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CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS AND ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING - prepared by Barbara Bland, Clerk, for PC meeting 18-07-16

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

- Hosted a busy Community Surgery with Bruce Brant 4th July 2016.
- Communication NALC VAT Advisor, SMBC and SLCC re. Freehold land transfer of Sports Park and VAT liability to bring matter to conclusion. Awaiting availability of SMBC officers and solicitor to meet with PC Advisor and Chair of Council.
- Met with Cllr Weaver re outstanding issues, programme of work (HS2, Call for Sites, VAT, and Local Plan), archiving and sports park business planning.
- Liaison with Askew re. Sports Park Accounts; meeting with Cllr Weaver and Finance Director to consider amendments and future accounting processes.
- Real Point communication regarding amendments to website design and content.
- Working with Contractors for Bloom and meeting with Wyevale.
- Facilitated meeting with Co-op Area Manager and Transport Team regarding resident complaints and issues surrounding deliveries via Arden Close. Attended with Cllr P Lee, Cllr K Allsopp and Bruce Brant.
Outcome: Insurance for damage to private driveways/walls; reduce size of vehicles from artics to 4 wheel rigid bodies; refrigeration units to be turned off; drivers to be reminded of risk assessment; review feasibility of composite delivery of perishable and non-perishable groceries; delivery times to be changed to a.m. 07.30 and 09.00 and p.m. 18.00-20.00. Avoid 08.30 to 09.00 and 15.00- 16.00; review clash of deliveries; review deliveries to front of store; use of Banksman (store manager trained) and additional training given to other staff to provide Banksmen at all times on site; all drivers to use Banksman prior to reversing vehicles for delivery purposes.
- Attended MSP Director's meeting re. Year end and business planning.
- Met with Taylor Wimpey regarding Allotment issues covering freehold land transfer; copse/picket fence reinstatement; signage regarding caution onto Leys Lane and no disabled access; handrails to steps from footpath onto Leys Lane; barrier to prevent 'run-out' onto Hampton Lane; land on which storage stands and allocation parking bays to be placed into freehold land holding of PC; keys for storage to be made available to allotmenters.
- Communication with Bruce Brant and Chris Barr for availability to meet regarding Pool improvements with Ed Bradford, Adam Noon, Dave Tipping and PC, including i/d funding for partnership bid from SITA and Tarmac.

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Community Surgery hosted by Clerk and Bruce Brant, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator on 4th July 2016. Cllr Weaver was also in attendance.

1. A delegation of Arden Close residents regarding an incident on Saturday 2nd July involving an artic and private wall. The driver collided with the wall belonging to 25b Arden Close 3 times making considerable damage. This prompted anger, anxiety and requesting the PC for assistance to bring the Co-op to the table.

Additionally 26 Arden Close reported repeated damage to their garden and the property immediately adjacent to delivery area, has repeated damage to their driveway of which a patch has been re-done that does not match with the remainder of the drive and this too is now damaged.

The corner stones on Highways land is are also sunken and damaged due to weight of delivery vehicles accessing the rear of the Co-op.

Refrigeration lorries are left running.

Deliveries commence at 07.00 in the morning and coincide with school runs morning and afternoon.

Immediate action taken by the Clerk by (i) getting Sam Buxton, Area Manager on the phone (ii) residents venting their comments directly to Mr Buxton (iii) the Clerk and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator to attend meeting with residents and the Co-op management (iv) the Clerk to arrange a meeting for either the 12th or 14th July for the purposes of finding a solution and a site meeting to evaluate damage and undertaking of insurance/remedial works.

2. A request for Hampton Lane footpath resurfacing works.
3. A request for a grit bin to be sited for Arden Close residents to use for the close and footpath to shops in the winter.
4. The central Village bus shelter, Solihull route, to be relieved of litter and vegetation build up behind it.
5. The sports park frontage topiary reported to be letting the Park down and in need of trimming; the resident that brought this to our attention requested permission to sort it out. A huge thank you for volunteering her services.
6. The walkway to shops from Arden Close needs attention from street cleansing.
7. Continued dog fouling reported on Green and Walkways to shops, sometimes using Arden Close gardens!
8. Continued obstruction of footpaths by lorries using double yellow lines for deliveries in and around the Green.

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9. Overhanging trees and shrubs at No.41 Main Road requested to be cut back for better sight line and walkway access.