Meriden Parish Council

The Pavilion
Meriden Sports Park
10 Main Road
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Minutes of the Planning, Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee held at 7.30pm on Thursday 5 December 2024 at The Pavilion, Meriden Sports Park.
Councillors Present: Cllr Eggar (Chair), Cllr Eburne and Cllr Plant
Clerk: J. McDougall
Deputy Clerk: C. Cooper (minutes)
Apologies: None
Public Attendees: None

Min No.	Item	Action
94/24 94.1/24	**Election of a Vice Chair** The Planning, Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee (PTEC) elected Cllr Plant as Vice Chair of the Committee with immediate effect. **Proposed: Cllr Eggar , Seconded: Cllr Eburne**	
95/24 95.1/24	**Apologies and Substitutions** None	
96/24 96.1/24	**Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest** Cllr Eggar declared an interest in the Meriden Sports Park Company.	
97/24 97.1/24	**Public Forum** No attendees.	
98/24 98.1/24	**Minutes of the Planning, Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee held on 7 November 2024** The minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Eggar. **Proposed: Cllr Plant , Seconded: Cllr Eburne**	
99/24 99.1/24 99.2/24 99.3/24 99.4/24	**Planning Applications** PL/2024/02441/TPO – Broughton Cottage, Leys Lane, Meriden, Solihull – Fell Ash Tree Public consultation – out of Parish area – Land south of A45 Coventry – Employment development at Pickford Gate, Eastern Green PL/2024/02441/TPO – Cllrs requested a copy of the arboriculturists report to confirm whether the tree was diseased before commenting on the application. Public consultation information had been received regarding an out of Parish employment development at Pickford Gate, Eastern Green. The information	Clerk to action

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	related to a new development of large industrial units on land south of the A45 in Eastern Green.	
99.5/24	The Committee requested further information on: - Routes that will be in place for vehicles including HGVs for accessing the site, ensuring Meriden and Millisons Wood was not used as a 'cut through' - Concerns vehicles will use Showell Lane and Birmingham Road roundabout as a U-turn. - Once open, what would the operating hours be and would traffic enter the site 24/7? - What additional public transport would be put in place for the increase in workers and how will workers access the site. Would a footbridge be built? - Would the car park be sufficient for the number of staff employed? - The land was previously linked to a residential housing development, had plans changed for a housing development? - What measures would be put in place to ensure flooding was controlled given the development was in an area of frequent flooding; Cllrs were concerned the balancing pond would be insufficient? - What infrastructure would be put in place? - How will noise pollution and environmental pollution be controlled? - What type of commercial activities will take place on the site?	Clerk to action
99.6/24	Cllrs commented the development offered employment opportunities for local residents.	
100/24	**Vehicle Parking Review**	
100.1/24	The Committee discussed at length parking issues and possible solutions around the village.	
100.2/24	Cllrs would like to discuss parking with Meriden Primary School to work together to find a safe solution to the school parking issues. Cllrs believe general parking around the village and parking for the school are two separate issues. Cllrs confirmed the school send out correspondence to parents on a monthly basis regarding parking, however there was a lack of enforcement around the school to assist with patrolling parking.	
100.3/24	Cllrs were aware that parking options needed to be explored around The Green, with new restaurants opening and 75 new houses being built. Utilising the Sports Park car park (extending opening hours) and approaching The Bulls Head to discuss potentially utilising its car park were raised.	
100.4/24	Cllrs discussed at length a bus service which would run from Millisons Wood to the Primary School to assist in getting children to school and to reduce traffic around the school. A bus service had been previously provided but it was removed several years ago. Cllrs discussed the Parish Council potentially funding	

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	the bus service or working with the school to fund a bus service. The Committee expressed an interest in discussing this further with the primary school.	
100.5/24	A request for reinstatement of the previous bus service that ran from Millisons Wood to the Primary School to be made to Transport for West Midlands.	Clerk to action
100.6/24	Clerk to contact the Primary School to ascertain how many pupils live in the CV5 area to determine how many children the bus service would potentially serve; the primary school may be able to send out a survey regarding bus use to parents.	Clerk to action
100.7/24	Cllrs queried whether the school could request a grant from the HS2 projects to fund a bus service.	
100.8/24	Cllrs would like to increase parking signage around the village, in particular for the Sports Park and the Bulls Head. This would ensure people were aware of the different car parking options.	
100.9/24	Electric vehicle chargers would also be installed around the village in the future.	
101/24	**Leys Lane Allotments**	
101.1/24	The Committee received and considered three quotations for a replacement path. Cllrs requested the Clerk contact the company linked to quote B to confirm whether a weed membrane was included in the price. The Committee recommended quote B, providing a membrane was included, for Full Council to discuss and determine a supplier.	
101.2/24	The Committee confirmed to proceed with the removal of vegetation adjacent to the allotment path, and strimming of a vacant plot, and for Full Council to approve.	
101.3/24	Clerk and Deputy Clerk to add signposts to each plot to show allotment plot numbers. Potentially involve the school in the future to create new allotment plot signs.	Clerk and Deputy Clerk to action
101.4/24	The Committee reviewed and approved the allotment inspection content form and schedule. All Cllrs were in favour of adopting quarterly inspections.	Clerk and Deputy Clerk to action
102/24	**Neighbourhood Development Plan**	
102.1/24	SMBC had issued a call for housing development sites as they need to provide an additional 8,000 new dwellings within the borough.	
102.2/24	The Clerk had contacted Avon Planning Consultants regarding the Meriden Neighbourhood Development Plan, to potentially review the adopted Plan.	Clerk to progress

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102.3/24	The Clerk had contacted previous contributors to the Meriden NDP, the majority have agreed to assist with a review if required.	
102.4/24	Cllrs believed there was now a greater need for more bungalows for the older residents in the village.	
103/24	**Christmas Lights**	
103.1/24	Cllrs noted the Christmas light features in Millisons Wood looked excellent and no additional lights were needed in this area.	
103.2/24	Cllrs agreed to increase the number of Christmas light features in the centre of the village. FGP Committee to consider four Christmas light features in the budget for 2025.	FGP to action
103.3/24	The 2025 Christmas light switch on event was scheduled for Sunday 30 November 2025 at 4pm. Cllrs requested the Clerk contact the Firebirds to ascertain if they were available for the event. Food and drinks would also be provided next year.	Clerk to action
104/24	**Correspondence**	
104.1/24	A request for additional salt bins near Alspath Road was received – email to be sent to SMBC regarding this.	Clerk to action
104.2/24	A lengthy email was received from a resident with numerous questions mainly regarding speed cameras, signage for bus shelters, road maintenance and overgrown trees. Clerk to respond.	Clerk to action
105/24	**Councillor Reports**	
105.1/24	None	
106/24	**Clerk's Report**	
106.1/24	None	
107/24	**Date and Time of the next Planning, Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee Meeting**	
107.1/24	It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 9 January at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion.	

Meeting closed at 21:20pm.

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