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Dear Amanda

### **Running of the Mercury Library and Community Hub**

Further to your recent correspondence with Sarah King regarding the above, I am writing on behalf of the Local Area Committee.

Having read your original letter I was under the impression that the Parish were effectively 'giving notice' on the day to day running of the Mercury through a volunteer workforce. However a subsequent telephone conversation suggests that this may not be the case. I think your recent offer of a meeting with Sarah is a good idea so that we are able to clearly identify what support the Parish are and aren't prepared to offer.

The huge amount work and commitment that both the Parish and the Borough have put into getting this project off the ground should not be underestimated. For our part we have always tried to accommodate your ideas and suggestions and have taken on a number of responsibilities (e.g. the booking and payment system).

I look forward to meeting up with you soon to discuss options for the way forward.

Yours sincerely

**Matt Blythe**

**Local Area Manager Bursledon, Hamble and Hound Local Area Committee**