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CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS AND ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING (19-09-13) – *prepared by Barbara Bland, Clerk, for PC meeting 23-09-13*

1. Communication Highways including site meeting re. Fillongley Crossing, dropped curbs, parking, Manor Hotel/resident complaints and red carriageway markings and traffic survey.

2. Community surgery held on 9th September 2013, with Bruce Brant, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator. Resident issues included Taylor Wimpey; hedge removal on Leys Lane; collapsed drains and new table top Maxstoke Lane; re-surfacing of Maxstoke Lane; re-siting of Meriden Gate lamp-post; parking with designated bays including disabled vehicle; crumbling wall in walkway between shops and Arden/Alspath; parent/carer parking at Meriden School (ignoring yellow lines and blocking drives, specifically Highfield residents); traffic survey; Fillongley Road crossing; hedges/verges/litter; neighbour difficulties with agricultural equipment in front garded included horse box storage and footpath obstructions.

   All above actioned with relevant SMBC officers and work in progress.

3. Supported National Grid, Park Rangers, Bruce Brant for Pool tidy.

4. CiLCA training – full day tutorial Warwickshire University Campus Wellesbourne.

5. Half day SLCC briefing session on General Power of Competence.

6. Meeting with Wright Hassall Solicitors regarding new Company set up and documents for Companies House registration.

7. Communication and emails with Jane Senior, Wright Hassall re. Allotment Holders and temporary tenancy arrangements.

8. Transfer of funds from Public Sector Deposit Account in accordance with Members instruction 19th August meeting and all associated paperwork with Barclays for BACS payment.

9. Communication with Andrew Taylor, Director, Taylor Wimpey re. transfer of financial liability for STWA water supply. Also negotiate repayment of 12 months charges from September 2012-July 2013 as reimbursement re. notice served on tenants etc.

10. Telephone liaison & meeting with John Shaw DTZ re. Land Unit and prosposal for ongoing specialist works.

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11. Meeting with SMBC Property Services re. SLA review and investigation of charges incurred outside of SLA.

12. Neighbourhood Planning Team application for funding to support Neighbourhood Plan – started process.

13. Followed up free Neighbourhood Planning training with Kirkwell's MD for Meriden PC participation and discussed with Cllr Weaver.

14. Parish Notifications for Planning Applications to Members for consideration and comments; summarising views and sending to SMBC Planners including resident concerns for Fordsons Farm, Harvest Hill new reference 2013/1498 for new vehicular access gateway 7.2 metres wide.

15. Meriden Sports Park meetings include:-

- John Shaw re. SLA review & tender process.
- Nick Barlow, Packington Estate re. land availability for future cricket/football.
- Discussions with John Rowley MD Land Unit re. ongoing groundswork as interim arrangement and groundsmen.
- Meeting AMS re. proposal and interim arrangements.
- Meeting and obtaining costs for Personal Hygiene Services.
- Meetings with Phil Stevens, Patrol Alarms and specialist re. modification to existing system and talking through proposal.
- Discussion with Chris Newton, SMBC officer promoting National Table Tennis initiative for local communities to received equipment re. table tennis initiative and funding application with Castele Consultancy Limited to support 2 external adult table tennis tables and 1 portable internal junior table and all associated equipment incuding coaching.

16. Quarry Liaison meeting with Operators and associated officers.

17. Fielding all resident emails/complaints re. quarry traffic with Quarry Operators and being conduit for all parties including David Lechmere and David Wigfield.

18. Communication with David Waterson and Jenny Leung re. rates assessment and negotiating waive of backdated charges from August 2011 to March 2013.

19. Communication with Valuation Office re. small business relief and completion of paperwork.

20. Meeting with Jephson Housing Development Manager and SMBC Officers to explore options for development of Jephson land ownership to extend The Firs or newly develop single storey dwellings under Rural Exceptions Policy.

Signed ……..Barbara Bland – Meriden Parish Council Clerk

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