Chairman's Report October 26.

To begin, I would like to express my thanks to the Councillors and staff who helped with the McMillan Coffee afternoon and also the following day's Apple Pressing event.

It is only this week that we have, at last, received an email from Pete Bamford reference the transfer of the Library. He has requested a meeting with the Parish Council to explain the process in detail. Because of the tight time factor involved if this transfer is to happen by April 1st next year, I feel that this cannot wait until the November full council meeting. Therefore, I propose that we arrange to hold an informal meeting with Mr Bamford within the next two weeks.

Most of you will have seen the email sent to us from the chairman of Bayston Hill Juniors at the beginning of September. This email included, amongst other things, some harsh criticism of the Parish Council as regards the football pitches and the progress of the Pavilion project. Most of this criticism I felt to be unfair, particularly considering the extent to which the Council subsidizes the maintenance of the pitches and the cost of the Pavilion project which will greatly benefit the football club. We replied to this email requesting a meeting with the chairman to discuss his comments and try to clear up any bad feeling between the club and ourselves. Unfortunately there has been no response to this request but I will continue to press for a meeting.

Rob Ruscoe.