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Minutes of Meriden Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 22 October 2012 at The Village Hall, Main Road, Meriden. The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Present:	Cllr Mrs M Lee	Chair
	Cllr Mr R Kipling	Vice Chair
	Cllr Mr P Lee	
	Cllr Mrs M Haque	
	Mrs B Bland	Clerk

Cllr D Bell was in attendance.

1.Presentation by Tarmac re. Meriden Quarries

Mr Nick Atkins, Estates Manager and Mr Richard Frost, District Operations Manager, Meriden Quarry presented an update of Tarmac's operations at Meriden Quarry. Please see presentation attached for ease of reference covering four areas for discussion:-

- (i) Meriden Quarry Complex
- (ii) Vehicle Movements
- (iii) Tarmac Operations going forwards
- (iv) Question & Answer session

There is a new management team in place for Meriden Quarry. Liaison meetings have been attempted for all major partners to form a Liaison Committee with appropriate representation from Tarmac, UK Coal, Packington Estates, NRS, Coleman and representatives from local Parish Councils, Residents Groups, County Councillors and responsible Officers. The purpose of this group would be to undertake actions, influence decision making process, keep public informed and provide two-way information flow. It should be noted that Tarmac has no influence of other partners with operations at Meriden Quarry.

The offices at Tarmac are about to be handed back to UK Coal for rent to another operator before year end 2012. Tarmac/LaFarge concrete building, water plant and dry store will be up for sale.

Vehicle movements from Meriden Quarry come from Coleman Plant, infill and recycling operator, who is a tenant of either Packington Estate or UK Coal, and is a separate venture to Tarmac operations. Former quarry workings are a tripartite partnership with Packington Estate, UK Coal and Tarmac. When extraction ceases Tarmac's agreement is to hand back to UK Coal or Packington Estate to undertake infill. NRS Wastecare provides infill material from colliery spoil and inert waste, and provides an aggregate recycling operation. NRS is a tenant of Packington Estate and UK Coal outside of any links with Tarmac operations. Tarmac will be losing responsibility with operations moving to NRS being overseen by Packington Estate and UK Coal providing a supply of aggregates.

Mr Atkins confirmed that Operator's vehicle movements make up the following percentages of traffic:-



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Colemans	7%
NRS Wastecare	68%
Tarmac Quarry external	17%
Tarmac Quarry internal	n/a
Concrete (Tarmac SPV)	5%
Dry Silo Mortar (TBP)	3%

There is an on-site wheel wash as all HGV movements leave quarry site. It is a control for quarry traffic only with Tarmac having no responsibility or rights over operators Coleman and NRS Wastecare vehicle movements.

Mr Atkins informed Members that the Landfill Directive urges operators to facilitate more recycling on existing quarry, landfill, and sand and gravel sites. Under the European Directive any recycling operation is linked to the life of the quarry so the facility may be withdrawn once the licence has expired.

Cllr Kipling asked about the recent planning application for change of use to a recycling facility and was this linked to the extension of the site licence for a further 15 years that had recently been granted? Mr Atkins replied that he did not know enough about the application to comment on this recent application. Mr Atkins did confirm that the recent planning application granted an extension of 15 years for sand and gravel extraction with two conveyor runs. He confirmed that there were three applications currently in process (i) an extension of a further 15 years, which he confirms is granted, (ii) new mineral extraction site, and (iii) change of use for recycling operation. (Please see site plans attached from Tarmac presentation). He further confirmed that Tarmac will infill quarry with inert wastes for the restoration of the site to pasture as part of the Section 106 with Packington Estate as landowner, UK Coal, Tarmac and Solihull MBC. It should also be noted that as part of the Section 106, Tarmac pay Solihull MBC £4,000 per annum as a contribution towards highway maintenance and repair.

Cllr M Lee asked Mr Atkins about the site entrances from Hampton Lane, explaining the way they have been left and visually they are overgrown, untidy and with hedgerows that need reinstating. Mr Atkins agreed that both he and Richard Frost had driven around the quarry area and had noticed these gateways. They were shocked and not happy with what they saw and assured Cllr M Lee that this matter was in process with all haste.

Cllr Bell asked about the interchange section with Packington Estate? Richard Frost replied that Tarmac had separated themselves from this issue. Mr Frost further commented that as previously stated the reinstatement of a formal Liaison Committee which operate very well at other Tarmac quarry sites, representing all subsidiaries, partners, Parish, District and County Council officers meeting on a six monthly basis would be beneficial to the sustainable future of local operations.

Cllr Haque stated that she had been enlightened by the presentation and knew more about the quarry operations than she had previously and thanked both Mr Atkins and Mr Frost.



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She further asked how many local residents were employed by the quarry operators; if there were employment opportunities in the future how do local residents hear of job vacancies, and how many people are employed and from where do they travel? Mr Atkins and Mr Frost responded that there were only seven employees now as operations had reduced and these staff travelled from Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Tamworth. Any employment opportunities would be advertised in local press.

Cllr Bell asked what materials would be coming into the site for recycling? Mr Atkins and Mr Frost responded that materials would be made up from construction waste, hardcore, soil, rocks and site demolition. All this material would be sorted for infill or recycling, and if recycled would produce a type one material for roads/highways.

Cllr Kipling stated there were serious concerns about vehicle movements, increased traffic, noise, dirt, dust, wildlife and future restoration to pasture/greenbelt? Mr Atkins stated that all these concerns would be taken back to operators. The money that is being provided for Solihull for attention to all of the above, needs outlining by Highways and questions asked what they are using this money for? Mr Atkins looks forward to hosting a site visit for Members when the site may be walked and a visual explanation provided. Mr Atkins agreed with Members request that this visit be a Saturday morning to maximise their attendance. Cllr Kipling further stated that he has observed hauliers Bartletts and HD Ricketts not giving consideration to the local community when entering the roadway/lane network to quarry site. Mr Frost said he would be happy to have names, vehicle registrations phoned/emailed through to him and he will give warnings and bans to any driver not observing site licence conditions when using the approach road network and entering the quarry.

Cllr M Lee thanked Mr Atkins and Mr Frost for their presentation, their time and looking forward to building up a mutually beneficial liaison group with Parish Council representation in the near future. Cllr Bell echoed his thanks and said it had been most informative. He further stated he looked forward to the reinstatement of the Sands and Minerals Group.

The presentation finished at 20.15. Mr Atkins and Mr Frost left the meeting.

2.Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr R Weaver due to ill health and Cllr F Lynch-Smith.

3.Declarations of Interest

Nothing declared by Members.

4.Minutes of 25 June , 20 August 2012 and 24 September

Members agreed that the minutes of meetings held on 25 June, 20 August and 24 September were an accurate record and accepted as read.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members accepted the above Minutes.

5.Matters Arising

Members noted that all matters arising were included as Agenda items.



6. Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Cllr Bell endorsed Tarmac's suggestion for a Liaison Group to be set up with representation from local authority officers, Councillors and Parish Councils. He further confirmed that it would be useful and good practice for the "Sands Committee" to be reinstated.

Cllr Kipling informed the meeting that recent planning notification received by the Clerk was proposing change of use to a Recycling Plant. He raised concern that this proposal was not in line with original planning permission granted on land to be restored and returned to pasture as part of green belt policy.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr Bell would liaise with officers regarding the Sands Committee; and Tarmac would be speaking with other Operators at Meriden Quarry to establish a Community Liaison Group. The Clerk was instructed to gain an extension for Parish Councillors response.

7. Correspondence & Communication

7.1 Meriden War Memorial Joint Committee meeting

Cllr P Lee updated the meeting in line with the content of the Minutes of the meeting he attended. The Memorial has been assessed and it is noted major structural work will be required in the future. Cllr P Lee will action a thorough assessment and obtain a quotation for work to be undertaken. The Memorial needs cleaning and in places re-pointing. Cleaning will be undertaken prior to Remembrance Day Service in November with the re-pointing to be included as part of the future schedule of works quotation. The figure of Christ also needs cleaning and future re-painting which will be included in the quotation for future schedule of works. External funding will be required for structural work and the War Memorial Trust is to be contacted.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr P Lee will source an onsite assessment and quotation. The Joint Committee will organise cleaning of the Memorial and contact the War Memorial Trust.

7.2 Centro re. Bus routes in Meriden Village review of routes

The Clerk informed the meeting of her contact with Mr Steven Hayes from Centro regarding the many complaints received from residents regarding the 900 and 82 bus routes. Mr Hayes was attending the Rural Partnership Forum to present information for forthcoming rural consultation for bus routes. He wishes the participation of residents who use public transport to provide feedback to enable routes for 2013 to be meeting rural community needs. The Clerk has agreed to facilitate questionnaires in key locations throughout the Village and to promote the consultation through Parish Council website, Parish Newsletter and Meriden Magazine.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk will continue to monitor and provide updates.



7.3 Davinder Chohan Highway Services re. Lowering of curb for disabled accessibility

The Clerk informed Members that recent correspondence has suggested this work is on a schedule of works but funding in this financial year is committed and work will not be undertaken until April 2013.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk will continue to monitor and progress with Mr Chohan and Highway Services.

7.4 David Wigfield re. Meriden Quarry & Nick Atkins, Tarmac

Further to Tarmac's earlier presentation, the Clerk presented to the meeting recent correspondence for two further planning applications received for Meriden Quarry; one detailing change of use. As the planning applications had only been made available on the day of the meeting, Members requested an extension to provide a full and detailed response, particularly in light of the earlier presentation by Tarmac relating to Meriden Quarry current and future operations.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members requested the Clerk to contact Mr David Wigfield, Planning and Conservation Manager, Solihull MBC, for the purpose of agreeing an extension to the deadline for response to the planning applications. Cllr Kipling accepted to take away available documents on behalf of Meriden Parish Council. The Clerk will notify Members of outcome and draft a Parish response for approval.

7.5 Taylor Wimpey

A letter had been received dated 12 October 2012 in reply to Parish Council letter of 26 September 2012 enclosing a copy of the Unilateral Undertaking which details the enhancements to the allotments to be implemented along with the obligation for Taylor Wimpey to offer the allotments to the Parish Council following the enhancement scheme.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members requested the Clerk to take advice from the Parish Solicitor, Wright Hassall.

7.6 Heart of England Way Association

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had received the Heart of England Way Walks programme for 2013 together with an invitation to attend an Annual Lunch in January 2013.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would forward to Cllr Lynch-Smith in her capacity as Footpaths Officer.

8. Co-option of New Councillors

8.1 Nominations

No applications/nominations had been received. The Clerk informed Members that one applicant had contacted her to ask what was happening. The Chair confirmed no applications had been received.



IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr M Lee would contact the applicant and request application to be re-sent to the Chair and Clerk. Members agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

9 & 10. Tenders 2013-2014

10.1 Process

The Clerk presented to the meeting a revised tender schedule and timeline for Members comments. In principle Members agreed with content but requested the Clerk to circulate an electronic copy so they may peruse and add any further comments. Cllr P Lee discussed the merits of Land Unit continuing their contract once warranty/aftercare expires in August 2013 and for this to be included too. He further asked the Clerk if any schedule of works had been received from John Shaw in order to obtain a quotation for a maintenance contract, which the Clerk replied an email request had been made but no response received.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk email Members with the tender schedule with any further comments being received by 2nd November. The Clerk was also instructed to contact John Shaw DTZ and request a Schedule of Works to obtain a quotation from Land Unit.

10.2 Timeline

The Clerk informed Members that the tender process will be completed by 17 December 2012.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk will ensure the tender process is achieved.

10.3 Meriden Magazine deadline for inclusion 05 November & Public availability 01 December.

Members acknowledged the deadline and would ensure all comments for the tender framework would be sent to the clerk by 02 November.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk would liaise with the editors of the Meriden Magazine and ensure the tender document is sent by 05 November.

11.Code of Conduct

11.1 New Complaints Procedure

The Clerk circulated to Members Solihull MBC recommendation for the introduction of new procedures for dealing with complaints about Councillors and for dealing with Hearings emphasising the role of the Monitoring Officer to try and resolve complaints informally.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr R Kipling proposed accepting new Complaints Procedure and Cllr P Lee seconded proposal. New Complaints Procedure is thus adopted.

12.Localism Act

12.1 Dispensation Request & Procedure Guide for Parish Council

The Clerk circulated to Members Solihull MBC recommendation for the new template to be adopted.



IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr R Kipling proposed accepting Dispensation Request & Procedure Guide for Parish Councils and Cllr P Lee seconded proposal. New template for Member's dispensation is thus adopted. The Clerk will email Members with new template for completion.

13. Meriden Library

13.1 Update

There was no update on recent Library survey and proposed reduction in opening times.

13.2 First Floor Strengthening Costs

Cllr M Lee informed Members she had received initial costs for the first floor strengthening. The amount disclosed is 12K. It was unclear how much more work is needed to bring the Library up to full capacity with the first floor being fit for purpose.

Cllr P Lee proposed accepting this quotation and for Meriden Parish Council to match fund 50% of the 12K cost of refurbishment so works may get underway without any further delay. Cllr M Lee would speak with Ms T Cox, Head of Library Services and make the offer.

Cllr Bell stated he was uncertain if this quotation covered all of the work required and would find out prior to match funding being committed as it was unclear what 50% of refurbishment could be. Cllr Bell further commented that Meriden residents must use the Library more and suggested using the Parish Newsletter and Meriden Magazine to get the message out.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr M Lee will contact Ms T Cox. In principle Members agreed a contribution of the refurbishment costs subject to cost of works being confirmed. Cllr M Lee to write a paragraph for the Parish Newsletter and Meriden Magazine as per Cllr Bell's recommendation.

14. Alspath Community Centre

Cllr Bell informed the Members he attended a meeting regarding future use of the Community Centre. Cllr Bell stated that discussion referred to the potential use of the land for community housing with a couple of bungalows on the site.

Members raised concerns that Cameo, SSAFA Forces Help Support Group and Bingo would lose their meeting venue and base. Members and Cllr Bell explored options for future meeting venues being the Village Hall, Sports Park or once the Library first floor refurbishment is completed, perhaps the meeting room could be reinstated for community use. Cllr Bell stated there was no immediate hurry or timeline that was being worked towards.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr Bell to keep Members informed of developments.

15. Leys Lane

15.1 Allotments

Recent correspondence received from Taylor Wimpey by the Clerk had been circulated to Members on 27 September.



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The letter advises Taylor Wimpey's intention to enter into new Tenancy Agreements with allotment holders in line with the notice to terminate served on the Parish Council. Members discussed how best to protect the allotment holders for the future.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk is requested to take advice from Wright Hassall, Solicitor to the Parish Council to explore options prior to responding to Taylor Wimpey and the allotment holders.

15.2 Development

This is on-going and we await further communication from Taylor Wimpey.

IT WAS RESOLVED that this situation will be monitored and information circulated to Members when received.

16. Receive Reports

16.1 Committee Member for Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr F Lynch-Smith was not in attendance therefore there was nothing to report.

16.2 Parish Council nominated Community Governor for Meriden C of E School

Cllr R Weaver was not in attendance therefore there was nothing to report.

16.3 Committee Member for War Memorial

Cllr P Lee refers to agenda item 7.1 regarding the informal meeting of the Joint War Memorial Committee.

16.4 Pool

There was nothing to report.

16.5 Allotment Representative

Cllr M Lee refers to agenda item 15.1. There was nothing further to report.

16.6 Footpaths/Forum

Cllr Lynch-Smith was not in attendance and therefore there was nothing to report.

16.7 Mining and Minerals Group – Cllr R Kipling

Cllr Kipling reinforced his concerns about the latest planning applications specifically for change of use to a recycling operation. Cllr Kipling refers to agenda item 1 regarding the presentation by Tarmac Estates Manager, Nick Atkins and Regional Operational Manager, Richard Frost. He further refers to agenda items 7.4 and 18.1.

16.8 Local Strategic Partnership

Cllr R Weaver was not in attendance however Cllr M Lee noted that the Clerk had been in contact with the Partnership Co-ordinator regarding Centro and proposed bus routes for 2013. Cllr M Lee refers to agenda item 7.2.

16.9 Solihull Area Committee

Cllr Weaver was not in attendance and therefore there was nothing to report.



16.10 Tree Wardens

Cllr P Lee asked the Clerk if she had a response from Planning Officers regarding a list of Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs). The Clerk responded by reading the response from David Wigfield stating that a revised system exists which is no longer paper based but electronic and not for public access. The information that the Clerk sent to David Wigfield requesting confirmation of the Parish Council TPO list has come back with a "likely to be out of date" comment. Cllr P Lee requested the information be released under The Freedom of Information Act. Cllr Bell suggested the Clerk write again to David Wigfield. Cllr P Lee requested the Clerk to action obtaining up to date information under Freedom of Information.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members instructed the Clerk to formally request a current list of TPO's under The Freedom of Information Act.

16.11 Community Surgeries

The Clerk informed Members that concerns and complaints had been raised at the Community Surgery on 10th September as follows:

- Bus routes 900 and 82 – rural connection to Balsall Common and Knowle in line with post operative appointments with OT and Physio clinics.
- Pedestrian crossing from Maxstoke Lane to shops across Fillongley Road.
- Café parking – blocking pedestrian footpaths, parking on pavements and yellow lines causing obstructions.
- Emptying of bins.
- Development of Meriden Gate and increased traffic.
- Access to Sports Park for mobility scooters and wheelchairs – Firs residents would like to watch football/cricket/children playing but difficult to cross roads.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk would follow up and process all issues with the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and Community Policing Team.

16.12 Community Speed Watch

Cllr Weaver was not in attendance and therefore there was nothing to report.

16.13 HS2

Cllr Lynch-Smith was not in attendance and therefore there was nothing to report.

17. Meriden Sports Park

17.1 October half term Activity Programme

The half term sports camps had started that morning.

17.2 Football Update

Football contracts need to be reviewed, amended and sent out to football teams for 2012/13 season. An invoice needs to be raised for the new season. Keys for access to Pavilion and new storage facility need to be cut and issued to designated persons.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members requested that the Clerk action.



17.3 Tennis Update

There were 8-10 regular attendees each week. Feedback is good and currently the Coach is looking at extending the sessions for the remainder of this year.

17.4 Snagging & On-going works

Cllr M Lee informed the meeting that this remains an on-going item. Items outstanding continue to be chased up by John Shaw and David Wilson Homes. A meeting had taken place with John Shaw, DTZ and Mike Swallow, Solihull MBC, Cllr M Lee and Cllr P Lee, who advised Solihull's Auditors would be sending a letter to the Parish Council regarding the transfer of funds currently being held until completion of snagging/rectification of Pavilion. The Clerk confirmed that she had received said letter from Auditors that morning (i.e. 22 October 2012).

IT WAS RESOLVED This situation would be monitored by Cllr M Lee, Cllr P Lee and the Clerk.

17.5 New Storage Facility

It is anticipated that handover will be by weekending 26 October 2012. Land Unit have completed works to path and reinstated grass. Contractor Daly & Co has finished build and are currently cleaning car park. Daly's container will be removed imminently; as soon as keys are handed over then Solihull's container will be emptied and removed too.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will be the contact point for Daly and Solihull MBC handover and liaise with all relevant parties to facilitate this action.

17.6 Solihull Property Services

Cllr P Lee informed the meeting that a formal proposal had now been received from Solihull Property Services and his recommendation is for Members to accept this proposal for a 12 month contract for service and maintenance of The Pavilion.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr P Lee proposed the contract be accepted. Cllr M Haque seconded this proposal. The Clerk would action and contact Solihull Property Services to confirm acceptance.

18.Planning Matters

18.1 The Clerk presented to the meeting the following planning notifications received for members' response:-

Application No. 2012/1518 – Hillwood Cottage, Kinwalsey Lane, Meriden.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk would complete Parish Council Notification with no observations and request a copy of the decision notice.

Application No. 2012/1595 – 10 Daytona Drive, Millisons Wood

IT WAS RESOLVED – The Clerk would complete Parish Council Notification requesting referral to previous response to applications 2007/1324 and 2012/661 and request a copy of the decision made.



Application No. 2012/1632 – 7 Olympus Close, Millisons Wood

IT WAS RESOLVED – The Clerk would complete Parish Council Notification with no observations and request a copy of the decision notice.

Application No. 2012/1443 – Members acknowledged tree preservation order approval dated 19 October 2012 for the felling of an Ash Tree in front garden.

Application No. 2012/1477 – Oak House, Back Lane, Meriden

IT WAS RESOLVED – The Clerk would complete Parish Council Notification with no observations and request a copy of the decision notice.

Application No. 2012/1507 – Rock Farm, Back Lane, Meriden

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk would complete Parish Council Notification with no observations and request a copy of the decision notice.

Application No. 2012/1607 - Tarmac vary condition 7 on Planning Application 1987/2730

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk would complete Parish Council Notification with no observations and request a copy of the decision notice.

Application No. 2012/1201- Tarmac Change of Use to Recycling Facility

The Parish Council oppose this application based on Meriden Gap and Green Belt Policy; roadway networks and increased HGV traffic affecting village; future use of site when mineral extraction complete; restoration and return to pasture/grazing, as conditions set out in previous planning permissions.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will contact Mr David Wigfield, Planning and Conservation Manager, Solihull MBC, requesting an extension for the Parish Council may consider its response and draft a letter of opposition.

18.2 Update of Eaves Green Lane

Cllr M Lee stated there was nothing further to report. There had been no response to the Parish Council letter dated 30 September 2012 other than an email from David Wigfield stating that should we wish to respond further he would consider all response that arrive with him by 5th October.

IT WAS RESOLVED That this issue will continue to be monitored.

18.3 Ownership of Plots of Land in and around Meriden Village

Cllr F Lynch-Smith was not in attendance to comment on this item.

18.4 Lay-by Closure Hampton Lane

The Clerk had notified the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator that the outcome of the consultation was to oppose the closure of the lay-by.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Neighbourhood Coordinator for Meriden Ward would write back to Packington Estates advising of Meriden Parish Council's decision.



19.Finance

19.1 Payments

A schedule of payments was presented to Members for their approval, attached for ease of reference.

IT WAS RESOLVED that payment be made to all suppliers listed on the attached schedule for October.

19.2 Private & Confidential Enclosure

The Clerk circulated details of salaries, Chair's allowance and expenses for approval.

IT WAS RESOLVED that payment be approved for staff payroll, Chair's allowance and expenses.

19.3 Funding Applications & Donations

(i) Brownies

The Clerk advised no application had been received and this item would be deferred to the next meeting.

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

(ii) Meriden War Memorial

The Clerk advised this item was deferred to this meeting for the purpose of approving a donation for the sum of £100.00. Please refer to Parish Council meeting minutes dated 23 July 2012.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members requested the Clerk raise a cheque for the sum of £100.00 .

19.4 Barclays Bank

The Clerk informed Members that she and Cllr Weaver had met with Barclays Bank regarding bank charges incurred, transfer of funds, obtaining copies of bank statements for the last financial year, high interest investment accounts and outsourcing of payroll.

The Clerk confirmed that the new mandate was now set up and operating, and Cllr Kipling was asked to sign off all payments and cheques with Cllr M Lee under the new mandate.

19.5 Outsourcing of Payroll

The Clerk informed Members that this had been brought to her attention by Edge Finance. The Clerk advised that the cost of this service is £52/annum plus VAT for up to five employees.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr Kipling proposed the outsourcing of payroll and this was seconded by Cllr P Lee. The Clerk will liaise with Barclays to enable a smooth transition of the payroll process for Barclays to manage by year end.



20. Birmingham Airport

The Clerk provided an update from the Consultation Group Forum on runway extension and re-routing of flight path. There was no significant change other than the proposed flight paths are presented to the CAA for approval. If these routes are approved by CAA then there will be no direct affect on Meriden Village. The Clerk awaits notification of next meeting and confirms proposed public consultation will take place sometime in December.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk continues attending Forum meetings as a representative of Meriden Parish Council.

21. Heart of England in Bloom

The Clerk advised nothing to report and awaits new criteria to be forwarded from RHS for Best Village in Bloom and Heart of England in Bloom.

The Clerk confirmed that a bag of 500 daffodil bulbs and 16 bags of soil improver for the village planters had now been received.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will continue to liaise with the Environmental Champion and maintain the links with RHS and Heart of England in Bloom.

22. Santa Fun Run

Cllr P Lee informed this event was progressing. The Clerk informed Members that the Rotarians had made a request for a banner to be displayed on the railings of the Sports Park advertising this event.

Members could not reach agreement and therefore this item is deferred to the next meeting due to the mixed messages from Solihull Officers regarding fly-posting and the length of time for such events to be advertised on public and private property. Cllr Bell informed Members that he would find out and report back to the next meeting on 26 November.

IT WAS RESOLVED The Clerk will contact The Rotary Club and advise outcome.

23. Christmas Activities

23.1 Meriden Parish Council

Cllr F Lynch-Smith was not in attendance and this item is deferred to next meeting.

23.2 Rotary Sleigh

Cllr F Lynch-Smith was not in attendance and this item is deferred to next meeting.

24. Meriden Parish Council

24.1 Parish Council Newsletter

Cllr F Lynch-Smith was not in attendance and this item is deferred to next meeting.

24.2 Image

Cllr F Lynch-Smith was not in attendance and this item is deferred to next meeting.



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25.Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 26 November 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Chair : _____

Date: _____