



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021  
Virtual Meeting via Member Zoom Conferencing commencing at 7.30 p.m.

<b>Present:</b>			
Cllr R Weaver RW	Chair	Cllr M Woollard MW	
Cllr J Hughes JH		Cllr J Barber JB	
Cllr A Eburne AE			
Mrs B Bland BB	Clerk		

**Three members of the public were in attendance.**

**1. Welcome & Apologies**

Chair opened the meeting; apologies received from Cllrs Nunn and Smith due to ill health. No apologies received or recorded for Cllr Kipling. Apologies also received from Cllrs Diccico, Allsopp and Howell, and guest Charlie Beaty.

Chair welcomed Councillors, guests, and members of the public. Tonight’s meeting will be recorded for reference and public access. Guests and members of the public were welcomed via zoom and FB live streaming.

This meeting whilst being a parish council meeting will be hosted via zoom with no presence of councillors or clerk. This will be information sharing and with no parish business being resolved. This is due to venue flood and drying out of kitchen and meeting room by insurers.

***Members received apologies from Cllrs Nunn, Smith, Diccico, Allsopp and Howell. Non-attendance of Cllr Kipling duly noted.***

**2. Public Participation**

Chair welcomed Jamie Horsley Senior Engineer – Projects (Structures) SMBC Highway Infrastructure and Lewis, and Ian Jackson of Balfour Beatty, providing an update on the Fillongley Road Bridge road closure, diversion and repairs.

Work is due to commence on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with demolition approximately 4 weeks afterwards with utility diversions. The site compound is substantial and noticeable from Fillongley Road. Open door policy in operation so please do pop in and discuss any issues/concerns. The Fillongley Road will be closed until mid-August 2022.

There are main strategic diversion routes ensuring traffic is suitable to use alternative highway in Meriden, being of a similar category. Key decision points are being used for HGVs and quarry traffic. Communication also in place for local landowners and farming community leaving local roads open for agricultural access.

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

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Meetings have taken place with local Ward Councillors and parish councils and feedback is welcomed by the project team.

The A45 will be subject to weekend closures and this is being co-ordinated with other contractors and highways agencies. A single lane will be operational on the A45 and this will cause delays at peak times with traffic finding other ways around i.e. via Meriden. There will be 9 closures in total and this will include 2 full weekends.

Overgrown vegetation is being cleared better vehicle access along diversion routes and potholes are being repaired.

The Comms Team will be at the Arden Suite, Manor Hotel, on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 between 1pm and 7pm for residents to pop in, discuss and raise any queries/concerns with the operational team. This date will be put on parish council FB and website pages. There is a dedicated Fillongley Road Bridge email address to send all questions and concerns to as follows:-

Chair thanked the Fillongley Road Bridge Team for attending and their update.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

3a To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature.  
None.

3b To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature  
None.

**4. Minutes of Last Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 deferred to next meeting being 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

**Action: Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 deferred to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**

**5. Finance**

**5.1 November Payments**

Clerk will sign off on November payments under scheme of delegation.

**Action: Clerk**

**5.2 Budget 2022-2023**

An outline budget is being scoped out and will be presented to finance committee at December's meeting for consideration and comments.

**Action: Clerk and finance working group.**

**5.3 DBS Checks**

Nothing to report.

**Action: Emails forwarded to Cllr Dickey for his reference/action/intervention.**

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

**6. Progress Reports (for information only)**

6.1 Village Hall Management Committee  
Nothing to report.

6.2 War Memorials  
The Remembrance Service was well attended and the Covid guidelines put in place all worked well.

6.3 Meriden Pool  
Nothing to report.

6.4 Allotments  
Nothing to report.

6.5 Footpaths/Forum  
The steps leading to the A45 bridge from Maxstoke Lane were reported as repaired.

6.6 Quarries Liaison Group  
No major updates and no meeting date arranged for January 2022. There have been two resident complaints regarding dust and air quality. A request was made for the parish council to push the EA for analysis of material, and if not, then funding to be made available for private analysis.  
**Action: Clerk to contact the EA and forward complaints for their response.**

6.7 Solihull Area Committee  
The next meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

6.8 Tree Warden & TPO List  
Nothing to report.

6.9 Tea & Talk  
Nothing to report.

6.10 Community Speed Watch/Street Watch  
To be discussed at Development Day 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021.  
**Action: All/AE**

6.11 HS2  
Nothing to report.

6.12 Meriden Sports Park  
There has been a water leak in the kitchen of the Pavilion which has had a direct impact on hirers and users.

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

The parish council record their thanks to the Methodist Church who have been very helpful in provided their facilities to the Pavilion users.

6.13 Meriden Sport & Recreation Trust

The next meeting is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

**7. Clerk's Report**

Nothing to report. Chair recorded a formal thank you to the clerk who has done a sterling job in sorting out insurance and loss adjustor for damage to flooring and cupboards in the kitchen and meeting room.

**8. District and Ward Councillor Reports**

Apologies received from Ward Councillors with no updates.

**9. Correspondence & Communication**

All correspondence emailed is forwarded to Members for their reference.

**10. Meriden Village Matters**

10.1 Library

All accessibility works now completed with the Library open as follows:-

- Monday from 10.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 5.00pm
- Tuesday and Thursday from 10.00am to 12.30pm
- Wednesday, Friday and Saturday - closed

10.2 Village Commemoration

10.2(i) Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch

The event will be held at the sports park on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The first meeting of the organising committee will be 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 1pm.

**Action: All**

10.3 Meriden Gate

Andrew Kinsey has now confirmed that he is the named solicitor who will process the transfer of Meriden Sports Park to the Parish Council.

**Action: Clerk**

10.4 Highways

An update received at start of meeting regarding Fillongley Road Bridge works.

There will be a public drop in event at the Manor Hotel on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

Comments continue to be received regarding cycle lane design and layout and these are being fielded to the officer responsible for his direct reply. It has been concerned that the centre refuge will be reinstated to Meriden Hill crossing point from St Laurence Church public footpath to steps leading down to Queens Head PH.

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10.4(i)Litter

Monthly litter picks are scheduled for adults/children to join. The Duke of Edinburgh volunteers continue to attend for one hour per week and are doing a great job. The next litter pick is organised for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021 with a note posted to FB and website asking for volunteers to get involved. In month one there were 14 adults and children, and in month two there were 6 adults and 5 children. The parish council is also aware of other resident volunteers who walk and litter pick and record their appreciation and thanks for getting involved informally. The footpath behind the park is littered with dog poo bags, bottles/cans and wrappers. A note to be put onto FB requesting all dog walkers to place their dog waste into litter bins.

**Action: MW**

10.5 Local Council Award Scheme

To be discussed at the forthcoming development day.

**Action: ALL**

10.6 Digital Community Inclusion/Engagement

To be discussed at the development day.

**Action: ALL**

10.7 Meriden Public & Community Transport

We have received new bus timetables from TfWM who has also agreed to attend the Warm Hub to circulate new routes and bus timetables. TfWM was also keen to receive feedback from regular bus users as to how services are going. There continues to be on going problems with getting to Balsall Common surgery to receive treatments and vaccinations, and has been raised with TfWM for their support and assistance. We waiting for TfWM to confirm their attendance on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Action: Clerk**

10.8 Dementia Friends/First Aiders/Dementia & Autism Training

The Warm Hub continues to gain pace with regular attendees and positive feedback. It is meeting the brief with residents being supported who would otherwise be socially isolated. The Warm Hub meets weekly every Tuesday between 10.30-12.30.

10.9 Business Network

Formal thanks recorded to NRS, A & A, Packington Estate and HD Ricketts for their sponsorship of Meriden's Christmas Lights.

10.10 Defibrillators & Training

To date 20 people have received training. Future dates for Defib training (CPR) will be advised in January 2022. If anyone wishes to attend please contact the clerk on [clerk@meridenparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@meridenparishcouncil.org.uk)

**Action: Clerk**

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10.11 Farmers Market

This project to be further considered and discussed at Development Day and with WI.

**11. Planning Matters**

11.1 Community Asset/Right to Bid/Land Ownership  
Nothing to report.

11.2 Planning Applications Update

Cemex have submitted their traffic management plan to SMBC.

**Action: JH**

11.3 Parish Action Plan & Business Plan

To be reviewed as part of the budget setting and precept processes for 2022/2023.

**Action: Finance Committee**

11.4 Solihull Local Plan Review

The Local Plan is continuing in the independent examination process.

**12. Climate Change**

To be discussed at the Development Day as to which councillor will lead on this. NALC and WALC promote the contribution parish and town councils can make to the climate change agenda.

**Action: All**

**13. Youth Council**

To be discussed at Development Day.

**Action: JH/CS**

**14. Parish Council Development Day**

This is scheduled for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021 10.00-12.00 hours via zoom. All Members are expected to attend.

**Action: RW/Clerk**

**15. Annual Parish Assembly**

A date to be set at Development Day for 2022.

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

Nothing to report.

**17. Date of Next Meeting**

The next **Parish Council meeting** will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 19.30.

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Chair thanked Councillors, guests and members of the public for attending tonight's meeting.

The meeting closed at 20.20 hours.

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