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CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS AND ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING (24-04-14) – prepared by Barbara Bland, Clerk, for PC meeting 24-03-14

1. Attended Planning Framework and making effective response Training.
2. Community surgery held on 10/03/14 with Bruce Brant. Complaints and concerns received as follows:-
 - Highfield residents regarding reducing height of sycamore tree taking natural light and making properties cold. Also Apple and Cherry trees.
 - Central hedge – contractors trimmed sides but not top – reduces sight line in centre of road.
 - In front of bungalows there are open spaces and open porches which makes senior residents vulnerable to ASB. A call has been made to Community Housing without any assistance forthcoming.
 - Fillongley Road – speeding traffic and increased HGV.
 - Main Road – speeding traffic and increased HGV.
 - Quarry traffic not adhering to signage.
 - Leys Lane – (i) HGV and contractors accessing TWH site rutting verges and causing damage (ii) Hollywood Coaches using Leys Lane as cut through to and from Meriden School. Residents spoken with SMBC and have been told that although there is a restriction permission is given for coach as it is classed as public transport.

Neighbourhood Co-ordinator updates:-

- Love Solihull & Localism.
 - Solihull in Bloom.
 - Dickens Heath pilot regarding fines for parking offences including pedestrian obstruction.
 - Method Statement as part of planning condition for TWH and all resident complaints should be directed to TWH direct.
 - Inspector of Works has failed Leys Lane recent highways work.
 - Any lighting issues recently raised specifically replacement lighting columns – all replacements with conform to steel column and LED bulb.
3. Parish Notifications for Planning Applications to Members for consideration and comments.
 4. Attended Quarry Liaison Group meeting; emails to D.Wigfield & D.Lechmere regarding planning conditions attached to permissions & Impact Survey.
 5. Meeting with Resident Representative regarding request for information and response to David Wigfield in readiness for EGM of Quarry Liaison Group on 3rd April 2014.

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6. Meriden Sports Park on site availability for Dodd Group, Monument and IWS.
7. Chased via email David Waterson re (i) CCTV (ii) Meriden Gate overage (iii) Keys(iv) removal of DWH advertising board at Sports Park service entrance, (v) Transfer of Sports Park freehold from SMBC to MSPL.
8. Met with Nick Barlow, Packington Estate, regarding land and copse/footpath.
9. Met with Paul Barton, Consultant Arboriculturist re. Village Hall/Surgery car Horse Chestnut Tree.
10. Letter to Nick Barlow re. Horse Chestnut Tree planning approval, circulated to Members.
11. MSPL Directors meeting and presentation from CCLA update on Public Sector Deposit investment and long term investment/transfer of funds and set up new accounts.
12. Jephson Housing meeting with Jo Welch, Ian Woodward, Rachel Batts and Mark Collyer regarding indicative site plans for social housing and progress on funding prospectus for 2015 and proposal for future development.
13. Met with David Kearney regarding copse and footpath dedication to PC & No 23 change of use application.
14. Finance Committee meeting re 2014-15 draft budget, justifications, amendments, and final budget for presentation to and approval by full Council.
15. Attended Neighbourhood Planning training.
16. Attended Beat Surgery with Cllr Weaver, Cllr Lee and PCSO Handley:-
 - Reduced police personnel. Currently all available PCs redirected to NEC.
 - Only one patrol car serving 6 PCs/PCSOs.
 - Email address to be used is sh_nhp_meriden@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk as emails from PC not being received.
 - Following up skip without lights, parking around garages Alspath Road.
 - Parking at Millisons Wood blocking Albert Road sight line for safe exit.
 - Following up speed watch.
 - Thefts in area reported.
 - Recent accidents reported.
17. Attended Library meeting re. Stock Condition Survey & programme of works.
18. Sports Park contractor handover meetings with Cllr P Lee & Cllr Barber.

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