Meriden Parish Council

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Minutes of the Planning, Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee held at 7.30pm on Thursday 7 November 2024 at The Pavilion, Meriden Sports Park.
Councillors Present: Cllr Eggar (Chair), Cllr Plant and Cllr Wild
Clerk: J. McDougall
Deputy Clerk: C. Cooper (minutes)
Apologies: Cllr Eburne (joined remotely) and SMBC Ward Cllr Dicicco
Public Attendees: 1 member of the public

Min No.	Item	Action
78/24 78.1/24	**Apologies and Substitutions** Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr Eburne and SMBC Ward Cllr Dicicco; Cllr Eburne joined the meeting remotely.	
79/24 79.1/24	**Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest** Cllr Eggar declared an interest in the Meriden Sports Park Company.	
80/24 80.1/24	**Public Forum** A resident raised the following objections regarding planning application PL/2024/02301/VAR: • This was not the first application received by the Quarry for extending operating hours. • Noise assessment appears to lack detail. Only one noise assessment had been completed, which took place on Cornets End Lane and not within the centre of Meriden Village. The noise impact may be different in two different locations. The readings were taken in September when the leaves were still on trees which helps 'block' some of the noise. This should be completed again in Winter for comparison. The assessment was completed from ground height, however the vehicles were sometimes above ground level which would impact the outcome of the noise assessment. If the readings were taken behind any bunding in place, this could have an impact upon the noise reading as they are built to reduce noise. • Vehicle noises were currently an issue for the residents of Meriden. Tracks on the machinery and reversing sirens can be heard in the village. • The application could set a precedence to other companies wishing to extend operating hours. • The application states there would not be an increase in traffic however this seems unusual given an increase of working hours. • The objection should include the validity of the noise report	
80.2/24	Discussion to take place with SMBC and within the Quarry Liaison meeting to understand what the current licence restrictions were for the quarry site.	
81/24	**Minutes of the Planning, Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee held on 3 October 2024**	

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<tr><td>81.1/24</td><td>The minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Eggar.

Proposed: Cllr Plant , Seconded: Cllr Eggar</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>82/24
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82.3/24</td><td>Planning Applications
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<tr><td>PL/2024/02443/MINFHO</td><td>Jenarda, Birmingham Road, Millisons Wood</td><td>Roof alterations and loft conversation with single storey rear extension</td><td>No objection</td></tr>
<tr><td>PL/2024/02301/VAR</td><td>Landfill Site, Meriden Quarry, Cornets End Lane, Meriden</td><td>Variation of Condition 5 of planning permission 07/09/23. To extend hours of use</td><td>See below</td></tr>
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PL/2024/02301/VAR – objection. A lengthy discussion took place regarding this application. Cllrs discussed various issues with the application including:
• Setting a precedence for other companies to submit similar applications
• Noise assessment was taken at Cornets End Lane and not in Meriden Village
• How the noise assessment was conducted
• The explanation for requesting the application appears to be contradicting. The request was for increased operating hours but not increasing the number of lorries.</td><td>Clerk to inform SMBC</td></tr>
<tr><td>83/24
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83.3/24</td><td>Remembrance Event
The Church confirmed the event would commence at 10am at St Laurence Church. Cllr Plant would represent MPC and lay a wreath at the monument.

The Clerk confirmed the Memorial Garden had been tidied and the flowers had been changed to red and white as requested.

The road closure would be in place from 10:20am – 11:30am. Six volunteers would ensure the road closures were staffed and the ramp would also be in place at the monument. The Deputy Clerk would create maps for diversion routes.</td><td>MPC to action</td></tr>
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84.1/24</td><td>Leys Lane Allotments
The whips had been delivered and a contractor had been instructed to complete the planting of these to fill any gaps in the hedge and create a barrier along the allotment fence line. They will be planted once the contractor deems the weather suitable. There will be further opportunities to acquire more whips if needed.</td><td></td></tr>
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84.2/24	The draft allotment schedule will be reviewed once the Council had become a member of the National Allotment Society and reviewed additional documentation.	
84.3/24	Ongoing land management needs to be discussed and agreed ASAP. The overgrown vegetation that had previously been cut back has now grown back and needs regular cuts. The hedgerows around the perimeter of the allotments also need cutting yearly. The Clerk had a meeting scheduled with Parkway. Cllrs requested the strimming of the overgrown vegetation to take place before Christmas if possible.	Clerk to progress
84.4/24	The Clerk confirmed she had met with a local contractor to obtain another quotation for the allotment path.	Clerk to progress
84.5/24	The allotment had three vacant plots. Two residents were currently interested and would be viewing the allotments over the next couple of weeks.	
85/24	**Christmas Lights**	
85.1/24	Christmas carols would be sung on The Green to coincide with the Christmas lights switch on ceremony on Sunday 1 December 2024. The Firebirds were unable to attend due to another event; the school would be informed of the event. Cllrs to assist with a speaker system for music.	
85.2/24	The Clerk was arranging for the lights on the trees to be turned on at the same time. The lights on the lampposts need to be switched on individually by SMBC, they will then work on a timer.	
85.3/24	Clerk to print out carol sheets and a projector may be used. Four carols have been chosen to sing, Away in a Manger, Silent Night, We Wish you a Merry Christmas and Once in Royal David's City.	Clerk to action
85.4/24	Clerk to speak to local shops on the Green, out of courtesy and to see if they would be interested in participating.	Clerk to action
85.5/24	The Sports Park can be used as parking for the event; Clerk to discuss with the Sports Park Company.	Clerk to action
86/24	**Neighbourhood Development Plan**	
86.1/24	Cllrs requested the Clerk contact Avon Planning Consultants to arrange a meeting and seek further guidance on the new changes being implemented by SMBC. Cllrs requested a meeting before the end of the year, depending upon availability.	Clerk to action
87/24	**Leys Lane Road Closure**	
87.1/24	Following SMBC's decision to end the trial period early due to anti-social behaviour, the Committee decided to respond to the consultation. Cllrs discussed	

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	the negative impact the closure was having upon other roads. The Committee agreed with the road closure becoming permanent, however calming measures need to be considered on other roads. The speed cameras need to be installed ASAP.	Clerk to action
87.2/24	Cllrs discussed parking issues around Meriden Primary School. It was suggested the roads need to become more pedestrianised for safety. Parking around the school had been raised with SMBC Highways and needs to be looked at in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Development Plan review.	
88/24	**Dog Faeces**	
88.1/24	The Committee discussed possible measures to alleviate the volume of unbagged dog waste left on the pavements and woodland areas in Meriden. Cllrs agreed to purchase a template to be spray painted around the village, reminding residents to clean up after their dogs.	Clerk to action
89/24	**Community Events**	
89.1/24	The Committee discussed potential community events for the Parish during 2025. Cllrs confirmed Picnic in the Park would not take place in 2025. Alternative events could include a farmer's market, 5 a-side football tournaments, a silent firework display or a beer/food festival. MPC would not organise these events but could approach local companies to run community events.	
89.2/24	The committee agreed to arrange a date in January/February 2025 for a working party to agree events taking place during the course of 2025.	Cllrs to arrange
90/24	**Correspondence**	
90.1/24	Email received regarding numerous issues along Berkswell Road, including overgrown vegetation and speeding cars. The resident also commented on the need for a path along the Berkswell Road to assist employees of Pertemps and members of the public visiting Berryfields. Clerk to raise this with the planning office and send a copy of the planning application from Berryfields to Cllr Plant.	Clerk to action
90.2/24	A resident has emailed regarding the Leys Lane temporary road closure and the negative impact it has had on Walsh Lane. Cllrs discussed the need for all residents to be spoken with, not just residents of Leys Lane. SMBC must ensure the impact of closing one road doesn't negatively impact other roads.	
90.3/24	Email received regarding the speed limits approaching the village including the 50mph speed limit along the Fillongley Road and whether MPC has raised this as an issue to SMBC. Cllrs confirmed they would consider requesting a change to the Hampton Lane (Meriden Mile) speed limit due to the serious accidents witnessed over the past couple of years.	
90.4/24	A request for a road mirror to be erected on the Berkswell Road was received by a concerned member of the public. Clerk to contact SMBC.	Clerk to action

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90.5/24	**Cllr Wild left the meeting at 21:08; the meeting became inquorate.** Councillor and Clerk reports were presented as information only; no decisions were taken. Before Cllr Wild left the meeting, the date and time of the next meeting was agreed, as per item 93/24.	
91/24	**Councillor Reports**	
91.1/24	Cllrs discussed the need to focus on a parking review in 2025 to look at improving parking around the village, including The Green and Meriden Primary School. This should be included in the other traffic calming measures that are currently being discussed.	
91.2/24	Fireworks had been used in public areas and rubbish had been left behind. Cllrs suggested holding an event next year for Bonfire night, potentially with silent fireworks.	
91.3/24	A Warm Hub attendee has expressed concerns regarding a tree that has been removed in front of their property. Shoots have come back through the remaining trunk and they want to ensure the tree does not grow back. Clerk confirmed as it is on their property they would have to contact Solihull Community Housing.	
91.4/24	Cllrs have been asked to volunteer at Warm Hub over the next couple of weeks.	
91.5/24	A review of the number of Warm Hub volunteers needs to take place.	Clerk to progress
92/24	**Clerk's Report**	
92.1/24	The Clerk would be attending a Health and Wellbeing meeting that was taking place on Monday 18 November 2024 in Balsall Common.	
93/24	**Date and Time of the Next Planning, Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee Meeting**	
93.1/24	It was resolved (before Cllr Wild's departure) that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 5 December 2024 at 7:30pm.	

Meeting closed at 21:19pm.

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