Meriden Parish Council

The Pavilion
Meriden Sports Park
10 Main Road
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Minutes of the Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee held at 7.30pm on Thursday 4 June 2026 at The Sports Pavilion, Meriden Sports Park.
Councillors Present: Cllr Murphy, Cllr Whitehead, Cllr McGrath and Cllr Marshall
Clerk: J. McDougall
Apologies: Cllr Eburne-Brereton
Public Attendees: None

Min No.	Item	Action
	Due to the absence of the Chair, Cllr Whitehead was nominated to Chair this meeting only. **Proposed: Cllr McGrath, Seconded: Cllr Murphy**	
01/2627 01/2627.1 01/2627.2 01/2627.3	**Apologies and Substitutions** Cllr Eburne-Brereton had sent apologies; Cllr Whitehead substituted for Cllr Eburne-Brereton Cllr Marshall had sent apologies; Cllr McGrath substituted for Cllr Marshall. Apologies were received and accepted for Cllr Eburne-Brereton. **All in favour**	
02/2627 02/2627.1 02/2627.2	**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 08/2627. **All in favour**	
03/2627 03/2627.1	**Public Forum** No members of the public in attendance.	
04/2627 04/2627.1	**Minutes of the Planning, Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee held on Thursday 2 April 2026** The minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Whitehead. **Proposed: Cllr Murphy, Seconded: Cllr Whitehead**	
	Cllr Marshall joined the meeting.	
05/2627 05/2627.1	**Christmas Lights** The Committee discussed purchasing two Christmas lights in the vicinity of the duck pond, the Clerk advised the costs would be in the region of £2,300.00 for two of the most cost effective light features and there were insufficient funds	

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	in the 2026-2027 Christmas lights budget. Clerk to refer the purchase of additional light features to full Council.	Clerk to action
05/2627.2	A lengthy discussion took place on improving the switch-on ceremony with suggestions of all households switching on their Christmas lights on the same day, providing mulled wine on The Green, having a D.J. for Christmas music, obtaining further sponsorship from local businesses. Cllr Marshall to obtain costs for a D.J. for Christmas music. The Clerk advised an Events Licence may be required.	Cllr Marshall to action
05/2627.3	The Committee resolved to discuss this matter further at the next TEC meeting.	Clerk to place on agenda
06/2627 06/2627.1	**Village Green** Cllr McGrath had measured the bollards on The Green. It was recommended that 24 wooden bollards would be required to replace the existing bollards and install new bollards that have been removed overtime. Purchasing lengths of wood that could be cut would be more cost effective than purchasing 24 new bollards. A contractor would need to be engaged to cut the wood and install the bollards.	
06/2627.2	The Clerk would contact SMBC to ascertain whether any permission was required to replace and install bollards in a conservation area.	Clerk to action
06/2627.3	Cllr Marshall will research prices for lengths of wood to compare with the prices obtained by Cllr McGrath from Wilfirs.	Cllr Marshall to action
07/2627 07/2627.1	**Flower Planters** Cllr McGrath had undertaken research on the cost of wooden planters which ranged from £400.00 to £500.00 per planter; nine planters needed replacing. It was suggested that railway sleepers could be used to make planters as this may be more cost effective. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee considered composite planters that looked wooden; Cllr McGrath to contact Gordon Ellis and obtain prices for the next meeting.	Cllr McGrath to action
08/2627 08/2627.1	**Leys Lane Allotments** Five allotment plots were available; vacant plots had been advertised in the latest edition of the Meriden Mag. Advertisements had also been placed on Facebook in the past. It was resolved the Clerk would continue advertising the vacant plots on social media.	Clerk to action
09/2627 09/2627.1	**Highways** The Chair of the Parish Council and the Clerk would be meeting with SMBC Highways on 19 June 2026, the following issues were raised: • Pneumatic strips on roads within Meriden • The dates for the resurface of Main Road • Speeding and speed camera placement	

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	• Parking on the corner of roads, in particular Fairfield Rise, and the need for hatching or other parking restrictions • Parking on or across pavements • Volume and speed of traffic data for Walsh Lane and Eaves Green Lane.	Clerk to action
10/2627 10/2627.1	**Correspondence** A resident had queried why Fillongley Road had pneumatic strips that measure traffic; the Clerk would raise with SMBC.	Clerk to action
10/2627.2	A resident had reported noise from the quarry off Cornetts End Lane early in the morning and late in the evening, the Clerk will raise the matter with the quarry companies.	Clerk to action
11/2627 11/2627.1	**Councillor Reports** Cllr Murphy reported overgrown vegetation in the old telephone exchange on Main Road which backs onto Fairfield Rise; children had been seen entering the site. The Clerk would contact the estate agent managing the building and request security was increased and the vegetation cut back.	Clerk to action
11/2627.2	Reports of the ducks being fed by nearby residents opposite the pond were received. It was recommended that SMBC should erect signage asking the public not to feed the ducks.	Clerk to action
11/2627.3	A number of hanging baskets on the duck pond were broken; the Clerk would ask the contractor to remove the broken planters.	Clerk to action
11/2627.4	Vegetation by the Poppy planter was overgrown, along with the hedge. The Clerk believed this was SMBC's land and would ascertain ownership with SMBC to request the area was improved. The Clerk would also request the Parish Council's contractors clean the Tommy statues.	Clerk to action
12/2627 12/2627.1	**Clerk's Report** SMBC has been contacted again regarding the proposal to install EV chargers in the sports park car park. SMBC advised they would contact Qwello who were presenting the proposal.	
12/2627.2	Gardeners' World Live will be moving to Packington Estate in 2027 and Packington would be liaising with the Parish Council, Highways and other agencies to manage the event and traffic.	
13/2627 13/2627.1	**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 3 August at 7pm in the Sports Pavilion.	

The meeting closed at 9.07pm.

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