

Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25th October 2010 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present

Melanie Lee, Rosie Weaver, Paul Lee Graeme Goodsir and Marilyn Hamilton.

1. Apologies

Shirley Goodsir

Absent

Will Markham, Bob Kipling

2. Declaration of Interest

The Chair invited members to make declaration of personal and prejudicial interest in respect of items on the agenda of the meeting.

RW advised that she had been co-opted with HS2 action group

3. Minutes

3.1 RESOLVED

That the minutes of the last Parish Council extraordinary meeting on 13th September 2010 and Parish Council meeting on 27th September 2010, having been circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

None

5. Public Participation

No members of the public were present

6. Correspondence and Communication

6.1 The One Show – E-mail from Mark Ashton thanking Meriden Parish Council for organising residents attendance at The One Show on 21st September 2010. Mark Ashton also advised of the reason the balloons could not be released.

6.2 Invitation to Councillors to attend Centre of England Arts opening ceremony to be performed by Mayor of Solihull on 23rd October 2010. ML and PL attended this event.

6.4 Letter from David Kearney to acknowledge thank you letter and expressing gratitude.

6.5 SMBC – Remembrance Service - 14 November 2010, 10.40am at the War Memorial, Solihull. Invitation for Meriden Parish Council to be represented. GG will attend service

7. Receive Reports

7.1 Committee Member for Village Hall Management Committee - no report

7.2 School Governors for Parish Council – no report

7.3 Committee Member for War Memorial – Remembrance Service 14th November. ML to provide press release for Remembrance Service

- 7.4 Pool – Clerk confirmed that she is continuing to arrange a meeting with SMBC drainage team.
- 7.5 Allotment Representative – Clerk advised Plot two now taken and tenant of Plot 4 has requested Plot 3. All allotments have been let.
- 7.6 Footpaths/Forum – Some areas overgrown but otherwise good
- 7.7 Meriden Sands Working Group – no meeting. Clerk to obtain notice sent by Coal Board to residents.
- 7.8 Conservation Committee – Nothing relating to Meriden
- 7.9 Local Strategic Partnership -
- 7.10 Police Rural Assembly – No report
- 7.11 Solihull Area Committee – Next Meeting 18th November
- 7.12 Tree Wardens – Nothing to report
- 7.13 Parish Plan – Next Meeting 23rd November
- 7.14 Community Surgery – Clerk updated issue regarding non-attendance at Community Surgery in October.
- 7.15 Joint Councillor Surgery – No attendance by public
- 7.16 Community Speed Watch - Next session Sat 30 October – training dates in November
- 7.17 Fusion Football Sessions – Wednesday evenings – Fusion are reviewing services across Borough. Rural Mobile project now withdrawn by SMBC as children attending are too young.
- 7.18 Paul Jayes Football Academy – Meriden Rovers – Saturday Mornings. – Request has been made for electricity to be switched on. Toilets also require cleaning. There are enough children for a football team. They require team kit.

8. Village Matters

- 8.1 **Community Centre – Alspath Road** – Shirley Goodsir attended a meeting with Sgt Tony Hanlon and two other residents on Thursday 7th September 2010.
- 8.2 **Pool** – Clerk confirmed that we are awaiting date for a meeting with SMBC
- 8.3 **Parking on The Green** – Meeting with Kerry Mountjoy – wooden posts have been ordered and should be installed in 4 weeks. The material will be recycled fibre glass, greener and cost effective. They will still look like wood.
- 8.4 **Maxstoke Lane/Hampton Lane development – Update**

(a) Local Lettings Policy – going before cabinet in December/January. RW met John Pitcher and Mark Collier regarding lettings policy. RW will produce a revised draft to be ratified at next meeting.

(b) Management arrangements – for the new play facility – group to be set up. A date has been agreed to meet Wright Hassall's Paul Guyver on 2nd November.

8.5 **Road Hump and new zebra crossing in Meriden** – Meeting took place with Chris Morton on 29th September. Objection reaffirmed. Cabinet meeting scheduled for 4th November 2010

8.6 **Eaves Green Lane** – Update – Planning consent granted to install plastic membrane and to erect posts for paddock. No date for Public Inquiry set.

8.7 **Public Conveniences** – Update –At the last meeting it was confirmed that Commander Foulkes has responded advising that the Police are unable to commit to the project as it does not provide a permanent base for his staff. We therefore need to decide if we want to pursue the project alone or reconsider the option of demolition? we are awaiting quotes for demolition. Sandford Building Services, Ralph Leadbrook and Priority Builders have all been asked to quote.

8.8 **Roundabout** – planting update – Lorna Teager has confirmed that the roundabout will be planted before Christmas. Work to commence in December. The Rotary Club of Meriden are also kindly donating 1,000 crocus bulbs for planting by Solihull Council on the roundabout and on Fillongley Road. We are also enquiring as to whether Solihull Council will agree to plant some crocus bulbs in the duck pond. Brian Ball has advised that he can plant some bulbs at the duck pond. The Clerk has also called the Highways department at Warwickshire Council to see if they would be prepared to plant some on the roundabout at the bottom of the A45. It was agreed that we shall submit a formal thank you to the Rotary Club in the Meriden Mag.

8.9 **Emerging Core Strategy** – PL, Chair and Clerk attended a briefing session on Monday 11th October. Dave Simpson has agreed to send one of his officers to attend the next Parish Council meeting on 29th November, if so required to discuss and explain the emerging core strategy. SMBC have confirmed that responses may be sent in by 4th January 2011.

8.10 **Draft review of Licensing Act 2003** – Clerk to e-mail Bob Kipling for comment upon this as he did a great job at the last review and is the most experienced councillor to comment.

8.11 **Meeting dates for next year/Councillor Surgeries** – Agreed that since there was no attendance by public, Councillor surgeries are reduced to quarterly surgeries. Parish Council meeting dates agreed as per list circulated.

8.12 **Tenders for 2011/2012 – Meriden Mag** – Due to the current position regarding the playing fields and the development of the new playing fields, it is difficult to invite tenders. Clerk to check financial regulations regarding extension of current contracts until new playing fields are completed. It was agreed that invitations to tender would not be submitted in the current issue of the Meriden Mag.

8.13 Standards Committee – Self Assessment and Publishing Costs Consultations

RESOLVED

That Meriden Parish Council agrees to Self Assessment of Parish Councils and Clerk to respond to Consultation.

8.14 Solihull partnership Forum – Meriden Village Hall – Wednesday 17th November 7pm till 9pm

8.15 Rural Mobile Project – As reported at 7.18

9. Planning Matters

9.1 2010/1665 – Meriden Fish & Chips, 3 The Green, Meriden CV7 7LN – Replace existing fascia sign

Comments: We have concerns as to whether this meets the guidance of lit signs in a conservation area. What time will they be switched off as the blue lights are still on. Have they had planning permission for these?

9.2 2010/1697 – 67 Main Road, Meriden CV7 7LP – Two storey side and first floor extension

Comments: Detracts from street scene. Unsure about the impact on neighbours. Unreasonable loss of privacy and too close. Taking into account any previous extensions, maybe more than 40% of floor space increase from the original footprint. We do not know what if any extensions have been carried out previously.

10. Accounts

RESOLVED

That the above accounts are approved for payment.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is Monday 29th November 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at _____ pm.

Chair: _____

Date: _____