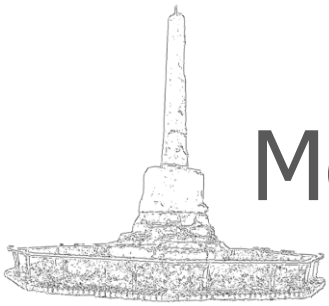


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CLERK'S REPORT July 2018
(prepared by Barbara Bland, Clerk, for PC meeting 23-07-18)

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

- Meeting with Bruce Brant for catch up on neighbourhood matters and update of Ward Action Plan to include Pool and Highways.
- Attended sports park directors meeting.
- Hosted community surgery.
- Business Plan for sports park.
- Joint meeting of Trust Board of Meriden Sport & Recreation Trust and Sports Park Directors.
- Met with Dovetail regarding contract review and getting back on track with M & E/Street Furniture. Also Pool tidy up and branch removal.
- Attended Finance Committee meeting & internal control checks.
- Site visit to Area G with CEO of NRS and Agent.
- Completed Quarter 1 reconciliation v. bank v. I & E.
- Liaison with Askews Accountants for Park HMRC/Companies House returns and published accounts.
- SMBC email communication re. Pool and finishing works including new gate Berkswell Road.
- Planning - collating information for portal in Cllr Nunn's absence.

Community Surgery 9th July 2018 – Pavilion – Hosted by Clerk, Bruce Brant - Neighbourhood Team and PCSO Toni Rheetson – Police Rurals Team.
Five members of the public in attendance with Cllr Barber.

- Resident concerns regarding planning application for 3 storey apartment block on site of substation, 75 Main Road. Loss of privacy, parking, intensive development, loss of light, removal of verges and trees all discussed. Agreed that PC would be opposing the application supporting all issues raised above. Offer to support residents' access SMBC planning portal via library IT suite.

Action: Clerk to write to SMBC case officer with reasons of opposition and support to neighbouring properties.

- Resident expressed concern for increased crime in Meriden, speeding traffic and parking.

Action: Neighbourhood Coordinator and PCSO Rheetson to raise concerns at next Rural LPS meeting. Parish Council to meet with SMBC enforcement and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator.

- Request for update re Pool Project and concerns over dropping water levels.

Action: Clerk to contact SMBC for update re. (i) pool tidy including removal of weeds to fence line on Main and Berkswell Roads; (ii) Murlac removal of security fencing; (iii) emptying of bins (iv) water levels. Clerk to liaise with PC contractors regarding jet washing of fencing and seating and repairs of wooden benches and noticeboard.

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PCSO Rheetson advised there are issues of feeding the ducks inappropriately and there has been opportunity to address this with several residents who are causing public health and environmental issues with their kindness, reintroducing rats along with the ill health of wildfowl. More signage is required to educate the local community on wildfowl diet.
Complaints have also been received regarding seagull infestation in and around local properties and gardens causing droppings mess on cars and properties and feelings of "being under attack".
Action: Neighbourhood, Police and parish council to speak to public health and environmental teams for assistance in managing the responsible feeding of wildfowl and removal of rat infestation causing public health issues and environmental damage.

- Resident concerns of drugs and ASB on Maxstoke Lane; evidence of discarded drug paraphernalia on footpath to A45 and grazing field. Also gate being opened and vehicles including bikes driving on footpath and into field.

Action: PCSO Rheetson to liaise with colleagues; observe and increase patrols. Also check logs as to frequency of public incident reporting. Further action to be advised.

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