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Minutes of Meriden Parish Council Meeting held on 24 March 2014
at The Pavilion, Meriden Sports Park, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr M Lee - Chair
Cllr R Kipling
Cllr P Lee
Cllr R Weaver
Cllr F Lynch-Smith
Cllr M Haque
Mrs B Bland - Clerk

In attendance two Berryfields Farm representatives to address planning application for a new dwelling within the existing farm complex. An overview was provided to include employer of 25 local people; family business; need to staff the farm 24/7; a new house needs to be built within farm complex with agricultural conditions attached as farm building. The farm has undergone expansion with the introduction of a farm shop, café and pig farm.

Cllr Kipling asked about size of property?

B/Fields – it will be a 2 storey family dwelling; a reasonably large house within its own land in keeping with other farm dwellings on complex. The new dwelling will be seen in front of existing farm buildings coming from Four Oaks but not of impact or intrusive to anyone's view with the landscape not affected as it will be set down in natural recess.

Cllr Kipling added his expectation of being in line with bungalow with no public right of way except for Manor Field footpaths only.

Cllr Haque reiterated the dwelling to be of similar size to existing farm properties?

B/Fields – The dwelling will be of modern design. The farm is looking to improve efficiencies with better farrowing houses as the land is not free draining and sows are on straw when gestating, in sheds all winter and out in the summer with sheds airing. The number of pigs, employees and expansion of farm shop/café it is quite an enterprise to run.

Cllr Kipling asked if there would be further expansion of the farm shop/café?

B/Fields – there are no plans to do this as space cannot be increased with restrictions on farm sheds; however another shed adjacent could be made available for future expansion.

Cllr Kipling raised concerns regarding increased volumes of traffic accessing farm shop/café from Berkswell Road, already considered dangerous to pedestrians as there is no dedicated footpath and if potential business expansion were to be considered this is a factor for consideration.



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B/Fields – take on board comments and identified need for cutting back hedges, maintaining sight boundaries along Berkswell Road, landowners undertaking responsibility to their property boundaries and growth ingression affecting width of Berkswell Road, particularly the overgrown trees on the banks which are becoming dangerous.

The Clerk was requested to speak with Bruce Brant, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator regarding a tidy up of hedges, identification of landowners, and a conversation with Highways to follow up a dedicated footpath for pedestrians.

The Chair thanked Berryfields Farm for attending, advising Members of their plans and providing an overview of their current enterprise.

1. Welcome & Apologies

Cllr M Lee opened the meeting. The Chair accepted apologies from Cllr Bell, Cllr Diccio, Cllr Nunn and Cllr Barber.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of 24th February 2014

Members had been circulated minutes of 24th February 2014 for consideration prior to meeting. Cllr P Lee proposed approval of minutes, seconded by Cllr Kipling.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members accepted minutes of 24th February 2014 as read.

4. Standing Order Review

This item is deferred to next meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members approved deferment to next meeting.

5. FINANCE

5.1 March Payments

Members received March payments for approval. The Clerk advised a transfer from base rate tracker account to Business account will be required via an electronic transfer.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members unanimously approved payments list and transfer request. The Chair signed payments notice and acknowledged transfer request.

5.2 Approve Annual Donation to 1st Meriden Scouts Group

The Clerk presented a request from the 1st Meriden Scouts Group regarding annual donation of £400; and a further request for new Union and St George flags to be purchased including painting of the flag pole.



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IT WAS RESOLVED Members unanimously approved a donation of £400 be made to 1st Meriden Scouts Group. The Clerk was requested to (i) obtain two quotations for new flags (ii) write to Mr Edwards, Treasurer, confirming donation and requesting he obtain a quotation for new flags.

5.3 Budget 2014-15

The Clerk circulated and presented the 2014-15 budgets for Members approval. The Finance Committee had met and minutes of that meeting had been circulated to Members explaining amendments to draft budget, together with budget justifications.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr Weaver proposed budget approval. Cllr Kipling seconded approval.

Cllr Weaver suggested a sum of money be identified and restricted for HS2 Heart of England Action Group and advised that Berkswell and Balsall Common PCs have appointed petitioning agents. Meriden cannot afford a petitioning agent however it would be appropriate to donate some funds towards Berkswell and Balsall Common who would include Meriden in their petition. Consideration was requested for the sum of 4-5K.

Cllr Kipling asked if a financially supporting Berkswell, Balsall Common and Hampton would make any difference to the outcome.

Cllr Weaver advised of the impact value against construction and congestion.

Cllr Lynch-Smith added that HS2 committee are unaware of local issues as all petitions are from London and there is a need to support Meriden issues and to work collaboratively making collective decisions.

Cllr P Lee stated that all Parish Councils should be pulling resources together collectively to fight local issues and proposes that Meriden Parish Council approve £5,000 contribution to cover Meriden issues within Berkswell and Balsall Common petition.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr P Lee proposed £5,000 contribution for HS2 petitioning. Members unanimously approved the proposal. Cllr Weaver will speak with Berkswell and Balsall Common Parish Councils.

5.4 Grant Thornton appointed external Auditor

The Clerk advised Members that Grant Thornton is the appointed external Auditor for financial year audit 2013-14 and deadline for annual return is 30 June 2014.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members approved Grant Thornton for external audit.



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5.4 Land Investment

This item is deferred to next meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members accepted deferment to next meeting.

6. Progress Reports

6.1 Village Hall Management Committee

Committee meeting 24th March 2014; nothing to report.

6.2 Community Governor for Meriden C of E School

Cllr Weaver reported Governor meeting on 19th March 2014. The Diocese is reviewing the Governing Body pending Ofsted. The school is advertising for a Community Governor. Cllr Lynch-Smith advised that she has called the school and emailed but has received no reply.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr Weaver will follow up with school.

6.3 War Memorials

Cllr M Lee reported that the current Mayor has requested an invitation to attend Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Weaver will speak with Rev Massey regarding Solihull invitations. A letter of invitation will be sent to Elaine Stevens, for the new Mayor or his deputy to attend the Cyclists Memorial Event on 19th May 2014.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr Weaver to liaise with Rev Massey regarding Solihull invitations.

6.4 Pool Tidy

Cllr Kipling asked about the broken trees and removal? The Clerk confirmed a call had been made to Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and Tree Officer for comment and action.

Cllr Lynch-Smith expressed concern regarding the deformed ducks a result of too much protein from vast quantities of bread being used as feed. Notices are requested to be displayed for "duck food" only. Cllr Weaver will raise this at Governors meeting for inclusion at school for children's information and learning.

Cllr Kipling stated the tree in the middle of pool needs pollarding due to disease. Additionally he advised that water is travelling down Berkswell Road from the Social Club as gully is broken. There have been no repairs carried out by SMBC and a wall has now collapsed.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will contact Neighbourhood Rangers and Co-ordinator regarding new signage and tree/branch removal. The Clerk will contact Harvey Street, who has taken over from Neal Thomas to action repairs to gully and drain to alleviate water run-off.



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6.5 Allotment Representative

The Clerk reported three residents answered the recent advertisement for potential allotment holders. All have accepted terms and chosen their plots. Tenancy Agreements will be issued by end of this week. This leaves one vacant plot.

6.6 Footpaths/Forum

Cllr Lynch-Smith reported she is still getting information and will have covered all in the near future, delayed as the weather has been so wet. Cllr Lloyd from Berkswell PC has also started checking and there is liaison between both. Cllr Lee suggested a footpaths folder be placed in the Library comprising photographs and maps of local walks for a Meriden Guide. Cllr P Lee suggested creating a PDF for website with a direct link that may be accessed on line.

6.7 Quarries Liaison Group

Cllr Weaver provided an update from recent Quarry Liaison meeting. There were lots of planning issues raised and David Wigfield was not in attendance to provide answers. Cornets End Lane is currently closed and will be strengthened and resurfaced early April. The diversion remains in place. Cllr Weaver praised the work of Lynn Parker, Meriden's resident representative on Quarry Liaison Group. The Clerk advised that in David Wigfield's absence a decision was made to hold an extraordinary meeting to review current planning permissions and conditions attached therein. There was also consideration of each planning permission being considered in isolation of others in place and this has an impact on the local community when relevant to vehicle movements. Area G is of grave concern and it is anticipated a new planning application will be forthcoming shortly.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members acknowledged the work of Mrs Parker and the Clerk.

6.8 Solihull Area Committee

Cllr Weaver advised of a questionnaire to be completed regarding the usefulness of SAC meetings with a deadline of 28th April 2014 and as she put this together with Brian Hannford-Brown, Chair of SAC, she requested a volunteer to complete on behalf of Meriden PC. Cllr M Lee said she would do this.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr M Lee will complete and return questionnaire by 28th April.

6.9 (i) Tree Warden

Nothing to report.

6.9(ii) TPO List

Cllr Lynch-Smith advised setting up a TPO list, map and photographs of each tree. The trees will be photographed seasonally; identified with TPOs and tagged accordingly. A folder should be created for the Parish Council to have recorded and accurate data. Cllr Lynch-Smith is in contact with a local Arboriculturalist and is requested to contact and price up the work required.



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IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr Lynch-Smith will report back at next meeting.

6.10 Community Surgeries

The Clerk reported that a Community Surgery held on 10th March 2014 with Bruce Brant received three members of the public who raised the following issues:-

- Highfield residents regarding reducing height of sycamore tree taking natural light and making properties cold. Also Apple and Cherry trees.
- Central hedge – contractors trimmed sides but not top – reduces sight line in centre of road.
- In front of bungalows there are open spaces and open porches which makes senior residents vulnerable to ASB. A call has been made to Community Housing without any assistance forthcoming.
- Fillongley Road – speeding traffic and increased HGV.
- Main Road – speeding traffic and increased HGV.
- Quarry traffic not adhering to signage.
- Leys Lane – (i) HGV and contractors accessing TWH site rutting verges and causing damage (ii) Hollywood Coaches using Leys Lane as cut through to and from Meriden School. Residents spoken with SMBC and have been told that although there is a restriction permission is given for coach as it is classed as public transport.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator will contact SMBC officers for actions.

6.11 Community Speed Watch

Nothing to report.

6.12 HS2

This item was covered under item 5.3.

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

The Clerk circulated by email to Members her actions since last meeting. There were no questions and the Chair expressed Members thanks and acknowledged content.

8. **District and County Councillors' Reports**

Nothing to report as no District Councillor present.

9. **Meriden Village Matters**

9.1(i) Library Update

Cllr M Lee advised the Conditions Survey meeting had taken place on 20th March. Copies of the condition survey were available for Member scrutiny. Hilary Holiday chaired the meeting and invited Brenda Hancox, Building Services and Asset Manager for SMBC to go through the condition survey and take questions.



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The stock condition survey generally covers a 5 year period with identified priorities committed to a 5 year priority programme of works. It became apparent that maintenance works should have commenced in 2012 and although not fully explained there was intimation of the uncertainty for Meriden Library's future at that time and scheduled work was deferred. The current situation is that the identified priorities in 2012 namely roof, damp course, guttering and down pipes be scheduled for September/October 2014 with Library closure; a preferred contractor and budgeted cost of 34K is identified. This was challenged by Cllr Bell and a request made by Meriden PC to tender for local contractors to undertake the work. Wayne Plant was to speak with procurement and report back. Priority two is the internal refurbishment to include a computer suite with connection to Solihull servers and internet browser with and increase to six PC stations. SMBC are working on the assumption that the PC will provide the funding for new computers.

Meriden PC representatives challenged priorities and advised more was required. Nothing had been provided for first floor strengthening to maximise use of building. It was considered the priorities identified by SMBC was not sufficient to increase resources to Meriden's community as reported in recent stakeholder feedback. There was also no provision for DDA modifications for inclusive use of floor space.

The conclusion is (i) Wayne Plant to speak with procurement and report back; (ii) Library Services Transition Development Officer is to liaise with the Clerk to develop a plan of local need; (iii) Wayne Plant to investigate Taylor Wimpey Homes financial support for a community Library project and report back; (iv) Brenda Hancox to further explore options of refurbishment to include first floor access in accordance with DDA regulations; (v) The Library was once Arden Cottage, a listed building and site of historical record in Meriden's conservation area and as such the Transition Development Officer is to liaise with the Clerk to secure Heritage Lottery Funding; (vi) Hilary Haliday to arrange a meeting for mid-May for update.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Chair, Cllr Bell, Cllr P Lee and the Clerk will continue to liaise with SMBC officers and keep Members updated.

9.1 (ii) Historic Panels
Nothing to report.

9.2 Village Commemoration WW1

The Chair advised the Working Group was well attended, represented and committed to the project. There will be a themed display in the Library window promoting the forthcoming events and centenary commemoration. All group representatives agree to sign a partnership agreement. Cllr Weaver and the Chair will be completing a funding application for Lottery Heritage to support the events programme. The next meeting of the working group will be 26th April 2014.



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IT WAS RESOLVED Members unanimously acknowledged and supported the working group.

9.3 Memorial Plaque

The Chair updated Members on this morning's event in the presence of the Mayor. There were 11 attendees with no Hunt family representation due to a family bereavement and work commitments. The unveiling was carried out by the Mayor and this went onto twitter and facebook with the Mayor posting his own message.

9.4 Meriden Gate

9.4(i) Alternative use of 10K playground funding

The Clerk reported on an email received from David Waterson requesting Members confirmation of approved project so a restricted funds agreement may be prepared.

- (i) Contribution to new Library computers & IT Suite.
- (ii) Pedestrian Crossing Fillongley Road.
- (iii) Creation of car parking bays on Birmingham Road.
- (iv) Financial contribution to Berkswell and Balsall Common PCs for HS2 petition.
- (v) Playground resurfacing.
- (vi) Cyclist's Memorial cleaning and maintenance.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members to forward any other ideas for community projects to the Clerk for final decision at next meeting. The Clerk to contact Secretary of The Bidlake Memorial Trust for financial support of cleaning restoration.

9.4(ii) Shared Space Urbanisation and Landscaping

The Clerk reported that Dick Woodward, Highways Engineer, had been out and spoken with residents. The shared space urbanisation concept is likely to be adopted across Solihull for new housing developments. A programme of works is underway with landscaping contractors. Mr Woodward has taken on board resident concerns regarding pedestrian v. vehicle access. The Clerk, on behalf of residents, had requested an on-site Highways meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will monitor and update Members accordingly.

9.5 Taylor Wimpey Development & Associated Works

The Clerk reported there was no further update. The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator is aware of on-going resident problems and all enquiries are being fielded directly to Taylor Wimpey Site management as part of SMBC/TWH Method Statement within planning conditions.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will liaise with Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and update Members accordingly.



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9.7 Ashley Prior meeting
Nothing to report.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will liaise with the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator to arrange further meeting with Mr Prior regarding highways issues.

9.8 Impact Survey

The Clerk reported there was no update as she was waiting for the outcome of the Extraordinary Quarry Liaison Group meeting on 3rd April 2014.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will report back to Members at next meeting.

9.9 Eaves Green Update

The Chair informed Members that a letter from Anne Brereton had been sent to Mr Bacon, RAID, on 10th March 2014 in response to queries raised regarding the programme of reinstatement.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members acknowledged receipt of response copied to Meriden PC.

9.10 Copse/Footpath

The Clerk advised she had met with David Kearney, SMBC Footpaths Officer regarding the copse and footpath. Packington Estate has confirmed in writing they have no objection to the PC taking ownership of both and confirm the historical value of this area being part of the old Fordrough owned by the Earls of Aylesford. The Parish Council wish to tidy up the copse, with potential for a bluebell wood and wildlife haven; and establish the footpath to connect with existing public footpaths and right of ways including a new gated entrance for public access directly onto footpath. Mr Kearney was delighted with this and will support the PC; however there will be the legalities to transfer ownership and register with Land Registry.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members acknowledged the Clerk's actions. The Clerk will process with Mr Kearney, Land Registry and Wright Hassall Solicitors.

10. Meriden Sports Park

10.1 Directors Update

Cllr Weaver advised Directors met on 18th March with CCLA Director of Investment in attendance to present a CCLA investment portfolio for capital investment of £1M. The Directors and Finance Committee recommend Member approval to transfer into an investment account to maximise benefit for new financial year. Members approved in principle with Finance Committee recommendation however Cllr Kipling was concerned about risk and protection. The Clerk circulated the presentation portfolio to Members with examples of interest and fund management within a Charities Investment Fund. Cllr Kipling expressed his concern and the Clerk invited him to call Heather Lamont, Director of Client Investment, in order to raise any



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questions direct and advise the Clerk accordingly. Cllr Weaver requested the Clerk forward the portfolio to Mark Askey, Finance Director, for his comments.

Handover meetings have been held with new contractors and all is in place for 1st April start. Cllr P Lee requested the return of keys and operating manuals from Solihull Property Services.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will contact David Waterson. Cllr Kipling will contact CCLA and advise the Clerk of outcome. The Clerk will send investment portfolio information to Mark Askey for comment.

10.2 Transfer of Freehold

The Clerk advised Members of David Waterson's request for the transfer of freehold to Meriden Sports Park Limited. Members approved commencing the process and requested the Clerk to instruct Wright Hassall Solicitors.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will advise David Waterson of Solicitors acting on behalf of Meriden Sports Park Limited.

10.3 Patrol Alarms CCTV

Cllr P Lee requested deferment to next meeting. A letter had been emailed late 21st March from David Waterson suggesting no recompense for upgrading system, however there was an overpayment and also installation of non specified equipment which he was addressing with David Wilson Homes. Cllr Lee suggested more time was needed to fully digest content, and consideration of system upgrade.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr P Lee will continue to monitor the situation. The Clerk will liaise with David Waterson for solution, however due to ill health, he will not return to work until end April to pursue and all enquiries should be made to Mike Swallow.

10.3 Packington Estate

The Clerk has written to Nick Barlow acknowledging letter and is waiting for the Estate's feedback after consulting with his Lordship regarding proposals.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will follow up with Nick Barlow.

10.4 Children's Play Area

The Clerk advised she, Cllr Weaver and Cllr Lee had met with Sovereign Play to gain a quotation for new surface to children's play area. A quotation is available for consideration however this item is deferred to next meeting. The Clerk was requested to speak with AMS for an updated quotation in line with artificial surface chosen. AMS is also invited to attend next Director's meeting to go through quotation and walk area.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk to request a revised quotation from AMS.



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11. Planning Matters

11.1 Neighbourhood Planning Applications update for Members.

2014/431 New	Fordson Farm Harvest Hill	Erect agricultural storage barn with associated access and driveway, new gates and flanking fencing (refused last year but smaller scale application).
2014/393 New	19 Bonneville Close, Millisons Wood	Single storey rear extension and single story side extension.
2014/364 New	Old School House, 200 Main Road, Meriden	Remove roots causing hazard to pedestrians on one horse chestnut tree
Notification via email from Mr D Chohan, SMBC Highways Engineer	Sainsburys Filling Station, Balsall Common	Alteration to existing carriageway markings for access to new petrol station in Balsall Common.
2013/994 Refused but gone to Secretary of State Appeal – deadline for comments 8 April	Pertemps Group Limited, Meriden Hall	New office building with basement parking on site of existing car park.
2014/112 Full Plans Approval	News Express	Variation of Condition 1 on 2013/1874 for fenestration alterations
2014/299 Waiting	6a Meriden Park Homes	Reduce height of hedge and trim away from property
2014/240 Waiting	23 Strawberry Fields	Change of Use to residential curtilage
2014/30 Waiting	Meriden Hall	Fell Yew, Ash, Pine. Remove damaged limbs from Oak & Ash
2014/192 PN AGRI APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED	Brailes Farm	Portal Frame Agricultural Building
2014/168 Waiting	Meriden Mobile Home Park	Removal of conditions 3 & 4 and variation conditions 1 on 2013/508
2014/167 Waiting	Meriden Mobile Home Park	Retain 2 ancillary storage sheds to 2 residential mobile homes
2013/2109 Full Plans Approval	Peastocking, Showell Lane	Retrospective roof extension and dormer window
2014/10 Waiting Please note email circulated 24/2 from Mr Marshall.	The Grange, Main Road	UPVC Doors Grade II bldg
2014/18 Approved	16 Grace Road	Single storey extension
2013/2028 Approved	Cornets End Quarry Jack Moody Ltd	Concrete Platform new composting plant
2013/2041 Withdrawn	6c Meriden Hall, Park Homes	Holly Bush removal
2013/1859 Waiting	Oak Mount, Windmill Lane, Balsall Common	Games Room & bedrooms extension

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will continue notifying Members of Parish Notifications for and recording comments on planning portal.



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11.2 Jephson Housing

Cllr Weaver gave feedback of a meeting held with Jephson Housing and SMBC Officers regarding development of Jephson land. A site layout and proposed plan was circulated to Members for consideration. The views of Members are mixed. Firstly it is positive given the identified need for appropriate housing for senior residents in the Parish Plan and Visual Design Statement; and the proposed layout was also favourable and not intrusive to greenbelt landscape; however it is negative due to the location of the proposed development site and the resistance to any future development within greenbelt irrespective of Solihull MBC's support with Rural Exceptions Policy due to need.

Secondly there was discussion regarding the identified rural exception site known as Meriden Caravan storage and adjoining land, Birmingham Road, for a small development that may comprise senior resident dwellings already identified in the Parish Plan, Visual Design Statement and Solihull Local Plan 2013.

To conclude Members requested the Clerk to write to Solihull MBC asking for their point of view on this land; also to request a map showing public footpaths and right of way and point of access to the Firs. We await receipt of the Census data comparing 2001 to 2011 for Meriden from Mark Collyer to analyse before commenting further.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will write to Jephson Housing advising of meeting outcome. The Clerk will write to Rachel Batts and Mark Collyer, SMBC, to gain comments. A further update will be provided at next meeting.

11.3 Horse Chestnut Tree

The Clerk circulated the independent report to Members. A Parish Notification had been received for the work to be carried out. It is noted that the report accompanying original planning application had been resubmitted. Members commented they would support work subject to the recommendations made in the Parish Council's independent report. The Clerk was instructed to forward a copy to the Conservation Officer and also provide a copy to the Village Hall Committee.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will contact Martin Saunders, Conservation Officer, emailing a copy of the report with Members comments; and arrange a copy of the report for Village Hall Committee.

12. **Parish Council Newsletter** Editorial Committee

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.



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15. Correspondence & Communication for information share only
Nothing to report.

16. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Monday 28th April 2014 at 19.30 hours at Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21.30

SignedCllr M Lee – Chair

Dated



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17. Confidential Matters

17.1 To consider and approve changes to Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

Employee

Changes to the LGPS will become effective from 1st April 2014 in accordance with LGPS briefing seminars recently attended by the Clerk. Basically there will be more flexibility offering more choice and the pension will build up in a new way. For each year in the new scheme employees will build up a pension based on their pay in that year. Every year an employee will get a pension that is equal to 49th of pay added into their pension account. Plus inflation increases so an employee's pension account keeps up with the cost of living.

For part time employees it will cost less as their contribution rate will be based on their part time pay instead of, as now, the full time equivalent.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members considered the above information; Cllr Kipling proposed approval, unanimously agreed by all Members present.

Employer

The employer's contributions for Meriden PC are detailed below and will apply from 1st April 2014. The contribution rate for 2014/15 and following two years is made up of two elements as follows:-

2014/15 Future service rate 21.1% plus past Service lump sum £200
2015/16 Ditto
2016/17 Ditto

The lump sum will be recovered in twelve monthly instalments spread over the course of the year.

The increase in the past service lump sum detailed above reflects an indexation of 4.35%. Past service deficit is being recovered over a maximum of 22 years. An invoice will be issued shortly for the past service deficit lump sum each year; this year the invoice will be issued in early April. The invoice will set out a payment plan for monthly instalments, and the first payment will be due 1 May 2014.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members considered the above information; Cllr Kipling proposed approval, unanimously agreed by all Members present.