



Meriden Parish Council

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CLERK'S REPORT January 2018

(prepared by Barbara Bland, Clerk, for PC meeting 22-01-18)

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

- Meeting with Woodland View re litter, smoking and bus shelters.
- Attended MSP Director's meeting 16/01/18, cash flow and budget preparation for Trustees meeting 30/01/18.
- Attended Finance Committee meeting 15/01/18.
- Met with Kath Hemmings, Sangeeta Leahy (Public Health) and Bruce Brant re Ward Action Plan and Meriden's Air Quality. A meeting specific to Air Quality is arranged for 31st January with Sangeeta Leahy & Team, RW, Mrs Parker and BB.
- Precept Notice sent to SMBC re indicative budget, % uplift and support grant.
- Email communication with Andrew Kinsey regarding Memorial transfer from PCC to MPC; Trust/Sports Park Agreement; Parish Council/Sports Park Lease; Freehold transfer of Sports Park. A meeting to be arranged and awaiting dates from Andrew.
- Email communication with Chris Edghill re Pool Project awaiting meeting dates.
- Email communication with Ashley Prior re follow up action items from December's meeting and invitation to attend PC meeting on 22nd January re grit bins and highways update. Awaiting response from Ed Bradford re Millison's Wood lighting and Adrian Mathews re grit bin for Strawberry Fields.
- Met with Woodland View regarding clients/patients using bus shelters at top of hill as smoking shelters, urinal and meeting site. Also litter, (energy drink bottles and cigarette ends).
- Patrol Alarms on site meeting 03/01/18 and engineer visit 04/01/18 to reset system after lightning strike and power loss; new control panel and camera quotations organised.
- Finance meeting 9/01/18 for sports park re cash flow and budget spreadsheets as per Trustee's request for their meeting 30th January.
- Facilitated meeting 10/01/18 with Co-Op Regional and Distribution managers and 5 residents along with Cllrs Weaver and Allsopp re delivery difficulties experienced by Arden Close neighbours. This is on going and trial in place for review meeting on 7th February.
- Contract Reviews undertaken with Cllrs Weaver and Barber 15/01/18 & 16/01/18.

Community Surgery 8th January 2018 - Pavilion

Barbara Bland and Bruce Brant.

There were 4 residents in attendance.

- Recent burglaries & car thefts – targeted?
- Police Initiatives: support for Neighbourhood Watch & improved communications
- Improved parish council communication using social media networks
- Footpaths to A45 being used to connect to layby
- Heart of England Club car park being used by suspect vehicles
- Drinking outside Heart of England Club in parked vehicles with music/language
- Knowle Police meeting on 18th January – request for Councillor representation
- Safety and security of homes
- Feeling unsafe in own home
- Hot Spots to be patrolled
- Meeting to be arranged with Jayne Turner Community Engagement Officer and Sgt Lloyd WM Police (Rural Team) for residents.

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