

Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 27th February 2012 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present Rosie Weaver, Melanie Lee, Paul Lee, Bob Kipling, Mandy Haque, Frances Lynch-Smith and 3 members of the public

1. Apologies

Cllr David Bell

2. Declaration of Interest

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

None

3. Minutes

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 23rd January 2012, having been circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

None

5. Public participation

A member of the public asked for the Parish Council to consider providing a site that could be left for wild flowers to grow. Chair advised that this was something that the Parish Council would explore.

Resident also advised of meeting planned by allotment holders with Taylor Wimpey regarding allotments. Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council would not participate in the meeting as tenancy has been terminated.

Cllr Paul Lee confirmed that allotment holders have the full support of the Parish Council, however, the development at Leys Lane has no support.

A resident raised concern over flyposting and notices being displayed regarding parking restrictions. Resident is concerned that the information is misleading.

RESOLVED

Clerk to follow up and to contact resident

6. Correspondence and Communication

- 6.1 SMBC Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document – Chair will coordinate responses and submit Parish Council comments

- 6.2 SMBC Local Development Framework Consultation – Chair will submit comments on behalf of Parish Council
- 6.3 E-mail request from resident for allotment – Clerk to obtain advice from WALC
- 6.4 Various e-mails with DTZ regarding Sports Park
- 6.5 Maxstoke Lane Lettings Plan
- 6.6 E-mail from SMBC for details of any projects for 2012
- 6.7 Letter from SCH regarding removal of Oak Tree
- 6.8 E-mail confirming police surgery – 8th March 2012 at Pavilion 4pm to 5pm
- 6.9 E-mail query regarding Council Tax from resident

7. Receive Reports

- 7.1 Committee Member for Village Hall Management Committee - no meeting
- 7.2 Parish Council nominated Community Governor for Meriden C of E School - Chair attended meeting and advised of collocation of library to Meriden School. Chair provided an update of conversations with Head of Library Services. Agreed to invite Head of Library Services to Parish Council meeting
- 7.3 Committee Member for War Memorial - no update
- 7.4 Pool – no update
- 7.5 Allotment Representative – Clerk confirmed request by resident for an allotment.
- 7.6 Footpaths/Forum – no report
- 7.7 Mining and Minerals Group – no report
- 7.8 Local Strategic Partnership - no report
- 7.9 Solihull Area Committee – no meeting
- 7.10 Tree Wardens – To prepare a record of TPO trees
- 7.11 Parish Plan – no report
- 7.12 Community Surgery - no update
- 7.13 Community Speed Watch – no update
- 7.14 Sponsorships – Football Academy – progressing well

8. Village Matters

8.1 Meriden Sports Park – update

8.1.1 – Snagging – Cllr Melanie Lee confirmed that a meeting with DTZ has been arranged at the pavilion to deal with many issues.

8.1.2 Maintenance Contracts to include water testing – Chair confirmed that she has been through maintenance manuals and noted maintenance responsibilities to be undertaken routinely

RESOLVED

That Chair will follow up maintenance contracts

8.1.3 Update regarding cost detail submitted to SMBC – Clerk confirmed details of costs submitted to SMBC. Clerk has provided details for the last 2 years. We have received a payment from SMBC. It was confirmed that costs prior than the 2years have been reimbursed by SMBC

8.2.4 To consider annual maintenance contract with Mole catcher – It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting

8.2.5 Half term sports camp – Chair confirmed that this was once again successful and monies banked by Chair

8.2.6 Dog Control Order – Clerk explained the position. To consider cost and time involved

8.2 **Public Rights of Way – Update of Meeting with SMBC** - Clerk provided an update of the meeting. Agreed to remove the item from the Agenda due to concerns raised by residents at the Firs.

8.3 **Freedom of Information Request** – To consider request made – Clerk provided details of request and reply submitted. No further communication received

8.4 **Consultations - Local Development Framework – Publication of Draft Local Plan & Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document** – Dealt with above at item 6.1 &6.2

RESOLVED

Chair to submit responses on behalf of Parish Council

8.5 **WALC – Annual Briefing seminar – Sat 3rd March 2012** –confirmation of booking. Cllr Kipling gave his apologies

8.6 **Removal of Mature Oak Tree** – Clerk read out letter from SCH. It was felt that the tree should not be removed

RESOLVED

Clerk to submit a response

8.7 **Allotments** – Request for allotments by two residents. Also to consider letter received by allotment holders from Taylor Wimpey – dealt with during public participation and at item 6.3

8.8 **Leys Lane** – Update – Appeal and Public Inquiry – To consider and agree any further action to be taken

RESOLVED

To instruct Neil Pearce to represent the Parish Council

8.9 **HS2** - Update of e-mails – Chair confirmed details in the Meriden Mag and role of consultative committee. Exhibition to take place on 17th March 2012

8.10 **A45 – Condition of Road** – Clerk provided an update of e-mails with Tarmac

8.11 **Millisons Wood Nature Trail Community Day** – Saturday 25th February 2012 – This was attended by volunteers including Parish Councillors. Interpretation boards now in place.

8.12 **Pedestrian Crossing on Fillongley Road** – Clerk provided update of meeting with Highways Officer. Report to follow

8.13 **Olympic/Jubilee celebrations** – Plans are being developed for celebrations at the Sports Park to include a cricket match and sports activities

8.14 **Parking restrictions – Fairfield Rise/The Croft** – dealt with in public participation

9. Planning Matters

9.1 **2011/1990 - Walsh Hall, Walsh Lane, Meriden CV7 7JY** - Restoration of Garage block and change of use of existing store above to form a one bedroom dwelling

Comments: As long as the conditions detailed in the original planning permission are met, the Parish Council has no further comments

9.2 **2012/59 - Walsh Hall, Walsh Lane, Meriden CV7 7JY** - Listed Building application for the restoration of the triple garage block and change of use and conversion of existing store above to form a one bedroom dwelling

Comments:- As long as the conditions detailed in the original planning permission are met, the Parish Council has no further comments

9.3 **2012/61 - Meriden House, Church Lane, Meriden CV7 7HX** - Erect a single storey garden room extension between the Main Grade II listed house and the coach house

Comments:- The Parish Council queries the percentage increase of the original footprint. Is this more than 40%?

9.4 **2012/62 - Meriden House, Church Lane, Meriden CV7 7HX** - Listed Building consent to erect a single storey garden room extension between the Main Grade II listed house and the coach house

Comments:- The Parish Council queries the percentage increase of the original footprint. Is this more than 40%?

9.5 **2012/64 - Meriden Quarry, Cornets End Lane, Meriden CV7 7LG** - Extend time limit on approved planning application 2006/2064 (sand & gravel extraction, inert waste disposal, restoration to agriculture & nature conservation)

Comments:- Object. There is concern over the duration of the extension and its effect on Meriden i.e the number of lorries and the state and condition of the roads. The Parish Council requests that the wheel wash is reinstated due to the condition and state of the roads

9.6 **2012/132 - 4 Bonneville Close, Millisons Wood, CV5 9QH** - Garage conversion and new roof

Comments:- neighbour notification

9.7 **2011/1126 - Strawberry Bank Hotel and Restaurant, 72 Main Road Meriden CV7 7NF** - Listed Building Consent for planning application for the restoration of house to original form including the demolition of recent additions and the reinstatement of residential use, conversion of stable wing to single dwelling

Comments:- Object as there is concern over loss of employment in the Parish, concern that this is a loss of an amenity and also concern as to the future development of the site. The plans do not show the extent of the demolition and the whole use of the site

9.8 **2011/1933 - Barley Grove Kennels, Hollyberry End House, Harvest Hill Lane, Meriden CV7 7HW** - Conversion and extension of previous kennel building to form dwelling

Comments:- Object as this is inappropriate development of the Green Belt. Concern over lighting pollution and nuisance.

9.9 **2011/1965 - Strawberry Bank Hotel and Restaurant, 72 Main Road Meriden CV7 7NF** - Planning application for the restoration of house to original form including the demolition of recent additions and the reinstatement of residential use, conversion of stable wing to single dwelling

Comments:- Object as there is concern over loss of employment in the Parish, concern that this is a loss of an amenity and also concern as to the future development of the site. The plans do not show the extent of the demolition and the whole use of the site

10. Accounts

Accounts for Payment

1)	S.Kauser (reimburse –stamps/stationery)	£58.92
2)	S.Kauser – salary – based on 25 hours per week	£746.26
3)	West Midlands Pension Fund	£124.44
4)	HMRC (PAYE & NI)	£128.18
5)	Paul Jayes (playing fields)	£500.00
6)	Advanced Maintenance Services	£808.00
7)	B D Ball	no invoice received
8)	Wright Hassall Solicitors (advice allotments)	£invoice not yet rec'd

9)	Fortress (sports park)	£131.29
10)	Severn Trent Water (allotments)	£335.61
11)	Protec Engineering (Millisons Wood)	£1284.00
12)	BT (sports park) (paid 23/01/112)	£122.72
13)	Ms R Weaver (chairs allowance – paid 23/01/12)	£250.00
14)	Edge Designs (5 yr contract 5 th year)	£210.00
15)	BT (sports park)	£72.70
16)	WALC (annual briefing seminar booking)	£117.00

Note direct debit – television licence – playing fields	£24.25
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Note direct debit to Orange for Wireless – M.Lee	£18.00
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RESOLVED

That the above accounts are approved for payment.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting is the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 26th March 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Chair: _____

Date: _____