Meriden Parish Council

The Pavilion
Meriden Sports Park
10 Main Road
Meriden
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Minutes of the Planning, Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee held at 7.30pm on Thursday 3 April 2025 at The Pavilion, Meriden Sports Park.
Councillors Present: Cllr Eggar (Chair), Cllr Eburne and Cllr Murphy
Clerk: J. McDougall
Apologies: Cllr Plant and the Deputy Clerk
Public Attendees: None

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<tr><th>Min No.</th><th>Item</th><th>Action</th></tr>
<tr><td>151/24
151.1/24

151.2/24

151.3/24</td><td>Apologies and Substitutions
Cllr Plant sent apologies.

The Deputy Clerk sent apologies.

Cllr Murphy attended the meeting as a substitute for Cllr Plant.</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>152/24
152.1/24

152.2/24</td><td>Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest
Cllr Eggar declared an interest in the Meriden Sports Park Company.

Cllr Murphy declared an interest in the Leys Lane allotment site.</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>153/24
153.1/24</td><td>Public Forum
No members of the public in attendance.</td><td></td></tr>
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154.1/24</td><td>Minutes of the Planning, Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee held on 6 March 2025
The minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Eggar.

Proposed: Cllr Eggar, Seconded: Cllr Eburne</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>155/24
155.1/24</td><td>Planning Applications
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<tr><td>PL/2025/00394/PNCUDW</td><td>Wood End Farm
Fillongley Road
Meriden</td><td>Prior notification for a change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling.</td><td>Objection due to green belt</td></tr>
<tr><td>PL/2025/00576/VAR</td><td>Victoria Cottage
Albert Road
Millisons Wood</td><td>Variation of condition No. 1 (plans) following planning approval PL/2024/00458/MINFHO dated 25 April 2024 for single storey rear extension.</td><td>No objection</td></tr>
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	PL/2025/00566/MINFHO	20 James Dawson Drive Millisons Wood Solihull	Single storey rear extension including removal of the existing conservatory and alterations to the existing bay window to the front elevation.	No comment	
	PL/2025/00591/TPO	208 Main Road Meriden Solihull	Fell Horse Chestnut tree	Objection	Clerk to inform SMBC
155.2/24	The Committee noted that application PL/2025/00394/PNCUDW (Wood End Farm) was located within the current green belt boundary. Access was discussed to the property. It was agreed that the only objection was due to the area being green belt, should the area be reclassified as grey belt there was no objection. A request will be made to SMBC to also consider access and garden area provision.				
155.3/24	The Committee discussed application PL/2025/00591/TPO to fell the Horse Chestnut tree (208 Main Road) under agenda item 160/24.				
156/24	**Leys Lane Allotments**				
156.1/24	The Clerk confirmed there were five vacant plots, following recent terminations, and six residents were on the waiting list.				
156.2/24	All contracts have been issued and all tenants have been asked to remove Heras fencing from the site.				
156.3/24	Following termination of a plot, belongings and fencing remained on site that tenants were required to remove. Discussion took place on the likelihood tenants will pay fines issued for non-removal of property. The Clerk to use the dispensation allowance to arrange for discarded items to be removed from the site.				Clerk to action
157/24	**Land off Maxstoke Lane**				
157.1/24	The lettings plan received from Stonewater was discussed. The PTEC Committee stipulated Stonewater should amend the lettings plan to give priority to Meriden residents when allocating dwellings to benefit the community of Meriden. The Committee queried the number of part-ownership dwellings as a relatively small number of the 75 dwellings were listed as social rent.				Clerk to action

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158/24 158.1/24	**Broken Planter** A quotation had been received for a wooden planter to replace the broken wooden planter on The Green. The Committee was awaiting a quotation for a similar recycled plastic planter to compare costs and appearance.	Clerk to place on the May agenda
159/24 159.1/24	**Broken Bench** The Committee discussed the following quotations to replace the broken bench on The Green: A wooden bench £252.00 inc VAT (1524mm) A recycled plastic bench £603.07 ex VAT (1700mm) It was agreed that Hubbard will supply the wooden bench at £252.00 and enquiries would be made by the Clerk as to whether it could also be installed. Clerk to use the dispensation allowance to arrange installation.	Clerk to action
160/24 160.1/24 160.2/24	**Chestnut Tree Located Outside the Village Hall** The Committee discussed the recent planning application to fell the Horse Chestnut tree; the arboriculturist report noted a lack of water and oxygen to the tree. The Committee queried the date the car park was resurfaced and whether some of the tarmac could be removed and measures undertaken to improve water and oxygen to the tree. The Committee also queried whether consideration was given to protecting the health of the tree when the car park construction works were undertaken. The Committee requested the SMBC Tree Officer establish an alternative plan to try and save the tree from felling. The Parish Council had not been presented with an alternative written report on the health of the tree and alternative measures that could be undertaken from either the Village Hall or the Car Park Committee.	Clerk to action
161/24 161.1/24 161.2/24 161.3/24	**Community Events** The Committee discussed the 80th anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8 May 2025 and will acknowledge the event through social media and place a wreath on the Cyclist Memorial; Clerk to request the Union Flag on The Green is raised. The Committee was in favour of attending the Meriden primary school fete. Clerk to contact the school to obtain the date and assistance required. The Committee discussed potential games and queried how the funds raised will be utilised in the school. Cllr Eggar will attend the Cyclist Memorial event on 18 May 2025 and lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.	Clerk to action Clerk to action Cllr Eggar to action
162/24 162.1/24	**Neighbourhood Development Plan** The Clerk confirmed the 2024-2025 unspent grant would be returned and a follow up meeting had been discussed with Avon Planning. Avon Planning had	Clerk to action

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162.2/24	requested dates for a meeting and it was determined a meeting after Easter would be most appropriate. The Committee discussed the improvements required to the school. SMBC Ward Cllr Burrow would be visiting the school to ascertain the improvements required and feedback to SMBC.	
163/24 163.1/24	**Correspondence** Mill House school had requested opportunities to develop community links with the Parish Council and undertake environmental activities/projects within the area, such as litter picking, flower planting and other horticultural activities. Students would carry out work in small groups on a weekly basis and be fully supervised by staff. The Committee suggested potential projects would be litter picking, maintaining a MPC flower planter near the Doctor Surgery, creating and maintaining a flower bed on the Parish Council owned land on the corner of Letitia Avenue and an allotment plot when available. Clerk to also contact Meriden Sports Park to ascertain if they have any suggestions and whether an area of the park could be utilised for a flower bed. It was noted that the school would be responsible for undertaking risk assessments.	Clerk to action
163.2/24	Photographs had been forwarded to the Parish Council detailing construction vehicles parked on double yellow line parking restrictions on Main Road, obscuring visibility for vehicles exiting The Green service road. The Clerk had contacted the companies involved.	
163.3/24	Two objections to the application to fell a Horse Chestnut tree had been received; this matter was discussed under minute reference 160.1/24.	
163.4/24	Cllr Eggar had received information from Harvey Sports Group on a proposal to incorporate a paddle court in the sports park. Installation fees were likely to be around £50,000.00 and the proposal included Harvey Sports Group managing the paddle court and providing 50% of the hire fees received to the Parish Council. Floodlights would also be required. The PTEC Committee expressed concerns that the proposal would involve the removal of a free facility of tennis courts, replaced with a fee paying activity of paddle. It was suggested that research should be undertaken as to whether the community wished to have tennis removed in favour of paddle before a decision was taken in the future. Cllr Eggar would circulate the proposal to members of the Council and the Meriden Sports Park Company (MSP). Further discussions were required with MSP and the Parish Council.	Clerk to place on full Council agenda in May 2025
164/24 164.1/24	**Councillor Reports** Cllr Eburne relayed information from residents on the location of speed cameras to capture speeding and a suggestion that the service road adjacent to The Green should have the vehicles travelling in the opposite direction (one way).	

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164.2/24	Cllr Eggar relayed complaints from a number of residents regarding the loud sound of machine activity at the quarries at 6.30am. The Clerk advised Cllr Burrow would be informed at the next quarry liaison meeting on 7 April 2025.	Clerk to action
165/24 165.1/24 165.2/24 165.3/24 165.4/24 165.5/24	**Clerk's Report** The Clerk advised the Quarry Liaison meeting would take place on Monday 7 April 2025, 2pm. The Clerk would be attending a RoSPA training course on Thursday 10 April 2025. The quotation for the additional four Christmas light features had not yet been received. The Clerk and the Chair would meet with the Head of Highways at Solihull Council on Thursday 24 April 2024, 1pm. VASA had provided a response to the Parish Council on the issues raised with the service experienced by a number of residents. VASA highlighted several issues had been addressed but as they were not a taxi service there would be occasions when a driver was not available.	Cllr Eburne to action
166/24 166.1/24	**Date and Time of the next Planning, Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee Meeting** It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 8 May 2025 at 7:30pm.	

Meeting closed at 21:32pm.

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