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To: Clerk - Hamble Parish Council <clerk@hamblepc.org.uk>

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Subject: Mercury Library and Community Hub

Dear Amanda,

It is really disappointing that after all the work the Borough and the Parish have put in to the building and setting up of this fantastic community facility the Parish Council don't feel they can support the library and community provision further.

It was very much hoped that the Parish Council would recognise the offer of a £10,000 grant as a genuine attempt to support the ongoing work at the Mercury. With the set up work complete (including the lending and booking systems provided by Eastleigh) and with all the hard work you have put into the sourcing and training of volunteers, it was anticipated that the ongoing work for the Parish Council will be minimal.

If the Parish feel that this support cannot be provided then we will look to see if there are alternative arrangements that we can make. I hope that you will bear with us and continue the current arrangement whilst we do this (accepting that this can't go on for an extended period).

I would be grateful if you could pass on to parish councillors our appreciation of the work carried out by parish staff to date, particularly Jeanette who has been extremely helpful and committed to getting us to the position we are in.

Kind regards,

Sarah

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