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CLERK'S REPORT April & May 2018

(prepared by Barbara Bland, Clerk, for PC meeting 21-05-18)

**Many of the Clerk's actions are reflected in the agenda content, with brief summary:-
April (Annual Leave to 15-4-18)**

- Met with Carolin Stockham, Solicitor regarding transfer of War Memorial & Site to parish council.
- Met with Oliver Monk re. water course at War Memorial and drainage.
- Met with Murlac Contractors for update on Meriden Pool works.
- Attended residents meeting with Bromford Housing re Meriden Gate issues.
- Attended Annual Assembly.
- Attended Sports Park Director's meeting.
- Attended Finance Committee meeting for quarter 4 internal controls and year end preparatory process.
- Data Protection Audit

May

- Attended WALC GDPR Briefing regarding new regulations to be implemented 25th May 2018.
- Internal Audit with MS Audit Services to close year end.
- Conference call with EDGE to finalise year end and open new financial year.
- Attended Finance Committee meeting for approval of year end process and external audit preparation.
- Contractor liaison Western Power, STWA, Dovetail, Patrol Alarms re Pavilion power failure.
- Communication with Oliver Monk re park rainwater harvest recycling tank checks.
- Communication Chris Barr re Meriden Pool communication, power failure, Memorial site drainage and tree works.
- Communication Chris Barr Traveller activity Borough wide.
- Communication Caroline Stockham re Memorial Site, Quotations, Funding and PCC Legal & Professional charges to be met by PC.

Community Surgery 16th April 2018 - Pavilion

Facilitated by Barbara Bland with **2 residents in attendance.**

- Speeding traffic Hampton Lane. Disappointment that mobile speed sign trials are no longer programmed for 2018.

Action: BB to write to Davinder Chohan advising of new residents group and endorsing traffic management.

Action: BB to write to Ashley Prior requesting assistance with traffic calming initiatives for hotspots outlined in parish council report.

- Concerns that HGVs are using Hampton Lane and wider parish highway networks; unbeknown to parish council and residents, Shepherds Lane was closed for resurfacing works which meant all HGVs were diverted through Meriden via Hampton Lane for a 2 week period.

Action: BB to contact SMBC & NWBC & WCC to request joined up working and communication to residents of potential traffic diversions affecting residents.

- Concerns regarding windblown dust from Quarry Operators settling on Meriden Hall Park homes. Samples and photographs collected as evidence.

Action: Residents to call all incidents into EA.

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- Concerns raised regarding potential planning application for additional park homes to be sited on walled garden and car park.

Action: Clerk to monitor.

Community Surgery 14th May 2018 - Library

There were no members of the public in attendance. However emails and telephone calls received regarding:-

- Meriden Pool – concerns for wildfowl.
- Meriden Pool – contractors over-running timeline suggested to finish project
- Meriden Pool – silt storage on field with odour and flies affecting public

Action: All above discussed with Chris Barr, Head of Service SMBC. Murlac Contractors to be contacted and update provided.

- Strawberry Fields Rat infestation assistance required.

Action: Emailed concerns and request for assistance to Connect for attention of public health. Awaiting response.

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