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CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS AND ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING - prepared by Barbara Bland, Clerk, for PC meeting 22-06-15

1. Parish Notifications for Planning Applications to Members for consideration and comments. Follow up actions with planning officers.
2. Meriden Bloomer's meeting, volunteers and volunteer co-ordinator. Entries to Solihull Neighbourhoods in Bloom and Heart of England Bloom. Business engagement continues with some success of sponsorship.
3. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group.
4. Attended Director's meeting Sports Park.
5. Attended User's Group meeting Sports Park.
6. Communication with Taylor Wimpey re. Allotment gardens and set up meeting for 26th June to resolve outstanding issues.
7. MSP preparation for Charities Commission & Solicitors communication and meetings.
8. Meeting with Darren Parkin re Pool and tree root ingress. Also oxygen in pool (dead fish).
9. Contractor management re Parish and Sports Park including interim reviews and programme of works.
10. Meetings with internal auditors regarding year end conclusion.
11. New Allotment tenants x 2.
12. Communication with Walter Bailey re copse ownership meeting TBA.
13. Quarry Liaison meeting – dust from wood recycling and sand banks on Area G Formal request to EA for monitoring.
14. Site meeting at Meriden Pool with Darren Parkes regarding tree ingress and tidy up. (See attached email response from meeting).



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COMMUNITY SURGERY 08 JUNE 2015

Neighbourhood Co-ordinator on secondment to Gardeners World therefore clerk hosted the surgery.

Further to previous surgery issues and concerns the following remain outstanding and needs follow up, attention and actions from SMBC officers please:-

1. Email sent to Tammy Rowley last week from Cllr Lee requesting "Could I please get an update on this, I note that it is still overflowing today.
I would also appreciate if you could confirm how often the waste bins are cleaned, I note that the one by the new bus stop on Main Road is turning green and could do with a clean which is next to Memorial Approach.
(002/018 photos)
2. Email sent to Tammy Rowley last week as follows:-
Good morning Tammy, I have received the email below from Cllr Paul Lee regarding the dog bin at the quarry entrance on Hampton Lane. Whilst the Parish Council take responsibility for the emptying of the dog bin adjacent to Stonebridge Golf entrance on Hampton Lane, the dog bin sited at the quarry entrance is the responsibility of SMBC. Could you please arrange for the emptying of this bin as an urgent response due to health & safety. Many thanks.

At yesterday's community surgery the following concerns/issues were raised with clerk action:-

3. Mr Daymond, 9 Leymere Close, regarding landscaping maintenance to Leymere Close. This is not being done by contractors. There are large nettles and thistles in amongst overgrowth which now stand above hedge height. This matter has been referred to Bruce previously, but any works undertaken is hit and miss.
Top of Leys Lane connecting to Service Road serving Fillongley Road – the surface of service road is breaking up and coming off.
The hedge that backs onto No 9 Leymere Close is 30' high and getting taller. It backs onto Digby Place. Bruce has looked into this before and it is believed Wendy Henry has attended site as the hedge is the responsibility of SMBC Housing. There is a need to reduce the height of the hedge as it is taking valuable light from adjoining properties. Nothing has been done thus far? Can someone please come out and meet with Mr Daymond? He can be contacted on 01676 523951.
4. Mrs Whiteman, 3 Digby Place. Emergency services recently called to attend to her sick husband and were unable to find No3. Bruce has had some signage put at the entrance to The Croft but it appears another sign is needed at the entrance to Digby Place that serves 3 bungalows from the top of cul de sac.

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Mrs Whiteman is not in the best of health herself (both in mid 80's) and any new ring and ride driver or taxi service called has the same problem finding them.

This is the second emergency service failure to this address. Can someone please meet with Mrs Whiteman and visit the site.

5. Mr Walsh - all the work being done along Birmingham Road, Millisons Wood, for new drains is good but one has been missed by bungalow at Showell Lane. Water is running out of bungalow when they are washing cars or jet washing with soap and other debris running along carriageway as drain is blocked and needs attention. This has been raised on numerous occasions. Potholes Meriden Hill – Bruce is aware and was going to get someone to inspect. Eaves Green Lane – ditch now fully overgrown – situation has not changed and it is not only full of silt but also full of nettles, weeds etc., etc., and cannot be seen now. Can someone have a look and arranged ditch clean out?
6. Christine Ellison, 2 Whichcote – from Whichcote Avenue to Main Road hedges all overgrown; hard to see and narrowing carriageway. There have been two near miss accidents involving children crossing the road as drivers cannot see around corners without being in centre of road due to hedges. Also footpath between Whichcote and Digby Place needs cutting back, along with Leymere Close Pond copse.

General Parish Council observations sent to SMBC officers for immediate action:-

7. Meriden is preparing for Neighbourhoods in Bloom and Heart of England Bloom competitions and the Parish is looking neglected. Meriden Pool is waist high with nettles and complaints are being received that residents are unable to access the seating or picnic benches. There is also a need to remove tree growth around the pool. Repairs to pool sides where bricks and cement have fallen away presents a health and safety risk. Bruce is aware of this so please update what is being done? A meeting with Dave Tipping last year suggested a maintenance programme was going to be put in place. (1530 photo)
8. The footpath from Church Lane to top of Meriden Hill (Showell Lane roundabout) is becoming inaccessible. The overgrowth of weeds, nettles and grass is taking over footpath and needs immediate attention.
9. There are clumps of unmown weeds mixed with dead daffodils in and around the village that are mowed around – can this be tidied up please.
10. Not sure if you are aware of this - see attached photos. It's quite a mess behind the Bull's Head, corner of The Croft and Fairfield Rise. Can you look into this? (002/004/007 photos)

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