The Pavilion
Meriden Sports Park
10 Main Road
Meriden
CV7 7SP

Meriden Parish Council

Minutes of the ordinary Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 15 June 2026 at The Pavilion, Meriden Sports Park.

Present: Cllr Whitehead (Chair), Cllr Marshall, Cllr Eburne-Brereton, Cllr Ritchie and Cllr McGrath
Apologies: Cllr Murphy, SMBC Ward Cllr Hoey and M.P. Saqib Bhatti
Public Attendees: SMBC Ward Cllr Price, 21 members of the public in attendance and 9 members of the public attended remotely

Min No.	Item	Action
23/2627 23/2627.1 23/2627.2	**Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Murphy. **Proposed: Cllr Whitehead, Seconded: Cllr McGrath** Apologies were received from SMBC Ward Cllr Hoey and M.P. Saqib Bhatti.	
24/2627 24/2627.1	**Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest** None.	
25/2627 25/2627.1	**Public Participation** The public raised issues during the public session and interjected at other times during the meeting. All <u>actions</u> resolved from the formal public session and other interjections from the public were as follows: • A draft, rather than a final version, of the Parish Council's response to the planning application at land south of Fillongley Road to be published on 16 June 2026. • The Parish Council would hold an extraordinary meeting on 23 June 2026. This was to allow members of the public to view the Parish Council's response to the planning application at land south of Fillongley Road and suggest additions based upon local knowledge; a deadline of 21 June 2026 was given for resident's suggestions. • Ward Councillors would make representations at a future planning committee regarding the application at land south of Fillongley Road and the Parish Council assumed one of its members would also attend. **All in favour**	Clerk action MPC to action MPC to action
26/2627 26/2627.1	**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 18 May 2026** The minutes of the annual Parish Council meeting held on 18 May 2026 were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Whitehead. **Proposed: Cllr Marshall, Seconded: Cllr McGrath**	
27/2627 27/2627.1	**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 18 May 2026** The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 18 May 2026 were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Whitehead. **Proposed: Cllr Marshall, Seconded: Cllr McGrath**	
28/2627 28/2627.1	**Land South of Fillongley Road (PL/2026/00900/PPOL)** The Parish Council reviewed its response to the planning application for approximately 185 dwellings on land south of Fillongley Road. It was resolved to approve the response and object to the application, with the following amendments: • The historical view from St. Laurence to be emphasised • The cumulative impact of the erosion of the Meriden Gap.	Clerk to action

	The Parish Council would determine whether to add any further information to its response following the extraordinary meeting on 23 June 2026, and would publish its objections in full. **All in favour**	MPC to action
29/2627 29/2627.1	**Correspondence and Communication** Correspondence was received regarding the footpath closure due to quarry works; the resident would write to SMBC directly.	
29/2627.2	Correspondence regarding the planning application at land south of Fillongley Road had been received; residents requested a copy of the Parish Council's response.	Clerk to place the draft response on the website
29/2627.3	A request to view CCTV footage due to a break in off Maxstoke Lane was received; the Clerk looked at the footage and advised the resident there was nothing visible due to the distance from the cameras.	
29/2627.4	A complaint of noise from the quarry site (Cornetts End Lane) early in the morning and late at night was received, to be raised at the next quarry meeting.	Clerk to progress
29/2627.5	Correspondence regarding overgrown vegetation on the public highway on Berkswell Road, opposite the Heart of England Social Club in Meriden, was received; the SMBC forestry officer was investigating.	
30/2627 30/2627.1	**Ward Councillor Reports** None received.	
31/2627 31/2627.1	**Meriden Parish Council Chair Report** The Chair had met with the NDP group and chaired a meeting of the TEC committee.	
32/2627 32/2627.1	**Meriden Parish Council Councillor Reports** Cllr Eburne-Brereton had reported a man to the police that had exposed himself by the Zebra crossing, outside the sports park.	
32/2627.2	Cllr Murphy reported overhanging vegetation on Main Road by the junction of Fairfield Rise; the Clerk would report this to SMBC.	Clerk to action
33/2627 33/2627.1	**Committees** The Transport, Environment and Climate Change (TEC) committee will meet every two months; members were confirmed as Cllr Eburne-Brereton, Cllr Murphy, Cllr Marshall, Cllr McGrath and Cllr Whitehead. Cllr Eburne-Brereton was appointed as Chair of the TEC committee and Cllr Murphy was appointed as Vice Chair of the TEC committee. **Proposed: Cllr Whitehead, Seconded: Cllr McGrath**	
33/2627.2	The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) review committee will meet every month; members were confirmed as Cllr Ritchie, Cllr Whitehead and Cllr McGrath. Should Cllr Murphy wish to join the NDP committee, Cllr McGrath would step down. Cllr Ritchie was appointed as Chair of the NDP committee. **Proposed: Cllr Whitehead, Seconded: Cllr Eburne-Brereton** Cllr Whitehead was appointed as Vice Chair of the NDP committee.	

	Proposed: Cllr McGrath, Seconded: Cllr Eburne-Brereton	
33/2627.3	The Meriden Sports Park (MSP) committee will meet every month; members were confirmed as Cllr Marshall, Cllr Whitehead, Cllr Ritchie and Cllr McGrath. Cllr Marshall was appointed as Chair of the MSP committee. **Proposed: Cllr Whitehead, Seconded: Cllr McGrath** Cllr Whitehead was appointed as Vice Chair of the MSP committee. **Proposed: Cllr Eburne-Brereton, Seconded: Cllr Marshall**	
33/2627.4	Councillors nominated to attend the quarterly Quarry Liaison meetings were Cllr Murphy and Cllr McGrath. **All in favour**	
33/2627.5	Councillors nominated to attend the quarterly Solihull Area Meetings (SAM) were Cllr Murphy and Cllr Marshall. **All in favour**	
33/2627.6	Cllr Murphy was nominated as the MPC representative to attend the quarterly Village Hall meetings; Cllr Marshall would attend these meetings if Cllr Murphy wished to step down from the meetings. **All in favour**	
34/2627	**Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee (TEC)**	
34/2627.1	The Parish Council received the draft minutes from the from the TEC committee meeting held on 4 June 2026 and accepted all recommendations.	
34/2627.2	It was resolved not to purchase any additional Christmas lights for 2026 due to repairs required to the tree lights on the village roundabout. **All in favour**	
35/2627	**Meriden Sports Park Committee (MSP)**	
35/2627.1	The Parish Council received the draft minutes from the from the MSP committee meeting held on 8 June 2026 and accepted all recommendations. **All in favour**	
36/2627	**Neighbourhood Development Plan Review Committee (NDP)**	
36/2627.1	The next meeting of the NDP committee was scheduled on Thursday 16 July 2026 at 6.15.	
37/2627	**Planning Applications**	
37/2627.1	PL/2026/01086/TPO — Main Road Meriden CV7 7NL — Lateral crown reduction of the northern canopy of a sycamore tree by up to 3m to leave a canopy spread to the — Comments (see below)	

			north of 4.5m creating wounds of no more than 60mm. Reason - to allow construction space for a mast swap to prevent damage to canopy branches.		
	PL/2026/01001/LBC and PL/2026/01000/MINFHO	The Elms 180 Main Road Meriden	Listed building consent for the installation of replacement windows.	No objection	
	PL/2026/00900/PPOL	Land South Of Fillongley Road Meriden Solihull	Outline planning application for residential development of up to 185 dwellings (Use Class C3), creation of associated vehicular and pedestrian/cycle access off Fillongley Road, ecological enhancements, parking, landscaping, drainage features, open space and all other associated works/infrastructure, with all matters reserved except vehicular access off Fillongley Road.	Objection	Clerk to inform SMBC
37/2627.2	Application PL/2026/01086/TPO (opposite the Bull's Head) - the Parish Council noted that the application for a replacement mast would be taller than the existing telecoms mast, the grass verge required reseeding, and the foliage needed cutting back outside of bird nesting season.				Clerk to inform SMBC
38/2627 38/2627.1	**Insurance** An insurance premium renewal was approved with Clear Councils for the period 14 June 2026 to 13 June 2027 at a fee of £3,180.16. **All in favour**				
39/2627 39/2627.1	**Parish Council Policy** The Parish Council adopted a Councillor Harassment, Bullying and Intimidation Support Policy. **All in favour**				Clerk to place on website
40/2627 40/2627.1	**Planters** The TEC committee will review planters and costs on The Green. **All in favour**				TEC to progress

Signed: Cllr Whitehead
Dated: 20 July 2026

41/2627 41/2627.1	**Replacement Bollards on The Green** The Parish Council resolved to replace the bollards on The Green and delegated the Clerk to spend up to £330.00 excluding VAT on materials. Clerk to obtain two quotations for installation works. **All in favour**	Clerk to action
41/2627.2	The Clerk had contacted the Head of Planning at SMBC to query whether planning consent was required for the replacement bollards due to the conservation area.	Clerk to progress
42/2627 42/2627.1	**Box Blight Hedge** The Parish Council resolved to remove the 'Meriden Sports Park' box hedging outside the sports park due to box blight and replace with lavender. The Clerk was awaiting quotations. Delegation was given to the Clerk to fund the removal and replanting from the Parish Council budget. **All in favour**	Clerk to action
43/2627 43/2627.1	**Playground Repairs** The play inspection report identified a number of repairs, a new quotation was awaited from the installer along with confirmation whether any apparatus was still under warranty. Meriden Sports and Recreation Trust had requested the Parish Council progress this matter rather than Meriden Sports Park Company and obtain a second quotation for comparison; the Clerk would make enquiries with alternative playground repair companies. The Clerk had requested the sports park contractor raise any concerns during the weekly inspections.	Clerk to action
44/2627 44/2627.1	**Grant Application** The Parish Council approved a grant to the value of £408.00 to the registered charity FastAid to purchase items for the defibrillator outside Meriden library. It was resolved to use CIL funds for community facilities, if appropriate. **All in favour**	Clerk to action
45/2627 45/2627.1	**Monthly Finance Report** The bank reconciliation to 31 May 2026 was received and approved by Full Council. **All in favour**	
46/2627 46/2627.1	**Finance** The following payments were presented:	

Main Account	**Net**	**VAT**	**Total**	**Payment Method**
Parkway grounds maintenance May 2026	£ 1,334.17	£ 266.83	£ 1,601.00	Bank transfer
Meriden Mag	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00	Bank transfer
Lloyds credit card June 2026	£423.74	£0.00	£423.74	Direct Debit
Unity Trust monthly bank account fee	£7.00	£0.00	£7.00	Direct Debit
Clear Councils Insurance June 2026-June 2027 for MPC	£1,522.45	£0.00	£1,522.45	Bank transfer
I Care warm hub meals 18-	£156.00	£31.20	£187.20	Bank

05-26 to 14-06-26					transfer

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The following June 2026 payments were confidential to the Parish Council and not published in the agenda or minutes:

Clerk's June 2026 salary
Deputy Clerk's June 2026 salary
WMPF June 2026 pension contributions employer and employees
HMRC June 2026 payments

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Sports Park Finance: the following payments were presented

Main Account	**Net**	**VAT**	**Total**	**Payment Method**
Fairways grounds maintenance June 2026	£3,012.50	£602.50	£3,615.00	Bank transfer
Glacier Window Cleaning May 2026	£28.00	£0.00	£28.00	Bank transfer
Hollywood Home Improvements – various works to Sports Pavilion and Sports Park	£516.00	£0.00	£516.00	Bank transfer
G. Collins security services June 2026	£700.00	£0.00	£700.00	Bank transfer
DB Cleaning Services June 2026	£241.50	£0.00	£241.50	Bank transfer
Eon electricity 1 April 2026 – 31 May 2026	£617.69	£30.89	£648.58	Direct Debit
Fortress Recycling bin emptying May 2026	£ 55.64	£11.13	£66.77	Direct Debit
Fortress Recycling bin emptying June 2026	£ 69.55	£13.91	£ 83.46	Direct Debit
Clear Councils Insurance June 2026-June 2027 for Sports Park	£1,657.71	£0.00	£1,657.71	Bank transfer
Reactive Facilities Management	£2,835.00	£567.00	£3,402.00	Bank transfer

**Please note that additional payments may be authorised on the evening following Councillors' decisions*

All of the above payments (46/2627 – 48/2627) were approved; Cllr Whitehead and Cllr Marshall would authorise the pending payments via online banking.

All in favour

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Clerk's Report

The Head of Public Realm at SMBC had offered to undertake a site visit to advise the Parish Council on improved security at the sports park; a date was agreed for Thursday 18 June 2026 at 12pm.

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The quarterly SMBC highways meeting with the Chair and Clerk of the Council was rescheduled to Friday 10 July 2026 at 9am.

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Ward Cllr Jane Lamden will be the new SMBC representative to the quarry liaison group.

49/2627.4

A meeting with Meriden Sports and Recreation Trust was scheduled for Monday 13 July 2026 at 7pm.

49/2627.5	The Council approved an amendment to the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025-2026, which comprised of a change in response from No to Yes on Box 11 of the Accounting Statements. **All in favour**	Clerk to action
50/2627 50/2627.1	**Date and Time of the Next Full Ordinary Council Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting** The June ordinary Parish Council meeting was scheduled for Monday 20 July 2026, to commence at 7:30pm at Meriden Sports Park.	

Meeting ended at 21.36.