



**IT WAS RESOLVED:** Rent collection reminders to be sent out again.

#### 4.6 Footpaths/Forum

Cllr Lynch-Smith reported that David Kearney will send simplified OS maps with numbers of footpaths to her. Anyone can now buy a personalised OS map.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** Clerk will order the personalised OS map.

Also Assistant Rights of Way Officer has now closed the gap next to the stile that was giving access to motorcycles.

#### 4.7 Quarries Liaison Group

Cllr Weaver advised that the Clerk continued to liaise with Quarry Operators to reduce the volume of traffic accessing Meriden Village. It was further reported that David Lechmere, Principal Road Safety Engineer has confirmed signage for Hampton Lane restricting HGV traffic. There remains an issue with HGV traffic travelling through the Village from A45 Millisons Wood and A45 Maxstoke/Meriden. David Lechmere has emailed the Clerk indicating that Millisons Wood junction falls under Coventry City Council and Meriden/Maxstoke falls under North Warwickshire. After a period of enforcement monitoring this situation will be reviewed together with respective Councils.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** This issue would continue to be monitored with the Quarry Liaison Group and Quarry Operators.

#### 4.8 Solihull Area Committee

Cllr R Weaver is now Deputy Chair. Charter between Parish and Town Councils and SMBC has been presented to SMBC Scrutiny Committee. Some minor amendments to be done.

Updates were given on the welfare reforms, rural partnerships meeting, and HS2.

#### 4.10 Tree Wardens

Cllr Kipling unhappy to see the tree with preservation order to be chopped in Glovers Close.

#### 4.11 Community Surgeries

Bin outside post office and the Green issue was raised. Response from Streetcare - an audit of area will be undertaken. Bins on the green are still full on Sunday. Duck pond overflowing. Increased fly posting in village - anyone can remove them. Things will be removed. School fair still there.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** Clerk to reply to SMBC that we want a bigger bin outside the post office and formally request a review of schedule of street cleaning.

#### 4.12 Community Speed Watch

Cllr Weaver to email PC Grant re photo taking and further training dates.

#### 4.13 HS2

Cllr Lynch-Smith advised there were more people coming out against it. CBI have too. Parish Council response to EA consultation was sent in time.

**5. Oil Painting** – Members to consider where this painting may reside  
This item is deferred to next meeting.

**6. District and County Councillors' Reports** for information.

Cllr Bell advised there have been requests for help which were for local children to go to Meriden school as some children have been refused.

#### **7. Correspondence & Communication**

No correspondence to feedback

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

Clerks report will be next month

## **9. Meriden Village Matters**

### 9.1 Alspath Community Centre Update

Cllr M Lee reported that the planning application for 2 bungalows has gone in.

### 9.2 Library Update

Action from last meeting: Cllr M Lee will write to Head of Libraries as requested by Members.

### 9.3 Planting of Tree(s) & Naming of Hampton Grange Island for Coronation

Doreen Agutter sent some useful historical information re trees in Meriden.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** This will be forwarded to members to cross check if they match the trees suggested by SMBC.

### 9.4 Rural Cinema – Members to consider the introduction of the Rural Cinema Scheme to the Village Hall

An advert will appear in the Meriden Mag asking for a volunteer(s) to come forward.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** The clerk to write to the Rotary Club asking for their help in this initiative.

### 9.5 Village Commemoration for WW1

**IT WAS RESOLVED** The clerk will write to all groups in village to see if people want to organise something. Rotary will be asked if they want to be part of a steering group.

## **10. Leys Lane**

Nothing emerged on Leys Lane but an incident at Meriden Gate was raised. It was discussed that huge trailers entering Maxstoke Lane has caused an accident and also a near miss with a pedestrian with a white stick. It also ran over the footpath and the Green.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** Clerk to write to David Wilson Homes and SMBC

## **11. Meriden Sports Park**

### 11.1 Specialist works

**IT WAS RESOLVED** Council agreed Land U nit to do work weekly until we have 3 quotes. Cllr Jon Barber to source a third quote perhaps Barker Butts.

### Non-specialist works

Fans - an Independent assessment to be done

Block paving around gas meter to be done

Watering system under £1000 for Sports Park needed.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to spend up to this value on a watering system.

11.2 Formation of Meriden Sports Park Management Company sent to Companies House. Returned with a few queries. Meeting to be set up with Wright Hassall to sort these out.

11.3 Sports Park Patrol Alarms - will correct what needs to be done on CCTV system. For August agenda.

## **12. Parish Council Newsletter Editorial Committee**

No further action due to time constraints

### **13. Planning Matters**

13.1 Replies by email to all planning notifications sent to SMBC from members completed by clerk.

13.2 Cllr Weaver has written to Jephson Housing Association for a meeting but no reply to date.

13.3 Eaves Green Lane

Update sent out from Anne Brereton:

SMBC Members were updated on this matter by an information report to the meeting of Planning Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> July – a copy of which is attached for your reference. As you will see, good progress has been achieved on the restoration of the site and officers continue to pursue one last issue relating to topsoil and grass seeding. Legal advice is that there is no case for court action at this time. With regard to your list of issues, I respond to each in order, as follows :

#### Field

1. drainage pipes removed;
2. cabling and boxes removed;
3. sheds etc removed;
4. membrane/matting removed;
5. slabs and pallets etc removed;
6. scrap metal/waste from burnt caravans etc removed (except for some remaining rubbish in a skip awaiting removal);
7. domestic items removed;
8. no knowledge/evidence of buried items;
9. no foreign objects in pond;
10. replacement of gates would go beyond what can be required;
11. hedgerow replanting to be done when next planting season starts in the autumn;
12. post and rail fencing not required to be removed – not an inappropriate feature;
13. conifers removed;
14. roadside verges not within the injunction site;
15. ditto roadside ditches;
16. levelling and seeding works done – but more is being pursued through negotiation.

#### 'Yard'

17. majority of waste material removed, except for some timber in far corner, but much the same as what pre-existed on the site;
18. the fencing was lawful at the time it was erected and its removal cannot reasonably be required;

19. felled trees removed – replacements to be planted in the autumn;
20. electricity connection is for the relevant statutory undertaker to check (they were informed);
21. water connection – as above.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** There are concerns that topsoil not being put back so letter from MPC to be sent.

MPC opposed to further planning on this site. Cllr Bell to ask SMBC re using previous public enquiry reports on our behalf at the next public enquiry. It was agreed that this was the best use of public money as no new information would be added.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** Cllr Bell to ask SMBC to use MPC's previous public enquiry reports.

### **13. Finance**

13.1 It was too early to prepare payments as not all received for July. The finance committee has delegation to sign cheques for July 29 2013 payments.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** Finance committee to sign cheques end of July.

### **14. Councillor's reports and items for future agenda**

Oak tree on roundabout: has it a tree preservation order? If not, agreed to apply to put an order on.

Next agenda items

- Stars shop
- Survey on Fillongley Road foot traffic: SMBC have delayed it via the residents. But SMBC excluded us for discussion. MPC to write a formal letter of complaint.

### **16. Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 7.30pm. Venue: The Village Hall, Meriden.

Signed .....

Cllr M Lee  
Chair

Dated .....