Meriden Parish Council

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

Minutes of the Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee held at 7.00pm on Monday 3 August at The Sports Pavilion, Meriden Sports Park.
Councillors Present: Cllr Eburne-Brereton, Cllr Murphy and Cllr Marshall
Clerk: J. McDougall
Apologies: Cllr Whitehead and Cllr McGrath
Public Attendees: None

Min No.	Item	Action
14/2627 14/2627.1	**Apologies and Substitutions** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr McGrath and Cllr Whitehead. **All in favour**	
15/2627 15/2627.1	**Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest** Cllr Murphy declared an interest in the Leys Lane Allotments. A dispensation was granted for this meeting only to Cllr Murphy in order to discuss item 22/2627. **All in favour**	
16/2627 16/2627.1	**Public Forum** No members of the public in attendance.	
17/2627 17/2627.1	**Minutes of the Planning, Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee held on Thursday 4 June 2026** The minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Eburne-Brereton. **Proposed: Cllr Eburne-Brereton, Seconded: Cllr Murphy**	
18/2627 18/2627.1	**Christmas Lights** The switch on date would be Sunday 29 November 2026, 4pm, and the Clerk had arranged timings with SMBC, who would attend to switch the Christmas tree lights on the roundabout on.	
18/2627.2	Clerk to contact the Rotary Club to ascertain whether their Father Christmas and sleigh would be willing to attend.	Clerk to action
18/2627.3	The Committee determined not to have a brass/silver band and had contacted a resident who would provide a DJ set for £80.00 playing Christmas music.	Cllr Marshall to action
18/2627.4	The Committee recommended a fancy dress competition for children to be held, with the winner receiving a selection box, and all children dressing up receiving a small chocolate bar. No refreshments would be provided.	Clerk to action

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19/2627 19/2627.1	**Village Green Bollards** SMBC Planning had confirmed planning consent was not required to replace the bollards, given The Green was in a conservation area, as existing bollards were being replaced with like for like bollards for maintenance purposes.	
19/2627.2	The Clerk would cost the wood prices at Bates Timber, Davis Timber and B&Q for 24 bollards.	Clerk to action
19/2627.3	The Clerk has approached one contractor for an installation price and was awaiting another quotation.	Clerk to action
20/2627 20/2627.1	**Flower Planters** Cllr McGrath had attempted to make enquiries with an organisation that offers lower priced wooden planters. Following a discussion, it was recommended the Clerk obtain nine wooden planters from Etsy for The Green in the dark oak colour and the cost was £320 plus VAT for a lined planter measuring 90cm x 90cm x 90cm. Cllr Eburne-Brereton to send a location map to the Clerk. **Proposed: Cllr Eburne-Brereton, Seconded: Cllr Murphy**	Clerk to action
21/2627 21/2627.1	**Flowers and Bedding Plants** The Parish Council's contract featured flower planter watering twice a week throughout June, July and August, however watering commenced earlier due to the dry May and watering was increased to three times a week. Resident volunteers could provide additional watering if they lived in close proximity to a planter.	
21/2627.2	Clerk to ask the Parish Council's contractors to remove damaged planters hanging on the railings at the duck pond.	Clerk to action
22/2627 22/2627.1	**Leys Lane Allotments** It was resolved that the Clerk ask a contractor to try and cover the vacant plots with a weed suppressant cover.	Clerk to action
23/2627 23/2627.1	**EV Chargers** SMBC confirmed they cannot install EV chargers in the sports park, or adjacent to The Green because the national grid capacity was not sufficient and National Grid had no plans to increase capacity in the foreseeable future. WMCA were working with a supplier to place lower voltage chargers in lampposts, and would advise the Parish Council when this was being rolled out to explore whether this was a possibility during 2027-2032.	
23/2627.2	The chargers by the duck pond will be competed late summer. SMBC were considering Kittermaster Road as another location for EV chargers in the village and a small service road area on Fillongley Road.	

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24/2627 24/2627.1	**Correspondence** Residents had reported children on Moped or E-bikes intimidating adults in the park, resulting in a call to the police.	
25/2627 25/2627.1 25/2627.2	**Councillor Reports** Cllr Murphy attended SAM in which SMBC discussed the pressure to allocate additional housing following an increase in its housing targets, and outlined that the small number of developments SMBC had refused had been overturned by the Govt. Planning Inspectorate. SMBC had confirmed an additional 2-3 primary schools would be required in the Solihull borough and a new secondary school would be required in the Blythe area due to the scale of developments. Cllr Murphy reported that SMBC had invested in AI, would have community hubs and connect centres in libraries , and would also require landlords to have a licence for homes of multiple occupancy.	
26/2627 26/2627.1	**Clerk's Report** The Clerk had advised SMBC that the wooden barriers at the duck pond were rotting and required attention.	
27/2627 27/2627.1	**Date and Time of the next Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee Meeting** The next TEC Committee meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday 5 October 2026 at 7pm in the Sports Pavilion.	

The meeting closed at 9.07pm.

Signed: Cllr Eburne-Brereton **Date:** 5 October 2026