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CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS AND ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING - prepared by Barbara Bland, Clerk, for PC meeting 25-01-16

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

- Concluded tender process for contract 2.
- Attended resident's meeting re. Beechwood Quarry planning application.
- Neighbourhood Plan funding telephone interview – outcome funding award.
- On-going communication with Taylor Wimpey and Lawrence Osborne re. Allotment gardens land transfer, STWA water supply and reinstatement of hedge programme of works. Dean Biddle Enforcement Officer engaged with Taylor Wimpey re. landscaping programme.
Note: result as of this morning I attended site and met with landscapers – planting of hedge reinstatement commenced including filling in gaps to allotment gardens.
- Met with Stephen Wilkinson re copse and bridleway enforcement & No.67.
- Met with AMS to agree programme of works for copse and bridleway – new gate, steps, waymarkers – all installed. Bluebell planting w/c 25/1/16 (free bulbs Wyevale).
- Met with Sovereign Play to finalise revised quote, programme of works, new equipment and resurfacing of children's play area, including new adult exercise equipment.
- Ongoing work "communities and right to bid".
- Hosted Community Surgery – no one attended 11th January including Neighbourhood Co-ordinator.
- Attended SAC meeting – Combined Authority update & Local Plan Review – briefing by Nick Page CEO & Cllr Bob Sleight, Leader SMBC.
- Development Day with Councillors including briefing by Maurice Barlow and Cabinet Member Iain Courts.
- Met with Sarah Jones, Neighbourhoods Community Team; 30/40 volunteers for Meriden Pool Project commencing end April – two days team building.
- Met with Dean Bash, Manager, Wyevale, regarding Community Engagement, freebies and allotment sponsorship. (two sacks of spring bulbs plus 150 packets of veg seeds for allotment & hedging for copse/bridleway).
- Attended Finance & Audit/Year End WALC Training including new Transparency Code.
- Met with potential web designer re. re-brand and new website.
- Met and interviewed potential Graduate for Neighbourhood Planning project. All looks positive and invitation extended to NP meeting on 28th Jan.
- Formal FOI request to David Wigfield re. Enforcement Register (see response received – electronically scanned).
- Attended Trustees meeting re. transfer of funds and business planning.
- Communication Wright Hassall re. convenience land transfer – now concluded.
- Communication Wright Hassall & SMBC re. freehold land transfer of sports park (see update received).

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- Met with Mr Rajvir Singh owner and developer of old garage & caravan storage site; follow up telephone calls now suggest the following:-

Tyler Parker is the Agent acting for John Kimberley (land owner), who have contacted Mr Singh to ask if he wants them to act for him too. They have put forward a development proposal to SMBC for Birmingham Road sites as per Local Plan Review identified Meriden sites which includes Mr Singh's site, as one development package. Currently SMBC are advising Mr Singh that the bungalow site is to support 60% rented from housing association, and 40% shared ownership. None of the property will be privately owned. Meanwhile Tyler Parker's site will be the normal 40% social housing the remainder privately sold.

- SMBC appear to be dragging their feet over this one?
- Mr Vaughan Williams is bankrupt with no assets to pay creditors or court fees (he owes Mr Singh 10K plus court costs that he cannot pay from eviction from Mr Singh's site). He is being pursued through the Court system by Mr Kimberley and SMBC.
- Mr Singh wishes to work with MPC and develop the site in accordance with identified need, but not on any social or shared ownership scheme.
- Mr Singh sitting tight waiting for someone to either approach him (i)to buy the land or (ii)advise him to submit revised plans.