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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th February 2023
Venue: The Pavilion, Meriden Sports Park at 7.30 p.m.

Present:			
Cllr R Weaver RW	Chair	Cllr M Woollard MW	
Cllr J Barber JB	Vice Chair	Cllr M Eggar ME	
Cllr J Hughes JH	Acting as Clerk	Cllr A Eburne AE	

1. **Welcome & Apologies**

Chair opened the meeting and welcomed councillors. Apologies received from Cllr Smith and Barbara Bland.

IT WAS RESOLVED Apologies accepted from Cllr Smith and Barbara Bland.

2. **Public Participation**

Paul Tovey, Head of Highway Management and Adrian Matthews, Asset and Contract Manager were in attendance from Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.

Paul Tovey updated Members on the following:

- Meriden Cycle Lane
  - The TRO is due to expire at the end of the year which will mean a decision will need to be made by Solihull in JUNE/July time about whether it will be made permanent.
    - There will be a consultation on what the permanent scheme should look like.
- Fillongley Bridge
  - The scheme is now complete with the bridge re-opened. Traffic patterns are returning to normal, but more monitoring will be carried out.
- Leys Lane
  - Talks will begin to progress post the Local Elections in May 2023.
- HS2 Road Safety Fund
  - This is now the focus after the scheme for A34 has been completed. Solihull Council are looking at some new technology that sits behind the system and they are hoping that the scheme will be delivered this financial year (April 23 – Mar 24).

Adrian Matthew updated Members on the following:

- Potholes
  - The number in Meriden has increased and there have been a number of temporary repairs due to demand across the borough. There are a number of permanent works planned for a number of roads locally but Adrian noted that the roads locally will always suffer due to the volume of quarry traffic.
- Footway
  - Hampton Lane

Signed …… Chair Dated ……

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        - Environmental Services will be cutting back the grass to assess the pavement.
    - Main Road
        - This has been assessed as low risk so is not a priority.
- Village Centre Parking
    - Service Road Exit
        - Double curbing is a potential solution to prevent the poor parking which is impacting visibility at the exit of the Service Road.
    - Hours of Parking
        - David Keaney can look at including some solution to this when the Leys Lane work progresses. The potential for another 'Village Plan' with a number of schemes could be explored.
- Solihull Road/Hampton Bridge
    - Expecting this to be in June but could be further delay. Catherine De Barnes Lane wont be closed off until the Hampton Lane works are complete.
- Locality Budget
    - Circa £40,000 borough wide. A number of issues discussed above could be addressed with this.

Members thanked both Paul and Adrian for their time. It was asked what had happened to the footpath feasibility study for a footpath to go up to Berryfields. Paul advised it wouldn't be possible.

3. Declarations of Interest

3.1. Cllr Hughes declared an interest as his employment is with Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.

3.2. None Declared

4. Minutes: To consider the approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd January 2023.

RESOLVED: The minutes were approved.
Proposed: JB Seconded: ME

5. Finance & Governance

5.1. No update.

5.2. RESOLVED: Full Council approved MPC, MSP and Staff Payments with minor additions.
Proposed: ME Seconded: JB

5.3. Cllr Weaver informed Cllr Eburne that there was action needed on the system used to secure DBS checks and that this would be done on the Clerk's return.

6. Progress Reports for information

6.1. None
6.2. None
6.3. None
6.4. None

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6.5. None
6.6. Cllr Weaver informed Council that Ward Councillor, Cllr Burrow had agreed to Chair with A&A providing support to the group.
6.7. None
6.8. None
6.9. None
6.10. None.
6.11. None
6.12. None.
6.13. None

7. Clerk's Report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting (Clerks Actions)
None.

8. District and Ward Councillor Reports for information.
Cllr Burrow updated Members on the following:

- There had been an informal query about the suitability of having a phone mast located by the Bulls Head.
- The possibility of having a Zebra Crossing by the bus stop at the top of Meriden Hill had been explored but the stop was poorly used and it would not be worth doing.
- Better maintenance of roads had already been covered at the start of the meeting.
- The WM OnDemand service is now trialling having Kenilworth as a destination. He acknowledged the issues with the service.

9. Correspondence & Communication for information only
None.

10. Meriden Village Matters
10.1. None
10.2. The Coronation Celebration in the village will now be held on Sunday 14th May 2023.
10.3. None
10.4. It was discussed that the Parish Council could look at a street sponsoring scheme as had been done in Sutton Coldfield. This would mean maximum coverage and less direct input from the Parish Council. Cllr Burrow agreed to share with Cllr Woollard the scheme details from Balsall Common.
ACTION: Cllr Burrow to pass on details to MW.
10.5. None
10.6. None
10.7. Dates had been advertised in the latest Meriden Mag.
10.8. None
10.9. None
10.10. None

11. Planning Matters
11.1. None

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11.2. Cllr Barber advised Council there had been a small number of applications and that these had been circulated to Planning Committee Members for their comments. A decision on the former Spar site was still pending.

11.3. None

11.4. None

12. Climate Change

It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next Development Day.

13. Youth Council

None

14. Digital/Review

No update.

15. Council Development Day

The next Development Day was agreed to be Saturday 4th March at 9:00am.

16. Annual Parish Assembly

No update.

17. Community, Health & Wellbeing Working Group

None

18. Councillor's reports and items for future agenda

None received.

19. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 20th March 2023 at 19.30 at The Pavilion, Meriden Sports Park

Meeting Closed at 20:57.

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