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Minutes of Meriden Parish Council Meeting held on 28th January 2013 at The Village Hall, Main Road, Meriden at 7.30 p.m. and reconvened on 29th January 2013 at The Pavilion, Meriden Sports Park at 7.00 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
Mrs B Bland Clerk

In attendance: Cllr Bell, Cllr Diccio and 52 members of the public.

Presentation by Mr N Thomas, Solihull MBC and Mr I Shaw, Severn Trent Water Authority

Re: recent flooding in Meriden Village including overview and update on drainage and maintenance, surface water run-off, volumes of discharges, ditches maintenance and future improvements.

Please refer to addendum attached to minutes.

1.Welcome & Apologies

The Chair welcomed Cllr John Barber and Cllr Matthew Nunn to the Parish Council. Apologies received from Cllr M Haque due to extended holiday absence.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members acknowledged Cllrs Barber and Nunn attending their first meeting; and duly noted and accepted Cllr Haque's reason for absence.

2.Declarations of Interest

2a Register of Interests

The Clerk circulated to Members new Declarations for completion and signature received from the Monitoring Officer as part on the ongoing review process.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members returned their completed Declarations to the Clerk for sending to the Monitoring Officer, at Solihull MBC.

2b Declaration of Personal Interests

There was nothing to report.

2c Declaration of Prejudicial Interests

There was nothing to report.

3.Minutes of 12 December 2012

The Clerk had circulated Members by email minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2012. 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 12th December 2012.

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
Nothing to report.

4.3 War Memorial – Cllr P Lee
Nothing to report.

Cyclists War Memorial

The Clerk reported a recent request for a new plaque to be put on the Cyclists War Memorial by Conservators of the Memorial. If the application is successful it is anticipated that the plaque will be unveiled at the annual Cyclist's service on Sunday 19th May 2013.

Cllr Kipling informed Members that the Clerk be requested to find the Government Department responsible for War Memorials, as previously the Parish Council had funded and commissioned Ralph Ledbrooke to carry out maintenance of the stone.

The Clerk further stated she had been in contact with the Cyclists War Memorial Conservators who have provided information that funds were raised by public subscription in 1919 and the memorial was dedicated in 1921. The responsibilities are held by four conservators-:

Keith Lewis, Secretary; Lewis Hall, British Cycling; David Herne, Coventry Cyclist Touring Club; and Harry Child, Birmingham Cyclist Touring Club.

Mr Lewis had confirmed that Mrs M Edwards, Clerk (2001) to Meriden Parish Council, successfully made an application to the Department for Culture and Sport (listed buildings) and is now a listed building grade II ref SP23928227 24 July 2001, and the cost of the alteration will be met by funds held by the conservators.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will source the relevant Government office with responsibility for War Memorials. The Clerk will confirm Members agreement to the planning application for the plaque to be altered to read "In memory of all cyclists who fought and died for their Country".

4.4 Pool

Cllr Weaver stated that as Neal Thomas, SHC Project Manager (Designate), Operational Services Manager & Drainage Team Manager, had confirmed Meriden Pool is Solihull's responsibility for maintenance and cleaning, we should seek written acknowledgement and confirmation of Solihull's responsibility to provide 6 weekly cleaning and ongoing care of Meriden Pool.



She further stated DWB commissioned a report at a cost of 10K for future development and the ongoing maintenance of Meriden Pool.

Cllr Kipling stated his disappointment that new planting had not been forthcoming since the pollarding and felling of Willow trees. This item will be discussed under cover of item 4.10.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will write to Mr Thomas requesting confirmation of Solihull's responsibility for the maintenance of Meriden Pool.

4.5 Allotment Representative – Cllr M Lee

Cllr M Lee reported that the Clerk had been in communication with Mr Adrian Clack of Taylor Wimpey regarding the temporary tenancy agreement for allotment holders. In principle agreement is reached for the Parish Council to take over the temporary tenancy arrangements however certain considerations are to be discussed at a meeting to be arranged week commencing 11th February 2013. The allotment holders will be meeting on 4th February 2013 and the Clerk will provide feedback for this meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will contact Mr Clack of Taylor Wimpey to arrange a meeting for further discussion.

4.6 Footpaths/Forum – Cllr Lynch-Smith

Nothing to report.

4.7 Mining and Minerals Group – Cllr R Kipling

The Clerk reported that Nick Atkins, Tarmac Estates Manager had now successfully put together membership for the re-formed Quarry Liaison Group.

The Clerk confirmed Cllr Bell had agreed to Chair the group, but there was a need to confirm Parish Councillor and Resident Representation. Cllr Weaver agreed to attend meetings, and the Clerk confirmed she had asked a resident to consider taking up a representative role. The Clerk confirmed the meetings will be held during the day and the venue will be The Pavilion on either a Monday or Thursday.

The Clerk further confirmed that Peter Perryman, Operations Manager, and Mark Ketcher, Director, of NRS Wastecare have agreed to present to the Parish Council on 25th February 2013. This is an opportunity to learn of existing and future operations by NRS Wastecare at Meriden Quarry including the change of use planning application for a Recycling Plant.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will liaise with Mr Atkins and confirm representatives for the Quarry Liaison Group. The Clerk will confirm arrangements for Messrs Perryman and Ketcher to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

4.8 Local Strategic Partnership – Cllr R Weaver

Nothing to report.

4.9 Solihull Area Committee – Chair & Cllr R Weaver



Cllr Weaver stated that the last meeting had been cancelled and there was nothing to report.

4.10 Tree Wardens – Cllr R Kipling

The Clerk shared with Members recent correspondence from Darren Parkin. Cllr Kipling read the following excerpt from emails sent to the Clerk:-

“As far as I am aware the pollarded Willows near Meriden Pond/Heart of England Club are not considered Solihull MBC trees therefore there are no plans for SMBC to plant anymore trees at this part of the area.

The felled Willow (on the side of the Pond site near to properties - i.e. 150 Main Rd etc.) was a Solihull MBC tree. However this tree appeared to be healthy specimen when it failed at its root plate. It almost certainly failed because the soil (in which it was rooted) became super-saturated (by extensive wet weather) & did not have the 'strength' to support the root systems of the tree during wet, windy weather. Clearly this specific part of the site is often wet (being immediately adjacent to the stream) therefore I have not yet suggested that this part of the site should be re-planted yet. I intend to wait & see if such conditions become prevailing - if they do the site would not (in my opinion) be suitable for a large tree species (which could fail in a similar manner in the future). If the site does not always appear to be prone to this issue then I will speak to my colleagues about further tree planting.

However please be advised: there is a single tree budget which pays for all Highway & Park tree works. The section that I work within must work within the constraints of this budget. Therefore if this budget comes under pressure the priority is always to pay for essential health & safety works first & foremost (before other works are considered). Having said all of this, it is possible for individuals or groups to sponsor suitable tree planting on Solihull MBC land & where possible Solihull MBC will work with partners to apply for external grants to pay for tree planting schemes.”

The Clerk is meeting with David Wigfield on 1st February regarding planning issues and at this meeting she will raise the concerns of no access to TPO data.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr Weaver has requested a copy of Darren Parkin's response to the Clerk. The Clerk is to forward Mr Parkin's email to all Members for their perusal. The Clerk will follow up access to up to date TPO data within Meriden Parish.

4.11 Community Surgeries – Clerk

The Clerk reported feedback from residents attending surgeries relate to issues of parking; obstruction to pedestrian walkways; increase heavy quarry traffic; the ongoing refuge works; Fillongley Road safety and crossing; parking and access for village shops; long term parking on Main Road, Meriden including overnight and weekends.

Members discussed and explored solutions for all above local issues including parking restrictions. Members also discussed writing to all businesses on The Village Green requesting their goodwill with parking issues.



The Clerk gave an overview of her actions to date with West Midlands Police, Tarmac, David Wilson Homes and the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will seek advice on parking restrictions and explore the introduction of parking permits. The Clerk will liaise with Highways regarding Fillongley Road. The Clerk is meeting Planning Officers regarding Meriden Quarry and restrictions of traffic accessing the Village on Friday 1st February and will report back.

4.12 Community Speed Watch - Cllr R Weaver

Cllr Weaver stated she will find out about the next training session for any interested volunteers to undertake training. Cllr Barber indicated his interest in receiving Speed Watch training and being part of the Community Speed Watch Team. Vehicle speeding through the village is recognised by all Members as an ongoing issue and Members are keen to reduce vehicle speeds.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr Weaver will find out the next speed watch training dates and report back. Cllr Barber will undertake training.

4.13 HS2 – Cllr Lynch-Smith

Nothing to report.

4.14 Birmingham Airport Extension & Flight Path Consultation Events - Meriden Village Hall

The Clerk reported that she had attended the first consultation event with Cllr Barber. The new northern flight path will affect residents in Millisons Wood. She suggested notification of the next consultation on 6th February be made to every household in Millisons Wood to raise awareness. The Clerk shared two publications of the proposed new routes, and airport expansion including new road layouts for A45 with Members.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will arrange for 6th February meeting notifications to be distributed to every household in Millisons Wood. Cllr Lynch-Smith agreed to assist with the distribution of leaflets.

5 .HS2 Compensation

Cllr Weaver presented to Members an update and response for Meriden Parish Council submission on HS2 Compensation Consultation. The Clerk had emailed Cllr Weaver's written response requesting Members to bring any amendments to the meeting so a formal response may be agreed and approved.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members unanimously approved Cllr Weaver's response on behalf of Meriden Parish Council and this would be submitted to meet the 31st January 2013 deadline with a copy sent to Caroline Spelman MP.

6. District and County Councillors' Reports for information. (Items raised for decision will appear on the agenda for the next meeting)



Cllr Bell reported he is to meet David Wigfield regarding the Quarry issues currently experienced by Meriden residents with the Clerk on Friday 1st February. He raised his own concerns regarding the potential of increased traffic and lorry movements between existing operations and the new Area G site to be restored with inert materials.

Cllr Bell informed Members that he had been presented with a petition from residents in order to get the crossing outside the GP surgery reinstated. Unfortunately an assessment had been undertaken recording traffic and pedestrian footfall, neither of which proved the need for a crossing, and the request had regrettably been declined.

Cllr Bell had nothing to report regarding the emptying of three new dog bins by Enterprise. It was suggested that Cllr Weaver raise this issue at the next SAC meeting to see what other Parish Councils are doing.

7. Correspondence & Communication for information only

The Clerk presented a folder of correspondence and communication received for Members perusal and attention. She asked Members to consider this new way of disseminating information and their feedback as this was a recommendation made at recent SLCC induction training she had attended.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will email and copy all correspondence to Members between meetings and provide a summary record sheet of circulations.

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

The Clerk presented to Members a Clerk's Actions summary sheet that may be used for monitoring and recording. This was an outcome of improved working practice at the recent SLCC induction training for new Clerks. Members unanimously agreed its usefulness and thanked the Clerk.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will produce a summary sheet of Clerk's Actions at each meeting. Members requested that the Clerk arrange for Clerk's Actions be posted on the website together with Parish Council meeting minutes for public scrutiny.

9. Meriden Village Matters

9.1 To consider and review recent flooding issues

Members acknowledged the excellent attendance of residents for the presentation by Neal Thomas, Solihull MBC and Ian Shaw, STWA, at the start of the meeting. A follow up meeting will be arranged and the Clerk will notify all residents of this date.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will liaise with Neal Thomas to arrange a follow up meeting to report back on his actions including camera survey of drainage.

9.2 To consider and review Flooding Survey 2012 (emailed and circulated to Members)



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Some residents have completed surveys and handed to the Clerk for process with Neal Thomas. Surveys will be provided to the Library for residents to complete who did not attend tonight's meeting. Ian Shaw, STWA, is to provide the Clerk with a survey recording flood issues.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will follow up with Solihull MBC and STWA to ensure surveys are available for residents.

9.3 To consider and receive update on three additional Dog Bins

The Clerk informed Members that she had received communication from David Tipping suggesting that any servicing of new dog bins to be added in the Parish of Meriden would be funded by the Parish Council. Members requested the Clerk to seek advice and find out how other Parish Councils serviced their dog bins. Cllr Weaver requested a copy of Mr Tipping's correspondence.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk to forward Mr Tipping's response to Cllr Weaver. The Clerk to ascertain from other Parish Councils how and who funds the servicing of Parish/Town dog bins.

9.4 Alspath Community Centre Update

Nothing to report.

9.5 Library Update

Cllr M Lee provided an update of the library meeting between the Chair, Clerk, Cllr Weaver and Cllr Lee with Cllr David Bell and Library Services head Tracey Cox and colleague David Reed. Refurbishment of the first floor was discussed as the parish council would like to pursue this and part-fund it if costs are reasonable. Tracey Cox later reported back that this needs to be pursued with Lawrence Osborne of SMBC.

Annual maintenance costs were discussed and the parish council requested that they pursue quotes with local contractors to see if savings could be made as well as for the refurbishment work.

From April 2013, libraries will open on Mondays and Thursdays between 10am and 6pm, losing the last opening hour from 6pm-7pm as library staff report that no one attends at this time. The parish council suggested 11am to 7pm but this was dismissed by SMBC and they suggested if we wanted to keep the library open till 7pm we should look for local volunteers to do provide this service.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Chair will contact Lawrence Osborne. Tracey Cox will investigate if there are any covenants with the library building.

10. **Leys Lane**

10.1 To receive and consider update of Allotment Holders Tenancy arrangements
The Clerk reported positive communication with Taylor Wimpey regarding the Tenancy arrangements for allotment holders. Adrian Clack raised concerns over allotment holders' safety when construction of the new housing development commences. The Clerk stated that a meeting was to be arranged with Mr Clack to agree the next steps of the process. Taylor Wimpey is seeking advice from their



Solicitors Evershed on any mitigation that may present itself with this arrangement for the future. Mr Clack is to provide an overlay plan of original footprint comprising reinstated allotments, car parking, storage and water pipe access. The allotment holders are meeting on 4th February 2013 and are keen to move forward.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will contact Mr Clack to provide a meeting date. The Clerk will update the allotment holders of recent discussions.

10.2 To receive and consider update of Taylor Wimpey Development

The Clerk stated that the planning application for reserved matters had been received for Members consideration. The Clerk further stated she had received large documents from Taylor Wimpey supporting this latest application. She further confirmed and email had been sent to Stuart Field of Barton Willmore of Members preferred option of layout planning for 36 new dwellings to be constructed. Members discussed the volume of information received and their desire to be supported by Neil Pearce of Avon Planning who represented the Parish Council at the Appeal Hearing in 2012.

It was agreed that Cllr M Lee contact Avon Planning for cost and availability to assist with this latest application. Cllr Kipling requested a conversation with Taylor Wimpey to secure s106 funding for improvements to village infrastructure.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr M Lee will contact Mr Pearce of Avon Planning to obtain cost and availability to represent Meriden Parish Council. The Clerk will explore s106 options with senior planners at her meeting on 1st February 2013.

10.3 To receive and consider update from Barton Willmore re. Woodland Ecological Report

The Clerk informed Members that she had brought to the attention of Adrian Clack, Director, Taylor Wimpey, the non receipt of the aforementioned report.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk would continue to monitor and obtain a copy of the report.

11. **Meriden Sports Park**

11.1 Update and consideration of Snagging & On-going Works

Cllr M Lee stated there were items outstanding on the original snagging schedule of works. The Clerk had been instrumental in bringing many items to conclusion however she is still working with John Shaw, DTZ, on outstanding issues. Members thanked the Clerk for her diligence.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk would continue liaising with John Shaw to bring outstanding snagging issues to conclusion.

11.2 Update of New Storage Facility

Cllr M Lee reported the new storage facility was complete with electric lighting and power now installed and working.

11.3 Update on Solihull Property Services and consideration of Service Contracts



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The Clerk informed Members that she is working with John Shaw to conclude discussion with Property Services to enable a Service Level Agreement and Schedule of Works plan for all maintenance and service inspections at The Pavilion. Due to the lack of confidence in Russell Electrical, John Shaw is negotiating all electrical service work to be included in an all encompassing SLA, with the exclusion of the security alarm system.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will continue working with John Shaw, DTZ, to finalise the Service Level Agreement with Solihull Property Services.

11.4 Update of emergency call-out arrangement

The Clerk updated Members on the security alarm system and call-out arrangements with Patrol Security Systems, which is now fully functioning with Red Care, Central Services and West Midlands Police.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members agreed emergency contacts in order of priority will be Chris Dean, Caretaker, Cllr Barber, Cllr P Lee, Clerk and Cllr Weaver. The Clerk will issue designated persons with the on-call emergency arrangements.

11.5 Help 4 Heroes - to consider the use of The Pavilion to support a Charity Bike Ride

The Clerk informed Members that a request had been received from Help4Heroes for a charity bike ride on 30th May 2013, to use the Pavilion as a "Pit Stop". A further request was made for a local historian to provide a talk about the Cyclists Memorial for participants. Members unanimously agreed to support this event and Members would be available on the day to act as stewards and provide assistance to participants.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will contact organisers and confirm arrangements.

12. **Parish Council Newsletter** To consider the formation of an Editorial Committee

Cllr M Lee suggested an Editorial Committee be formed to look at raising the profile of the Parish Newsletter and looking at editorial material. The Committee will be made up of Cllr M Lee, Cllr P Lee, Cllr R Weaver, Cllr F Lynch-Smith, Cllr J Barber and Cllr M Nunn.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members approved the formation of an Editorial Committee for the purposes of marketing, PR and the profile of Meriden Parish Council.

13. **Planning Matters**

13.1 To receive update and status on Neighbourhood Planning Applications

Members considered the following Parish Notifications for application numbers:-

2013/181 Cyclists War Memorial – alteration to plaque wording.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members considered this application and approve. The Clerk will complete and sign the Parish Notification offering no objection.

2013/5 Reserved Matters Leys Lane Development & Taylor Wimpey Homes



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IT WAS RESOLVED Members considered the supporting paperwork and the content of the reserved matters application. It was agreed that this matter would be referred to Neil Pearce, Avon Planning, for response. Cllr M Lee to brief Mr Pearce and invite to a meeting for the purpose of agreeing Meriden Parish Council's formal response.

2013/102 61 Letitia Avenue, Meriden Gate – rear ground floor extension to proposed new dwelling.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members considered this application and oppose any extension that detracts from the original build design. Cllr Weaver will respond on behalf of Meriden Parish Council.

2012/2019 High Firs – erection of wall and gates.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members considered this application and approve. The Clerk will complete and sign the Parish Notification offering no objection.

2013/48 Change of use of land to builders yard, Eaves Green, resubmission of planning application (2012/1315)

IT WAS RESOLVED Members considered the supporting paperwork and the resubmission of 2012/1315. It was agreed that this matter would be referred to Neil Pearce, Avon Planning, for response. Cllr M Lee to brief Mr Pearce and invite to a meeting for the purpose of agreeing Meriden Parish Council's formal response as per previous opposition statements.

13.2 To consider issue of Fillongley Road/Maxstoke Lane new road arrangement, Refuge and Update

The Clerk reported that this issue was on-going with Highways. A new survey will be undertaken upon completion of Meriden Gate, however residents remain unhappy that a controlled crossing has not been put in, but instead a new design layout of the centre refuge has been undertaken for pedestrian access which is considered not fit for purpose. This issue remains open and in process with Highways engineers and the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator to resolve a safe crossing for residents.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will continue with open channels of communication to all parties to conclude a solution for a safe crossing.

13.3 Jephson Midland Housing Association - to consider a rural exceptions development in Meriden on land adjacent to The Firs off Maxstoke Lane

Cllr Weaver informed Members of initial contact Jephson Housing have had with Solihull MBC, and Solihull's desire not to enter into further discussion until April 2013. However a suggestion has been made for communication to commence with the Parish Council regarding the development of housing for senior residents on land adjacent to The Firs. Members considered this request and stated this should be deferred due to the weight of development issues currently affecting Meriden Parish; inappropriate development in greenbelt and the visual design statement for more housing to be available for senior citizens. The Clerk reported that a resident had approached her to ask about this particular development in light of current issues in and around Maxstoke Lane. On this basis Members recommended an initial exploratory meeting be arranged with Jephson Housing to be brought up to date with



their plans and understand how this links to the Parish Plan 2009 for affordable housing and retirement dwellings, with a deferment to the next meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr Weaver will draft a letter for the Clerk to invite Jephson Housing to an exploratory meeting.

13.4 To consider ownership of plots of land in and around Meriden Village
Cllr Lynch-Smith updated Members on her earlier meeting with Lawrence Osborne on land ownership within Meriden Parish, with confirmation that for a fee of £50/year paid to Solihull MBC, any land owner may retain first pickings of a “land grab” on any land between Meriden and Solihull. There is a piece of work to be undertaken looking through planning applications and urban planning to reconcile ownership with potential developer. Cllr Lynch-Smith also brought to Members attention the maps, plans and historical land records in the Library archive and also in situ with a local historian with a recommendation for this archive to be sited for Parish Council use and to have an appropriate storage facility available for this historical archive for future generations.

IT WAS RESOLVED This item to be deferred to next meeting for consideration.

14. Finance

14.1 To consider (letter circulated to Members) Council Tax Base Full Cabinet Approval 20 December 2012)

Members acknowledged receipt of this letter and agreed its content.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will complete and sign the Precept acceptance on behalf of Members and return the completed paperwork to Anna Leggett, Legal Services, Solihull MBC.

14.2 To consider recommendations made for Budget 2013-14

The Clerk presented to Members new budget template to be used for the new financial year in line with Edge Software and financial recommendations from training sessions attended to bring finance up to date and to implement the use of computerised management information system. Members considered the Clerks recommendations and agreed delegated responsibility to Finance Committee, Cllr M Lee and Cllr R Weaver. It was agreed for the Finance Committee to meet outside of the Parish Council meeting review and revise the template and draft budget for financial year 2013-14.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will meet with the Finance Committee on Thursday 30th January 2013 at 2 p.m.

14.3 To consider payments to be made

The Clerk presented Members with an expenditure summary sheet for payment approval of January invoices.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members unanimously agreed expenditure summary sheet and approved payments.



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.

Cllr Kipling requested Oil Painting be put on the next meeting's agenda.

Cllrs M Lee and Cllr Weaver requested Finance Committee be included for the next meeting as Members have approved delegated powers to the Finance Committee for financial year 2013-14 budget .

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting will be held on

Monday 25th February 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Confidential Enclosure

17. To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items:-

17a Personnel issues

Members approved payment of Clerk's remuneration and expenses. Members also agreed to the registration and payment of the Clerk's professional development in undertaking CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration). The Clerk advised Members that pension contributions have commenced with a one off payment to West Midlands Local Government Pension Scheme backdating employer contributions to July 2012.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members unanimously approved Clerk's remuneration, sponsorship of professional development and backdated pension contributions to July 2012.

17b Tender issues

The Clerk presented to Members the evaluation of the tender process with recommendations for contracts to be awarded. Members discussed and approved the recommendations for 2013-14 contracts. The Clerk will advise Contractors of the outcome and invite to a meeting to discuss current and future arrangements. Cllr Weaver agreed to attend the Contractor meetings with the Clerk. Cllr Kipling requested a public record of thanks for the Clerks time in producing the evaluation of the tender process.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will notify Contractors of outcome and arrange individual meetings to outline revisions and contract expectations.

17c Solihull Auditors & Transfer of Sale Proceeds

Nothing to report.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.



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The meeting on 28th January 2013 closed at 10 p.m.

The reconvened meeting on 29th January closed at 9.10 p.m.

Chair : _____

Cllr M Lee

Date: _____