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CLERK'S REPORT July 2017 (prepared by *Barbara Bland, Clerk, for PC meeting 24-07-17*)

Many of the Clerk's actions are reflected in the agenda content but briefly:-

- Attended Finance Committee meeting; accounts preparation and reconciliation of April, May I & E & Bank Reconciliations.
- Finance MIS updated to include internal auditor report recommendations.
- Oversee Sovereign Play
- Met with Chris Barr and Cllr Weaver regarding Pool Management, funding, SMBC commitment and match funding; and moving forward with Pool Project.
- Met with Cllr Weaver regarding preparation or MPC representation at Cabinet supporting Meriden School bus service from Millison's Wood.
- Attended Solihull Area Committee meeting; guest speaker Solihull Police Chief.
- Supported Picnic in the Park event.
- Met with Ashley Prior with Cllrs Weaver and M Lee; following on from Cllr Lee and my attendance at Hampton regarding Strategic Traffic Calming measures and HS2 funding opportunities. Community drive around looking at hotspots and effective strategy that fall's into SMBC's long term strategic planning for highways.
- Attended Neighbourhood Planning meeting.
- Attended Manor Hotel representing MPC for launch of Marco Pierre White and hotel refurbishment.
- To attend MSRT Trustees meeting on 31st July 2017 re. Business Plan and funding application for 2017-18. Funding will be required for 1st September.
- Communications and meeting with Dovetail regarding contract specifically open/close and Mechanical & Electrical.
- Ensured Pavilion accessible and accompanied FixFire, AGS and Acquiesce Services and monthly checks.

Community Surgery 10th July 2017 - Pavilion

Bruce Brant, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Barbara Bland, Cllr R Weaver and Cllr J Barber. No members of the public attended.

The time was used for update from SMBC and MPC discussing the following matters:-

- Boundary hedges maintenance and verge widening required in Millison's Wood.
- Cycle Lane from top of Meriden Hill to Alspath Road needs maintenance and widening.
- Meriden Pool – advised resident concerns regarding dropping levels and algae all over Pool due to no flow or aeration of Pool.
- Dust Monitoring regarding Quarry Operators and increased dust in dry weather; shared letters and emails from EA and SMBC to Meriden Park Home residents.
- Speed Watch – disappointment in how long it is taking to get Meriden Volunteers trained up and team operational without Police attendance.
- Ashley Prior meeting on 17th July 2017; HS2 Traffic assessment for MPC to be consulted with. Also looking at concept of shared space and traffic calming strategy for Meriden Parish.
- Blue Shop – what is happening; skip parked outside. Need to contact Sharon French and Kim Allen. Named officer was Helen Ellison.

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- Wildflower Meadow planted as SMBC trial but who is responsible for maintenance and sustaining meadow in coming years.
- History Board the same as Berkswell to be part of Ward Action Plan 2018-19.