Meriden Parish Council

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Meriden Sports Park
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Minutes of the Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee held at 7.30pm on Thursday 5 February 2026 at The Pavilion, Meriden Sports Park.
Councillors Present: Cllr Eburne-Brereton (Chair), Cllr Eggar and Cllr Murphy
Clerk: J. McDougall
Apologies: Cllr Marshall
Public Attendees: None

Min No.	Item	Action
65/2526 65/2526.1	**Election of a Vice Chair** Cllr Eggar was elected as Vice Chair of the Transport, Environment and Climate Change committee. **Proposed: Cllr Eburne-Brereton, Seconded: Cllr Murphy**	
66/2526 66/2526.1	**Apologies and Substitutions** Cllr Marshall had sent apologies.	
67/2526 67/2526.1 67/2526.2 67/2526.3	**Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest** Cllr Murphy declared an interest in the Leys Lane Allotments. Cllr Eggar declared an interest in the Sports Park. A dispensation was granted for Cllr Murphy to discuss item 74/2526 and Cllr Eggar to discuss item 75/2526. **All in favour**	
68/2526 68/2526.1	**Public Forum** No members of the public in attendance.	
69/2526 69/2526.1	**Minutes of the Planning, Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee held on Thursday 4 December 2025** The minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Eburne-Brereton. **Proposed: Cllr Eburne-Brereton, Seconded: Cllr Eggar**	
70/2526 70/2526.1	**SMBC Highways Meeting** The Clerk provided an update from a meeting held with the Head of Highways at SMBC on 30 January 2026 which included the following: • SMBC Highways will gather data on use and speed on Alspath Road, Eaves Green Lane and Walsh Lane using a system called Compass; • SMBC assessed Main Road, adjacent to The Green, to see whether the road was wide enough for a different parking layout which would provide a few more parking bays. The road was not of a sufficient width so additional	

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	parking bays could not be provided in this area; • Requests for large grass verges to be changed to provide parking bays on Kittermaster Road and Fillongley Road would not be progressed as SMBC had not allocated any funding to create new car parking spaces; • The Zebra crossings on Fillongley Road had both been assessed for noise levels and neither exceeded the permitted noise threshold; • SMBC would be given enforcement powers in the summer to fine drivers parked inappropriately (over grass verges, pavements etc) and will increase the number of enforcement officers employed; • Numerous potholes had been reported throughout the borough following the snow and ice in January 2026 and SMBC was addressing these; • The Parish Council is able to undertake a Meriden village action plan for where parking restrictions should be placed which SMBC could consider; • The Head of Highways at SMBC would be leaving the Council; a new Head of Service had been appointed from April 2026.	
71/2526 71/2526.1	**Tree Protection Orders (TPO)** The Committee discussed applying for a TPO on the tree on the village roundabout (junction of Fillongley Road/Main Road). The Clerk would contact SMBC to ensure the Parish Council could still place lights on the tree if it had a protection order. It was resolved to complete the paperwork to protect the tree on the main village roundabout. **All in favour**	Clerk to action
72/2526 72/2526.1 72/2526.2	**Village Green** The Committee discussed the current protections around The Green to discourage vehicles from parking on the grass. Different types of barriers were discussed and it was noted that The Green was in a conservation area and a Field in Trust. The Committee preferred wooden bollards and was in favour of increasing the number of wooden bollards to fill the gaps. Two metal drop bollards may be required for maintenance access. Cllr Eggar volunteered to measure the distance required between the bollards and ascertain how many new bollards were required.	Cllr Eggar to action
73/2526 73/2526.1 73/2526.2	**Flower Planters** The Committee received costs for small galvanised metal flower planters for under the Meriden signs. It was recommend that six small black galvanised planters be purchased for under the Meriden signs. Cllr Eburne-Brereton would measure the distance between the posts to ascertain the exact size of planter required. The Committee recommended ten new large wooden planters on The Green. Clerk to obtain costs.	Cllr Eburne-Brereton to action Clerk to action

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74/2526	**Leys Lane Allotments**	
74/2526.1	Following on from the January 2026 full council meeting, a contractor had been engaged to remove a shed outside the boundary of an allotment plot.	
74/2526.2	Established hedging had been planted to close the unofficial entrance, off Mons Avenue but this had now been damaged and the access was still being used. It was resolved that the Clerk write to allotment holders and discuss access to the site.	Clerk to action
74/2526.3	Allotment inspections had taken place, growing was limited during the winter months and the inspection focused upon safety of the site. The Clerk would contact allotment tenants that had structures on the plots not being used.	Clerk to action
74/2526.4	A weed barrier had been used on two vacant allotment plots.	
74/2526.5	Three allotment plots were vacant.	
75/2526	**Sports Park Security**	
75/2526.1	SMBC can advise on improved security to the sports park and suggested the height of the access restriction barrier was too high. Clerk to contact SMBC for advice and to also ask contractors for the height of their vehicles.	Clerk to action
76/2526	**Correspondence**	
76/2526.1	A resident advised of a pipeline which will go underground through the Parish between Meriden and Oldbury (Hartshill). The Clerk advised that two high pressure fuel lines currently go through the Parish; the 10” Blisworth to Kingsbury Pipeline and the 12” Kingsbury to Blisworth. Clerk to send details of the current high pressure fuel lines to Councillors and inform Ward Councillors to ascertain if they were aware of a Meriden to Oldbury pipeline.	Clerk to action
76/2526.2	Numerous potholes have been reported to SMBC as a result of the snow in January 2026.	
76/2526.3	Dedicated allotment parking, on private Parish Council land, was being used by residents/visitors of the adjacent estate to park vehicles. The Clerk had written to Bromford Housing. The Committee requested the Clerk investigate the powers to issue penalty notices.	Clerk to action
76/2526.4	An allotment tenant had requested pedestrian access to the allotments from Leys Lane and additional parking at the allotments. The Committee expressed safety concerns at having an access on Leys Lane that required stepping out onto the road, down the embankment, with no footpath. With regards to parking spaces, it was accepted that the only space that could be created was on the site of the removed shed but this would require significant ground works and a dropped kerb application; costs would be substantial and the Parish Council had no funds in the budget for this type of work.	Clerk to write to the allotment tenant

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76/2526.5	Requests for parking bays on Fillongley Road and Kittermaster Road had been received. SMBC confirmed they had no money in the budget for creating car parking bays.	
77/2526 77/2526.1 77/2526.2 77/2526.3	**Councillor Reports** Cllr Eggar requested an update on the Parish Council's request to adopt the BT box adjacent to The Green. The Clerk would raise this issue with BT as BT had previously confirmed they would commence the process of adoption once they had completed repairs to the telephone box. Cllr Eggar advised the closure of Lavender Hall Lane may have an impact upon additional traffic in Meriden. Cllr Eggar relayed information from parishioners that development was taking place at a property in Millisons Wood when permitted development rights were not in place, and part of the dwelling was being used commercially. Clerk to query this report with SMBC Planning Enforcement.	Clerk to action Clerk to action
78/2526 78/2526.1 78/2526.2	**Clerk's Report** There was no update from SMBC on EV chargers for the Sports Park, although Highways was under the impression that SMBC has approved chargers in principle for the Sports Park and Main Road. Clerk to contact SMBC for further information. The tree survey has been completed for Parish Council land outside of the Sports Park and a report was being produced.	Clerk to action
79/2526 79/2526.1	**Date and Time of the next Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee Meeting** The next TEC Committee meeting was scheduled to take place on Thursday 2 April 2026 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion.	

Meeting closed at 9.07pm.

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