

Meriden Parish Council

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CLERK'S REPORT December 2018

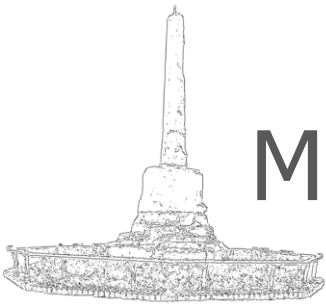
(prepared by Barbara Bland, Clerk, for PC meeting 17-12-18)

Many of the Clerk's actions are reflected in the agenda content; brief summary:-

- Met with Rangers and Friends Group regarding Pool maintenance, Arden Tree scheme planting, new hedgerow and plan of action. Also planted 500 English Bluebells.
- Finance committee meeting re the budget/precept/reserve process for 2019-20.
- Met with Real Point outlining LCAS issues and website redesign including Cllr Barber and follow up telephone conferencing re. content and logo.
- Met with Taylor Wimpey re transfer of Leys Lane allotments; Await Richard Beech, Adoptions Manager, feedback on freehold transfer, snagging and highways S106.
- Attended Quarry Liaison meeting.
- Attended Biomass Drop In event.
- Attended "Planning for Election 2019" Briefing – WALC.
- Met with David Keaney and Fillongley Road residents regarding temporary proposed traffic calming measure.
- Attended Finance Committee meeting re budget, precept, reserve preparations and scoping.
- Liaised with Coventry City Council and SMBC regarding water leaks/drainage issues Millison's Wood.....protracted since September.
- Liaised with Accountants for sports park VAT registration with HRMC and accounts submission to Companies House for year end.
- Liaised with SMBC for indicative precept tax base for budget preparation.
- Concluded Millison's Wood Memorial Bench with Nelson Family and handed over to Bruce Brant for final install and costings.
- Meeting to be arranged with Dav Chohan for new gateway signage for Fillongley Road and introduction of 20mph speed restrictions.
- On-going liaison with residents and parents regarding new school crossing trials and temporary measures; Paul Tovey has accepted verbal invitation to attend January's parish council meeting followed up with formal emailed invitation including David Keaney.

Action & follow up:-

- **Andrew Kinsey regarding freehold transfer of Sports Park to parish council.**
- **Caroline Stockham & St Laurence PCC for Memorial transfer and costs.**
- **Draft response to Sycamore Planning Application, re. Biomass to David Wigfield.**
- **Dave Keaney re services below ground Memorial Approach.**
- **Dav Chohan re Fillongley Road gateway signage – arrange meeting.**
- **Chase Coventry City Council & Oliver Monk SMBC re. leaks Millison's Wood.**



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Community Surgery 3rd December 2018 – Hosted by clerk and Bruce Brant.

- Street lighting issues at top of Leys Lane/Fillongley Road with lighting shielded by tree growth. Vulnerable adults trying to see during hours of darkness from SCH bungalows and Alspath Road.

Action: email sent to Bruce Brant outlining issues under health, safety and wellbeing agenda. Matter escalated to Highways and Tree Officer.

- Gullies dropping, drains are broken after Fillongley Bridge down to Merriroyles. Two have been reported twice before as defect repairs without action. Now considered high risk and a hazard – risk assessment requested by Highways.

Action: Bruce Brant to liaise with Highways and Drainage for repairs and risk assessment.

- Hampton Lane 3-2-1 sign has been removed after only 2 weeks trials? Was this long enough and what did the evidence show regarding speeding traffic.

Action: Bruce Brant to liaise with Dav Chohan, Highways Officer responsible for trials.

- Residents living on Highfield complain of bright spot light shining into their bedroom window. This light is a spot light mounted above the beacon on new Fillongley Road school crossing.

Action: Bruce Brant to liaise with David Keaney for adjustment and lighting shield/diffuser to eliminate nuisance.

It should be noted that during January to March 2019 Highways will only committing minimum spend to Highways. Emergency and urgent repairs will be undertaken only with a 28 day turnaround. Any emergency or urgent works will be determined from risk assessment carried out by Neighbourhood Co-ordinator.