HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING 28 March 2018

Item 12 - Questions Under Standing Order 23

	Question from:	Question to:	Question
1	Cllr Francis	Clir Bowerman	As Councillors representing residents in our wards, it has always been the practice that, when difficulties arose, we would have a quick word and advice from our officers and usually problems could be quickly resolved. With the new regime of reporting to Customer Services these links and the Councillor role are being eroded. In response to messages all I get is a report number and the assurance that the matter will be looked into. There seems to be no acknowledgement of our responsibilities. Are you concerned that the role of Councillor, with responsibility to care for our residents and wards, is rapidly disappearing? Do you have a plan to create a less impersonal system?
2	Cllr Francis	Cllr Bains	"Serving You," has been an important and appreciated source of information for our residents. There are questions that arise from the proposal, accepted by the Cabinet, that in future it is to be financed by outside advertising. As this is a Havant Borough production are there to be careful editorial principals about the kind and prominence of the advertisements published? Is there some policy to ensure that the advertisements do not get in the way of the Borough news that we want the public to see? Would we be seen to be recommending or guaranteeing products advertised? Has this matter been thoroughly investigated and rules set?
3	Cllr Ponsonby	Cllr Wilson	Could you find a way of enabling owners of businesses whose premises back on to Bishopstoke Road, Tidworth Road, Bordon Road and Basing Road, to park for short lengths of time to enable deliveries and pick-ups to be made? One owner of a café who delivers hot meals to customers has now had several parking fines and it is another potential nail in the coffin of these struggling businesses.

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4	Cllr Ponsonby	Cllr Wilson	Yet again the Licensing committee meeting scheduled this month was cancelled with your agreement for 'lack of business'. Could you explain to committee members and fellow councillors what has been happening during your year of office, and why members of the committee, who requested regular updates on licence applications, are not receiving these and tell us how many meetings of the committee there have been this year?