

Clerk's report to Council 23rd July 2020.

The Town Council team have continued to support the Community Store and administer the pharmacy deliveries for those vulnerable or shielding. The pharmacy deliveries have, however, dropped off considerably and we will be handing this back to Haslemere Help to run by the end of the month.

Stakeholder meetings continue fortnightly with local organisations involved in some way with Covid support. It is anticipated that these will also cease shortly.

As you will be aware, the Council has been supporting the re-opening of the High St by fronting the 'Back in Business' campaign for our main retail areas. We have had very positive feedback. The next event is the Town re-opening day on Saturday 15th August, timed to coincide with VJ Day. Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to steward or help on the day. I have previously circulated the letter for retailers which sets out what the main aim of the day is. We hope to get some kind of entertainment going – watch this space!

Audit – subsequent to our internal audit in May we now have to be externally audited, with a detailed submission of the Council's financial conduct over the year to PKF Littlejohn LLP by the end of July. I have been mentoring Pippa, who does not have previous experience of pulling this information together, through the process.

SANG – 99 year lease was signed a couple of weeks ago, we will take custody of the land after the developer has implemented the £50k enhancements required as part of the planning permission (previously circulated to council).

Arran Acott joins us on 20th July, having been offered the role of PSO (Projects and Open Spaces officer), I'm sure you will all give him a warm welcome as he settles in. I have agreed with the Chair of Staffing a rota for staff coming into the office so that social distancing remains possible. Visitors are still be appointment only.

The usual Inspector Donaldson event on the last Sunday of July is cancelled however there will still be some kind of commemoration – Jo will advise you.