Clerks Report

July 17

1. Collaboration group – the next meeting is Thursday 27th July at Seighford Village Hall.
2. As a pilot initiative, the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership is providing, through a bidding process, £200k over the next 2 years in the form of the Road Safety Grant Fund. The money has been made available to:
3. improve road safety
4. increase public confidence in the safety of Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire's roads
5. support communities to take local responsibility

The Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership is keen to support locally driven community road safety activities.

Activities should aim to address an identified road safety issue which is of concern to the community. The Partnership would welcome a wide range of bids and encourage inventive thinking in how the funding could be used to make a positive difference in communities.

The initial funding round invites applications to be submitted between 1 August and 14 September 2017

1. Annual Return – the Clerk has received this from Grant Thornton – no issues have been raised and the auditors have signed off the return for 2016/17.
2. CiLCA – the Clerk has successfully completed her CiLCA qualification gaining this on July 1st. The Clerk was required to submit a portfolio of 30 questions demonstrating competence and using her experience in her role to show this. Members should note that as per the Clerks contract this raises the SCP point by 1 and Councillors are requested to ratify this.

**Clerk availability**: On annual leave from Monday 21st August to Friday 1st September (inclusive)  
During August the Clerk will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays approx. 9-4.30pm – phone and email and Fridays (9-4.30pm, mainly via email). This is a change to the hours the Clerk works during the rest of the year. The Clerk asks that Councillors give as much advance notice as possible of tasks required during August and where possible send a note of any dates of unavailability in case of emergency meeting requirements or urgent queries.

**Correspondence**

* + - 1. Stafford Borough Council Members Digest
      2. SPCA Weekly Bulletins – forwarded to all
      3. Invoices for payment as detailed
      4. Letter from Mrs Keen (read at last Parish Council meeting) ref their planning application 17/26258/FUL
      5. Letter of thanks from Jules Lindop ref use of the playing field for charity event and mention of possible event next year.

**Planning**

17/26258/FUL – School House, Newport Road. 2 Storey Extn, single storey garage, extension to existing dwelling and retention of change of use of land at rear to garden. – refused by Stafford Borough Council 11th July 2017.

Note:

SCC- Staffordshire County Council SARH – Stafford and Rural Homes

SBC- Stafford Borough Council SPCA – Staffordshire Parish Councils Assc