Meriden Parish Council

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

Minutes of the Meriden Sports Park Committee held at 6.45pm on Monday 27 July 2026 at the Sports Pavilion, Meriden Sports Park.
Councillors Present: Cllr Marshall (Chair), Cllr Whitehead and Cllr McGrath
Clerk: J. McDougall
Apologies: Cllr Ritchie
Public Attendees: None

Min No.	Item	Action
18/2627 18/2627.1	**Apologies and Substitutions** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Ritchie. **All in favour**	
19/2627 19/2627.1	**Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest** None.	
20/2627 20/2627.1	**Public Participation** No members of the public in attendance.	
21/2627 21/2627.1	**Minutes** The minutes from the Meriden Sports Park committee meeting held on 8 June 2026 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Marshall. **Proposed: Cllr Whitehead; Seconded: Cllr Marshall**	
22/2627 22/2627.1	**Play Area Repairs** The Parish Council delegated authority to the Clerk to determine a contractor for the play area repairs, apply to the Meriden Sports and Recreation Trust for a grant and schedule the repairs; the Clerk was awaiting quotations.	Clerk to action
23/2627 23/2627.1	**Security Improvements at the Recreation Ground** The Committee requested the Clerk obtain quotations for lowering the height restriction barrier, installing telescopic drop bollards and repositioning a park bench.	Clerk to action
24/2627 24/2627.1	**Risk Assessment** The Sports Park Committee approved the risk assessment for the exercise equipment; Clerk to apply a risk rating. **All in Favour**	Clerk to action
25/2627 25/2627.1	**BT Phone Line/Broadband Contract** Meriden Sports Park Company had paid the broadband and telephone line account to 30 September 2026 and had contacted BT Local Business to discuss the termination fee. It was resolved that this matter would be deferred to the next meeting.	Clerk to action

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26/2627 26/2627.1	**Water Usage** Regular meter readings were being submitted to WaterPlus to establish whether the water usage reduces. WaterPlus had conducted a free survey and determined that changes to the taps to reduce water flow would not result in a sufficient change to meet their threshold of carrying out improvements free of charge.	Clerk to monitor
27/2627 27/2627.1	**Sports Park Lettings** Football hire rates were agreed as follows from 1 September 2026: 5x5 football pitch £25 per game. 7x7 football pitch £30 per game including Sports Pavilion use. 9x9 football pitch £35 per game including Sports Pavilion use. 11x11 football pitch £35 per game including Sports Pavilion use for ages 16 and under. 11x11 football pitch £50 per game including Sports Pavilion use for ages 17 and over.	Clerk to action
	Football training sessions will be £15.00 per hour if use of the Sports Pavilion and toilets were required, or £8.00 per hour if the Sports Pavilion and toilets were not required.	Clerk to action
	The Committee approved a fee for a comprehensive season package of football and training for junior football, up to the ages of 16 as follows:	Clerk to action
	7x7 pitch, 9x9 pitch or 11x11 pitch per season of up to 13 games (although 15 games would be permitted if clubs progressed to county match games) and 40 hours of training for £600.00, including limited storage use.	Clerk to action
27/2627.2	Cricket for the 2027 season would remain at £75.00 per match including Sports Pavilion use, showers and changing rooms.	Clerk to action
27/2627.3	Rounders would be charged at £25.00 per game, including use of the Sports Pavilion, from 1 September 2026.	Clerk to action
27/2627.4	Hire of the Sports Pavilion would remain at £15.00 per hour from 1 September 2026.	Clerk to action
27/2627.5	Tennis courts to remain free of charge with no booking system. **All in Favour**	Clerk to action
28/2627 28/2627.1	**Quotations for Repairs** Authority was delegated to the Clerk to select the most appropriate quotation for replacement of the Pavilion 23 faulty emergency lights and the 30 Pavilion	

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	outside spotlights; Clerk to apply to the Meriden Sports and Recreation Trust for a grant to cover the net costs. **All in favour**	Clerk to progress
28/2627.2	A quotation had been received to remove the hedging with box blight on the outside verge and replace with lavender; a second quotation was awaited.	Clerk to action
29/2627 29/2627.1	**Volunteer Improvement Works** The Committee recommended volunteers from JLR could repaint the interior of the Sports Pavilion, repair or undertake a stain treatment on the park picnic benches, and clean the benches or seating shelter.	Clerk to action
30/2627 30/2627.1	**Grant Funding Opportunities** The Committee to explore funding opportunities for a bleed kit. Cllr Whitehead would undertake research on grants available from Sport England and other grant providers.	Clerk and Cllr Whitehead to action
31/2627 31/2627.1	**Correspondence** Reports of youths on motorbikes accessing the park and intimidating hall users was received; a hall user telephoned the police while the youths were present but the police did not visit the site and only provided a crime reference number.	
32/2627 32/2627.1	**Chair and Councillor Reports** None	
33/2627 33/2627.1 33/2627.2 33/2627.2	**Clerk's Report** The internal permitter hedging had been cut by the Parish Council contractors but as the hedging belonged to SMBC and the Clerk had requested SMBC cut the top and the exterior of the hedge. The deadline for submission of an article for the Meriden Mag was 31 July 2026, the Clerk has sent the article on the Sports Park to the MSP Committee for review; Cllr Marshall would amend the page advertising the sports park facilities. The broken planters on the verge outside the Sports Park had been removed by the Parish Council's contractor.	Cllr Marshall to action
34/2627 34/2627.1	**Date and Time of the Next Meriden Sports Park Committee Meeting** The next MSP Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday 7 September 2026, 6.45pm, at the Sports Pavilion.	

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