



# Meriden Parish Council

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## CLERK'S REPORT December

*(prepared by Barbara Bland, Clerk, for PC meeting 12-12-16)*

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

- Hosted Community Surgery with Bruce Brant on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Cllrs Weaver and Barber also attended.
- Communication Wright Hassall regarding fees.
- Met with Andrew Kinsey, Cllr Weaver and Trustees regarding resolving capital receipt issues.
- Met with Cllrs Allsopp, Weaver and Barber regarding capital receipt issues and SMBC loan request.
- Communication with Paul Johnson, SMBC, to resolve loan arrangement.
- Numerous communications with Barclays regarding overdraft arrangement and/or interim loan.
- Askews - sign off and finalise financial year 2015-16 accounts for Companies House.

### **Community Surgery hosted by Clerk and Bruce Brant, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016, with Cllrs Weaver and Barber attending.**

A general catch up of actions and outstanding items from previous surgeries included:-

- Update of SMBC proposed reorganisation of services.
- Priorities for 2017-18 as follows:-
  - (i) Vulnerable victims of crime
  - (ii) Domestic abuse – service improvements
  - (iii) Reduce public place violence particular around town centres
  - (iv) Reduce burglary – currently no priority for rural communities
- Meriden Watch to link into Community Neighbourhood team.
- PCs Harrison and Timmons now relocated to new base in Chelmsley Wood.
- Regular meetings with Bruce Brant, Police, Solihull Community Housing and Housing Associations.
- Vandalism or groups of youths – keep Neighbourhood team informed: prevention v. target setting.
- Explored shared costs of enforcement officer between local PCs; funding request. **Action: BBrant**
- Explored parking permits for centre village parking and further restrictions to the Green.
- Reviewed highways evidence for February Cabinet meeting; unrealistic to meet 31 December deadline therefore extend time line. **Action: BBrant**

Residents concerns raised included:-

- Increased dust/air borne particles – sample provided for analysis. Quarry meeting 12 December and this will be raised.
- Increased dog fouling in Millison's Wood. Signs provided for lamp posts.

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