

## **Chairman's Report - 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017**

### **A short report from me this month as the majority of items are on the agenda for discussion tonight**

- Library- we are working with the Library Service to provide a service, on a temporary basis, within the vacated ground floor accommodation of Crafton House- rather than using the mobile library whilst we wait to complete our new build.  
We can then see the library routinely open for 4 days a week – hopefully in the next few weeks.
- The Chairman, Clerk and a representative from the Stansted Business Forum are working on the Charter for our twinning with Rungis, the main thrust of which will be mutual cultural exchange and learning. We are hoping our schools, now that half term holidays are concluded will participate and agree with their Rungis colleagues how to promote the language and culture of France within their schools and vice versa.  
There are many opportunities to follow up for our community – but obviously we must ensure all the infrastructure is in place to promote and sustain the partnership for years to come.
- The Parish Council has requested that our solicitor approve a statement that we can release to the community in relation to the Community Hub Project. When we have an agreed response this will be released.
- Further to attending the previous Full Council meeting, Stansted Airport Ltd have asked if the Council could advise if we support the proposed navigation improvement for a "preferred" helicopter routing that bisects the Stansted Mountfitchet and Birchanger communities. - Can we assess the level of support by a show of hands for the Clerk to report back to STAL.
- Finally can I remind everyone that this year's Firework display- note no bonfire for this year only – due to relocation to Forest Hall School- also only for this year. Gate opens at 6.30pm for a 7 pm start.
- November 12<sup>th</sup> – a reminder to all Councillors to be at Crafton Green to be ready to join the parade to walk to the Memorial Gardens at 10.25 am.