



# Meriden Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Parish Council Meeting held on 20 October 2014 at The Pavilion, Meriden Sports Park at 7.30 p.m.

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr M Lee	Chair	ML
	Cllr R Weaver	Vice Chair	RW
	Cllr R Kipling		RK
	Cllr P Lee		PL
	Cllr F Lynch-Smith		FLS
	Cllr M Nunn		MN
	Cllr M Haque		MH
	Cllr J Barber		JB
	Mrs B Bland	Clerk	BB

In attendance: Cllr D Bell and Cllr K Allsopp.

There were 8 members of the public present and Mr Stan Ceney.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Mr Ceney and members of the public.

## 1. Guest Speaker

**Stan Ceney C. Eng F.I. Mech. E. Hon Research Fellow of the University of Wolverhampton, Presentation re. Planning proposal to develop sites of old Meriden Garage and Caravan Storage.**

- Mr Ceney presented his client's review to presentation of 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 including updated Design and Access Statement.
- The residential development of Meriden Garage and old caravan storage sites will now comprise 4 x 1-bed detached bungalows; 6 x 2-bed detached bungalows; 4 x 1-bed terraced bungalows.
- The current site is overgrown with fly tipping; there needs to be sensitive design with landscaping and materials in keeping with rural environment and existing Village architecture. The old garage site is full of Japanese knotweed weed and remains a brown field site and will require cleaning and making safe in accordance with health and safety requirements. Existing trees should be kept to minimise visual impact on neighbouring properties, with the use of solar panels and rainwater collection points to improve environmental energy emissions and recyclable energy.
- Mr Ceney answered the queries raised by the Clerk as follows:-
  - (i) Access to public footpath will be discussed with solicitor who has incorrectly advised current location and situation.
  - (ii) Purchase price will be circa £200,000.
  - (iii) The design and materials will suit the existing architecture of the village.
  - (iv) Landscaping will maintain boundaries and include new hedgerows and screening.

**Signed .....** Chair **Dated .....**

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- (v) Contract management will be present with contractor parking on site.
- (vi) Financial contribution via S106 will be discussed with planning officers.
- (vii) Site management for day to day operations will be shared with neighbouring properties and residents.
- (viii) The developer is happy to work with the Parish Council in selecting an agent to sell properties and requested names if Members had a preference.

- RK asked about the different styles of existing properties and village architecture.
- SC stated that the development is for cost homes and architecture will be sympathetic with other styles of properties in the village. There will be further discussion with SMBC planning officers.
- A resident stated his opposition to this development in greenbelt and questioned the Parish Council support.
- ML replied that this site is identified in the Visual Design Statement that had local consultation and was adopted in 2011; the site could be identified as a rural exception site by SMBC as long as it is developed for the benefit of senior residents or young families.
- A resident stated that it is private land and as such SMBC cannot dictate the market; previous planning permissions have expired for this site and the land should be left as greenbelt.
- RW advised that we can stipulate over 55's development and place controls on it.
- A resident replied that the Visual Design Statement was not the opinion of the village.
- PL replied that full consultation and survey of the village was undertaken with all residents prior to any Design Statement being adopted.
- A resident stated that outline planning permission had been refused for flats.
- ML stated this was going back 10 years and since then a Design Statement had been adopted with every house leafleted for residents to make their views known.
- FLS stated that £200,000 was a high price for a terraced one bed property and would there be a range?
- Raj stated that the range would be £175-200,000.
- RW advised all attendees that this was a democratic half hour for the public to participate; the Parish Council had not made a decision and there were still identified issues to resolve such as over 55's housing, meeting the housing needs of the village, increased population to one third being children and one third being seniors, and the national shortfall of housing specifically not enough bungalows for older people.
- A resident said there had been enough recent development in the village namely 87 dwellings on Meriden Gate and 40 dwellings on Mulberry Gardens.
- ML replied that Leys Lane (Mulberry Gardens) had been opposed and SMBC did not put this site back into greenbelt designation thus the Secretary of State

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upheld the appeal irrespective of changed need identified in Visual Design Statement and Parish Plan.

- RK suggested that Jephson would want to build on their land behind the Firs and expressed concerns that development would 'creep' into the Meriden Gap greenbelt.
- KA stated that he had supported the flats; the current proposal would be a cleanup exercise; the land is currently being used for fly tipping and is an eyesore.
- Raj replied that SMBC had already identified this land in Solihull's Local Plan adopted in 2013.
- KA stated that even in greenbelt this site has rural exception.

The Chair thanked Mr Ceney and Mr Dhanda.

- A resident asked about Meriden Pool and what was happening with the planned programme of works.
- RW read out a letter received from SMBC advising households of works and shared a plan of drainage improvements. The Clerk confirmed a public meeting had been requested to bring residents up to date prior to work commencing. It was considered the suggested improvements were different to those expected from Neal Thomas's last meeting.
- A resident stated that the regular maintenance was not forthcoming?
- ML advised that funding had been secured; everything had been put in place; deep camera investigative work had been carried out; harvesting had delayed the programme of works; there had been a delay due to changeover of staff and the loss of Neal Thomas and Oliver Monk from the Highways Drainage Team.
- A resident expressed concerns over the public footpath to be reinstated between the new proposed development on Birmingham Road and Maxstoke Lane specifically around security
- RK stated that this issue is long overdue to resolve and the footpath is a designated public right of way. He queries Mr Ceney's layout plan and asked if the footpath had to go through the site?
- KA replied that whilst the footpath is ideal to access bus stops it does not suit residents needs.
- RK stated that the footpath may be re-routed and this should be considered with advice being taken from SMBC. More work was required and the Clerk will organise a site visit with Mr Keaney, SMBC footpaths officer and report back on options.
- DAB stated he will action the above and set up a meeting for himself, Parish Council representatives and the Clerk with David Keaney.
- A resident asked about Strawberry Fields footpath.

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- RW said the Clerk and FLS had done a lot of work with Land Registry and the Packington Estate including the local historian. The Clerk continues to work with SMBC, Packington Estate and Land Registry for title and to conclude this matter of bridleway transfer.

The Chair thanked Mr Ceney and Mr Dhanda for their attendance and they left the meeting; the Chair said members of the public were welcome to stay for full Council business and thanked them for their attendance.

## **2. Welcome & Apologies**

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed District Councillors and Members. Apologies received from Cllr Diccico.

## **3. Declarations of Interest**

3a To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature. There was nothing to declare.

3b To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature. There was nothing to declare.

## **4. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 were considered and agreed.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** Members approved the minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 and the Chair signed.

### Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

## **5. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Review**

The Clerk had circulated draft financial regulations for Members consideration prior to the meeting highlighting the new WALC regulations for adoption and updated content to include e-banking. RW recommended Members approval and acknowledged the Clerk's work, seconded by Cllr Kipling.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** Members adopted and approved the financial regulations on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 signed by the Chair; with a review date of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

## **6. Finance**

### **6.1 Approve October Payments**

Members received payments for approval. Cllr Kipling proposed payments are approved.

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**IT WAS RESOLVED** Members approved October payments.

## 6.2 St Laurence Church

RW advised that she, Cllr Lynch-Smith and the Clerk had met with Church representatives regarding their recent request for a donation of £2,000 towards graveyard maintenance. The meeting explored options of financial assistance, external funding and bid writing, value for money and having a joined up approach working with Parish Council contractors. Cllr Lynch-Smith is assisting with TPOs and tree work required. The Church has since revised their request and wish consideration to be given to a donation of £1,000. It is also noted that they have not written to the Parish Council to receive financial support since 2011.

RW proposed a donation of £1,000 be awarded to St Laurence Church.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** Members approved £1,000 donation is made to St Laurence Church.

## 7. **Progress Reports**

### 7.1 Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Lynch-Smith reported that 53 residents attended the recent film night out of maximum occupancy of 60 and with sale of refreshments cost was covered. A donation of £150 has been received for next one planned for January 2015. Bookings are doing well; major works required to roof.

### 7.2 Community Governor for Meriden C of E School

Cllr R Weaver reported that she was undertaking some benchmarking work underway with Head Teacher. Ofsted inspection confirmed for Tuesday and Wednesday this week with outcome known next week.

### 7.3 War Memorials

Cllr P Lee advised road closures agreed and notices will be displayed for 9<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Day Service with Marshalls in place. Ralph Ledbrooke cannot clean the Memorial and it needs cleaning. Cllr Kipling will speak with Bob Hurton. Cllr Lee advised he will speak with War Memorial Committee should funding be required; he also reported yellow seepage coming from Cyclist's Memorial and requested the Clerk to speak with Robertson's who carried out cleaning earlier in the year to look into it. The War Memorial has been registered on the National Register.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** The Clerk is requested to contact Robertson's Memorials.

### 7.4 Meriden Pool

Cllr Lynch-Smith advised she continues to give out duck food. The signs require replacing.

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7.5 Allotments – Cllr M Lee & Clerk  
Nothing to report.

7.6 Footpaths/Forum  
Cllr Lynch-Smith reported that she has been out with secateurs cutting back the odd hazard. SMBC have directed their approval as there is no funding for maintenance.

7.7 Quarries Liaison Group  
The Clerk advised the next meeting will be 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

7.8 Solihull Area Committee  
Cllr R Weaver advised the next meeting will be 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 at Cheswick Green and the meeting are open to Councillors and Clerks.

7.9 Tree Wardens & TPO List  
Cllr Lynch-Smith advised that Meriden Rotary Club have invited Charles Harrison to next meeting with a view to providing an overview of his recent work with Meriden Parish Council producing a TPO list. SMBC suggested other Parish Councils would be interested in this work and so the Clerk has circulated invitations to local Parish and Town Councils to attend the evening at a cost of £16/head at The Manor Hotel on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

7.10 Community Surgeries – Clerk  
Community Surgery held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014:-

- Leys Lane residents re. lack of response for solution to parking and new footpath and possible bollards?
- Bruce Brant was to speak to highways but await feedback.
- Request for weight restriction currently 7.5 tonnes but want dropped to 2 tonnes as lane being used as short cut by Pettifors.
- Request for speed restriction.
- Overgrown hedges and unsightly weeds on corner of Leymere Close that is regularly ignored but now causing sight line problems when approaching bend in Leys Lane.
- Digby Place signage is working
- Update from Cllr Allsopp that he has personally spoken with the Manager at the Manor Hotel regarding car parking on Main Road. The Manor has opened up their grassed area as overflow when hosting events to release pressure of on-site parking.
- Darlaston Court remains problem with overflow parking. SMBC looking into it and Cllr Allsopp to chase Highways for survey that Ed Bradford had undertaken.

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- Cllr Allsopp is to chase Bruce Brant regarding the proposed bollards to Fillongley Road re vehicle obstruction to footpaths when visiting café.
- Update from Library for tentative 4-6 week closure of services for ICT suite refurbishment in December 2014.
- Maxstoke Lane residents concerns regarding recent Neighbourhood Watch/Residents Association meeting with feelings that Maxstoke Lane should be included as they are affected by anti social behaviour too. Cllr Allsopp will raise at next meeting.
- Update required re unlawful occupancy of field for caravan storage. Cllr Allsopp to see how far Planning Officers are with enforcement notice.
- Concerns regarding the opening of footpath that has not been used for 22 years with view that it will be used as a rat run and extensive work is required to enable this footpath to be used as secure walkway to and from bus stop.
- Street lights remain not working after being in situ for 14 months. One street light is known to have no mains connection? What is hold up?
- Landscaping works well underway but concerns still raised over permanent safety structure around drainage drop.

A request was made to clean off gateway signage.

Cllr Allsopp suggested the safest route for village is for Pettifors articulated vehicles to use Leys Lane. Cllr Kipling replied that there was a lack of enforcement by SMBC.

Cllr Lynch-Smith requested what is happening with the M6 services access route for emergency vehicles that is becoming custom and practice for hauliers to cut through bringing them onto Fillongley Road and through the village. The matter will be referred to Sgt Hurst.

### 7.11 Community Speed Watch

Cllr Barber advised that Freddie is away so now speed watch training had been arranged. Volunteers are required. Cllr Weaver stated she had a list of volunteers to contact to see if still interested.

### 7.12 HS2

Cllr Weaver advised that a new working party meeting date is awaited.

### 7.13 Meriden Sports Park (quarterly summary only)

Cllr Weaver advised Directors had met in September.

The Company set up is back with Solicitors due to Charities Commission returning Charity application form asking for a re-application due to company set up. Cllr Barber advised Meriden Rovers football teams are doing well.

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A winter league has been requested with Lawn Tennis Association for regular matches throughout the winter; portable lights are being considered. St John's FC won 6-4 and has been very successful. The recent WW1 Commemoration game between Meriden Spartans and Royal Corps of Signals was enjoyable but with minimal local spectator support. A request has been made for a horticulture group to use Pavilion for meetings with a view to improving the Neighbourhood in Bloom Best Village; volunteers are required.

## **8. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk circulated Clerk's Actions to Members before meeting; there were no questions.

## **9. District and Ward Councillor Reports**

Cllr Bell had nothing to report.

Cllr Allsopp advised the enforcement notice being served for unlawful occupancy of caravan storage site.

## **10. Correspondence & Communication**

The Clerk shared the following:-

10.1 NHS Trust consultation – given to Cllr Weaver.

10.2 Ashley Mills email wishing to provide a May Day event for the village of Meriden - Cllr Lee advised the Clerk to invite to next WW1 steering group meeting to see how this may be tied into WW1 events.

10.3 Heart of England Way – given to Cllr Lynch-Smith.

10.4 The Mayor's invitation to Remembrance Sunday – given to Cllr Lynch-Smith.

10.5 Alan Lole & Tree of Thought – Indemnity Insurance to be provided by Parish Council.

## **11. Meriden Village Matters**

11.1 Library Update

The Clerk advised that Wayne Plant had updated as follows in line with Members issues raised at July's meeting:-

- He has talked to Librarians and no particular issues raised regarding accessibility;
- However access is being considered entering from side of building, removing side window, replacing with door for wheelchair access. Planning permission will be required and the cost is not covered within programme of maintenance. A portable ramp will continue to be used until DDA requirements are identified.
- Two PCs will be located at front of Library and where training is required the ramp will be used.
- Privacy screens will be included in IT suite but the proposed layout remains as previously as it is considered the best layout for training purposes.
- It is likely external works will begin January 2015.

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- The internal refurbishment is delayed and agreement reached on removal of books, closure of service and mobile alternative put in place.
- Wayne Plant and Kate Bunting will be attending Council meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November to update Members.

## 11.2 Historic Panel of buildings of interest to display on wall by Library – Cllr M Lee.

This item is deferred. Cllr Lynch-Smith advised that she has found somewhere in Coventry that is able to provide acrylic boards required to attach to listed building, and will recreate old photographs.

## 11.3 Village Commemoration WW1

Cllr M Lee advised that events to date have been successful and a programme of forthcoming events is available on WW1 website throughout the year; she further advised that the Meriden in 1914 display will be sited in the Village Hall together with refreshments after the St Laurence Church Remembrance Day service on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014. A request had been made by Rev Massey for a Parish Council representative to read the lesson on the day for the service. Cllr Lynch-Smith was asked but she will accept the Mayor's invitation to attend Solihull Borough Remembrance Day service on behalf of the Parish Council. Members thanked Cllr Lynch-Smith.

Cllr Lee advised the Imperial War Museum trip was Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November with 15 tickets remaining. Anyone interested should contact Cllr P Lee.

Cllr P Lee proposed the Parish Council purchase three ceramic poppies from the Tower of London display. Members considered and approved one each for St Laurence Church, Meriden School and the Parish Council.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** Cllr P Lee will purchase three ceramic poppies at £25 each plus £5.95 postage and packing.

## 11.4 Meriden Gate

Cllr Nunn advised that there had been excellent attendance at the recent Neighbourhood Watch meeting, with police and Bromford Housing present. Bromford Housing had funded a 'safe life' scheme and this was being rolled out to Leys Lane too. The meeting was a success with greater awareness of things happening.

Cllr Kipling stated that Bromford have a responsibility to avoid similar incidences repeating themselves; the Meriden Gate incident was a 'major' incident that has generated greater police presence in the village. There was a breach of tenancy and it is their role to enforce with Court action. More effort is required by residents to report everything so police may step up their presence.

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Cllr Nunn replied that the police are doing what they can with the crime rate decreasing in September. Richard Olive and Neil Palmer are co-ordinating the Neighbourhood Watch for Meriden Gate.

Cllr Nunn further reported the 'swift action' by BDW to secure private land as travellers were moved on from Water Orton and reports of travellers being seen on Meriden Gate.

Cllr Nunn further raised concerns regarding the balancing pond security fencing. The Clerk responded that BDW had erected a permanent secure fence and this was to be checked out to see if fit for purpose.

#### 11.4(i)Overage

Cllr M Lee advised that approval was required for the Parish Council to accept overage as detailed in DTZ and SMBC correspondence. The Clerk had sent a letter to David Waterson and Mike Swallow outlining outstanding issues. A meeting is needed to conclude the matter and agree final settlement. This matter is held over to November's meeting; meanwhile the Clerk will liaise with Messrs Waterson and Swallow.

There is also the matter of freehold transfer of Meriden Sports Park to resolve and agree.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** The Clerk to organise a meeting with Messrs Waterson and Swallow.

#### 11.5 Taylor Wimpey & Associated S106 Works

The Clerk provided an update regarding the 330K plus investment to Meriden community relating to the public open space and balancing pond. Within the S106 agreement for Leys Lane, 25K is agreed for public transport improvements that will include the filling in of the lay-by, moving the bus stop to lay-by, reinstating pedestrian walkway, supply and install of new bus shelter.

The Clerk further advised SMBC declined to adopt the POS due to maintenance sustainability; the Parish Council had also declined and therefore the maintenance will be carried out by a private contractor paid for by the residents of the new Mulberry Gardens development. Cllr Bell is to investigate further.

#### 11.6 Highways Update

The Clerk has emailed Harvey Speed/Ed Bradford for an update regarding drainage improvements to have been carried out in August 2014. A letter has been circulated to residents with an outline plan of work to commence on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

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This was shared will all present. A public meeting is to be requested for officers to speak to residents regarding the technical aspects of the drainage improvement works.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** The Clerk will contact Messrs Speed and Bradford to arrange a public meeting prior to work commencing.

### 11.7 Land Registry & Ownership

Cllr M Lee advised the Clerk and Cllr Lynch-Smith had undertaken this work and continued to make progress with ownership complexities. The Clerk had especially spent many hours working with Packington Estate, Solicitors, SMBC Corporate team Land Registry and local Historia for title of Copse and footpath (old bridleway), and this remains an ongoing process.

### 11.8 St Laurence Church

An invitation has been received from Rev Kate Massey for the Parish Council to take part in the Christmas tree festival. Members proposed Cllr Weaver to create a Christmas tree with a WW1 theme. Cllr Haque said she would lend a hand if available to do so.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** Cllr Weaver will create the Parish Council Christmas tree for this years Festival.

### 12. Parish Council Newsletter Editorial Committee

The deadline for inclusions to the Meriden Mag is 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014; there will be no additional pages purchased this year for tender process as contractor awards were made for a 2 year period 2014-2016.

### 13. Planning Matters

13.1 To receive update and status on Planning Applications

2014/1559 Waiting	Hollyberry Cottage, Harvest Hill Lane	Change of use to land to keep horses and the permanent provision of stables.
2014/1332 L/B Extension Approval	94 Main Road Meriden	Listed building consent to demolish existing 1960s lean to kitchen extension and erection of new kitchen/dining room extension.

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2014/1116 Permission Refused	Pertemps Meriden Hall Main Road, Meriden	2 storey office extension to the rear with single storey plant room to the rear and single storey glazed link.
2014/1117 Permission Refused	Pertemps Meriden Hall Main Road, Meriden	Listed building consent for 2 storey office extension to the rear with single storey plant room to the rear and single storey glazed link to hall.
2014/1072 Waiting	The Wain House Main Road Meriden	Listed building consent for a glass room.
2014/865 Waiting	The Wain House Main Road Meriden	Erect a glass room.
2014/578 Full Plans Approval 30-09-14	High Ash Farm, Lodge Green Lane	Erect a livestock building.
2014/574 Full Plans Approval 30-09-14	High Ash Farm, Lodge Green Lane	Erect an agricultural workers dwelling house.
2014/431 Application Withdrawn 29-09-14	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).
2013/994 Awaiting Appeal Secretary of State	Pertemps Group Limited, Meriden Hall	New office building with basement parking on site of existing car park.

### 13.2 Pertemps

RW reported the positive outcome and her attendance representing residents and Parish Council in their opposition of 2014/1116 and 2014/1117. She acknowledged the work of Avon Planning Consultant Neil Pearce in his preparation of presentation delivered by Cllr Weaver to the Planning Committee who seemed unaware of some of the issues raised. The applications went to the vote with a 5:4 in favour of refusing planning permission; however it is likely this will go to appeal.

Residents from Meriden Park Homes and Berkswell Road acknowledged the work of the Parish Council and unanimously recorded their thanks.

13.3 To receive update on Jephson Housing Association – Cllr R Weaver  
There was nothing to report.

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## 13.4 Neighbourhood Plan

RW advised the first meeting was held with Kirkwells, the Chair and Clerk on 1<sup>st</sup> October and the Neighbourhood Plan has started. An action plan is prepared with timelines to achieve actions; an expression of interest and letter of designation is being prepared for SMBC officer Sarah James, neighbourhood plan named officer. Display boards will be put together for Meriden School Christmas Fayre to engage residents as to what they want. The next meeting will be 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** Cllr Lee, Cllr Weaver and the Clerk will continue to work through the process.

## 13.5 Land behind Caravan Storage & Meriden Garage, Birmingham Road

The Clerk advised the following received from Mr Wigfield on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and circulated to Councillors:-

“Dear All – just to update you, I can now confirm that an enforcement notice against the above unauthorised use has been issued today. If no appeal is lodged, the notice will take effect on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and require compliance within 12 weeks of that date.”

**IT WAS RESOLVED** The Clerk will to continue monitoring with David Wigfield.

## 13.6 Land for Burial

Cllr Lynch-Smith reported that there was 4 years capacity remaining at St Laurence Church graveyard and the Church is not looking for land to extend with old graves being re-used. Further options are to be explored particularly around the top field.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** Cllr Lynch-Smith will continue to explore options.

## 13.7 Daw Mill

Nothing to report.

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

There were no items raised and the Chair requested Members email the Clerk with future agenda items they wish included.

## 15. **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 19.30 at The Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21.28 hours.

Signed ..... Chair Dated .....

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