level. But Area G is higher than original level. nArea G could be operating alongside E. The spoil is wet out of Daw Mill and so can't be filled so quickly and it's "slopping out" of Area E.

Area G now has a wheel wash. Road sweeper will be 2/3 times a week and a Tarmac road which will reduce dirt.

Question from the floor - Who drops spoil in Area G?

Answer - UK coal and anyone else with inert material.

Comments from Meriden Parish Council - Cornets End Lane is filthy, verges poor, holes in the road –

Answer- 5 businesses going in there all have big trucks. 40 trucks a day minimum from Colemans, NRS 80 to 100 trucks a day. There are also Jack Moody's trucks and those from Cemex. All are large. The quicker NRS are out of Area E then there will be less traffic. But other companies don't have road sweepers, gutter cleaners. NRS said Cornets End has at least 250 loads a day and there needs to be more commitment between the companies to work together. Tarmac is 1000 tonnes a day, the rest adds up to more. In Area G there will be 60 to 100 lorries a day. At the working group we are setting up, with tour, it is suggested to include SMBC with all the companies who work from the sites.

Traffic movements

NRS showed a route that the trucks will take. Companies' drivers will get banned if drivers take the wrong route and then companies could be banned. Route agreed and will be sent to us electronically. We all need to work in partnership and let Pete Perryman know if lorries flout by taking registration numbers etc.



Formal thanks were given to Pete Perryman for coming. His number is 07720 638409 for people to call with any concerns.

1. Welcome & Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr M Haque due to work commitments and Clerk, Barbara Bland, due to family commitments.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members duly noted and accepted Cllr Haque's and Barbara's reasons for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

2a Declaration of Personal Interests
There was nothing to report.

2b Declaration of Prejudicial Interests
There was nothing to report.

3. Minutes of 28 & 29 January 2013

The Clerk had circulated Members by email minutes of the meeting held on 28th & 29th January 2013. Members agreed that the minutes were an accurate record and accepted as read.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members accepted the Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 28th & 29th January 2013.

4. Progress Reports (Committee/Councillor)

4.1 Village Hall Management Committee – Cllr F Lynch-Smith
Nothing to report.

4.2 Community Governor for Meriden C of E School – Cllr R Weaver
As reported in the Meriden Mag.

4.3 War Memorial – Cllr P Lee
Nothing to report.

4.4 Pool
Nothing to report.

4.5 Allotment Representative – Cllr M Lee
As discussed during public participation.

4.6 Footpaths/Forum – Cllr Lynch-Smith
Nothing to report.



4.7 Mining and Minerals Group – Cllr R Kipling

Meeting coming up to look at closing the group and sharing out funds. Issues for Meriden to be picked up with the new working group (see presentation by Mr P Perryman above).

4.8 Local Strategic Partnership – Cllr R Weaver

Meeting on Wednesday 27 February 2013, await feedback from Centro.

4.9 Solihull Area Committee – Chair & Cllr R Weaver

Next meeting is in April.

4.10 Tree Wardens – Cllr R Kipling

Nothing to report.

4.11 Community Surgeries – Clerk

Holistic approach to be considered by the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Bruce Brant, and his team to tackle all the highways and transport issues in the parish – ongoing.

4.12 Community Speed Watch - Cllr R Weaver

No dates yet from WM Police

4.13 HS2 – Cllr Lynch-Smith

SMBC working group cancelled on March 7th. Community forum has been set for March 6th 2013.

4.14 Birmingham Airport Extension & Flight Path Consultation

Comments please to Cllr Weaver

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr Weaver to respond to the consultation with comments received from members.

5. Oil Painting – Members to consider where this painting may reside – Cllr Kipling

To continue thinking where to put it

Cllr John Barber left meeting 8.45.

6. District and County Councillors' Reports for information.

(Items raised for decision will appear on the agenda for the next meeting)

Cllr Diccico did a piece in the Meriden mag encouraging more people to attend parish council meetings.

Concerns expressed to him re road construction affect on Meriden.

Budget meeting this week for council budget next year.



7. Correspondence & Communication for information only

Due to the Clerk's absence, deferred to next meeting.

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

The Clerk will send her next report to members when she returns.

9. Meriden Village Matters

9.1 To consider and review recent flooding issues

Severn Trent questionnaires and SMBC Flood Survey in the library and on the PC website.

9.2 To consider and receive update on three additional Dog Bins

See public participation above.

9.3 Alspath Community Centre Update

May be closing down at the end of March 2013. Cllr Diccico will find out for us. 40 pensioners use it 40 pensioners use would want elsewhere to use.

9.4 Library Update

IT WAS RESOLVED that the chair will contact Lawrence Osborne in early March for further information on the renovations.

10. Leys Lane

10.1 To receive and consider update of Allotment Holders Tenancy arrangements

Parish Council is still waiting to hear from Taylor Wimpey Homes.

10.2 To receive and consider update of Taylor Wimpey Development

Neil Pearson our planning consultant sent MPC comments on this and Eaves Green Lane application- Will be on MPC website. Signs are up on Eaves Green Lane to say SMBC will take legal action if site not vacated as agreed.

11. Meriden Sports Park

11.1 Update and consideration of Snagging & On-going Works

Still ongoing

11.2 Update on Solihull Property Services and consideration of Service Contracts



IT WAS RESOLVED that we adopt the SMBC Property Services contract.

12. Parish Council Newsletter Editorial Committee

Consider doing a newsletter for Easter. The parish council will need volunteers for delivery.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the chair would start a draft and email to members for more ideas.

13. Planning Matters

13.1 To receive update and status on Neighbourhood Planning Applications

Members have responded to the Clerk via email.

13.2 To consider ownership of plots of land in and around Meriden Village – Cllr Lynch-Smith

Ongoing

14. Finance

14.1 To approve recommendations made for Budget 2013/14

Members expressed their thanks to the Clerk for setting up new system and finance committee to finally agree recommendations.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the finance committee would agree the budget for 2013/14 when the Clerk returns.

14.2 To consider payments to be made

Salary costs

Contractors' costs

SMBC Property Services' costs for 6 months

IT WAS RESOLVED that all payments to be made.

15. Councillor's reports and items for future agenda

Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. Councillors are respectively reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

- The old Stars shop and its future.
- Which banks to be used for sale of playing fields proceeds.



16. Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting will be held on

Monday 25th March 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Solihull Council Flood Manager and Severn Trent update - March 6 2013 community meeting at the Village Hall from 7pm.

The meeting on 25th February 2013 closed at 9:18pm.

Chair :

Cllr M Lee

Date:
