

Mere Parish Council

Clerks Report - November 2007

Agenda Items

5b) Decide on policy for dealing with objections that are raised on Salisbury's website but not sent direct to Parish Council – It has been brought to my attention that, largely due to the ease of electronic correspondence, people are not sending the Parish Council copies of their representations to Salisbury District Council. At the last meeting there were one or two objections lodged on SDC's website that we were not aware as we had not been given prior warning or copies. I feel it is important to set a policy so that every planning application is dealt with in an identical manner and would be grateful for the council's opinion on the following options:

a) Parish Council should only consider letters of objection or support for planning applications when they are sent direct to the Parish Council, electronically or otherwise.

b) Parish Council ask SDC if there is some mechanism by which they can send copies of their representations (electronically) to the Parish Council's e-mail address.

c) Clerk is delegated responsibility for checking SDC's website for representations on each planning application before parish council meeting begins.

7a) Road surface at Limpers Hill/Southbrook - Mr. David Button, Wiltshire Area Highway Engineer responds: - 'I spoke to the safety inspector and Ringway's agent following initial receipt and consequently the Roadmender visited out of programme and carried out 2 largish reinstatements. This morning I inspected the site myself and found that more works were needed, therefore again the Roadmender is being diverted there to do the 4 worst remaining areas. I expect this to be complete for the time being by the end of the week. With regard to potholes in the Mere area generally, the Roadmender which regrettably is currently working about 3 months behind due largely to the combination of a wet year and damage from increased traffic, is about to concentrate on the worst of the outstanding potholes around the town within the next week or so. Hopefully we will all see some improvement as a result. As previously discussed, what is required in a number of these locations is complete re-construction, drainage and improvement and or re-surfacing, clearly this would require significant resources to be provided from our major maintenance team. I am due to meet with them for the annual review shortly and have already determined to plead for a restricted/narrow site re-surfacing programme here in the south that would be particularly appropriate to some of these and other similar sites; although of course I am regrettably unable to predict the outcome at this point in time. You may also be interested to know that we are now nearing the end of significant drainage and ditching works at Mapperton Lane to lower the water table and thereby hopefully extending the life of the new surfacing there. I trust this information is useful.'

Information Items

Planning

Salisbury District Council has granted permission (with conditions) for the following developments:

S/2007/1547 – FULL APPLICATION – PROPOSED CONVERSION OF GARAGE TO DWELLING
NORWOOD HOUSE, MERE.

S/2007/1441 – RESERVED MATTERS – NEW DWELLING
18 LORDSMEAD ROAD, MERE.

S/2007/1144 – FULL APPLICATION – RETROSPECTIVE TIER AVIARIES AND CHANGE OF USE
MANOR FARM, MANOR ROAD, MERE.

S/2007/1584 – FULL APPLICATION – PROPOSED TWO STOREY EXTENSION & ASSOCIATED ALTERATIONS

HINCKES MILL HOUSE, SWAINSFORD, MERE.

S/2007/1556 – FULL APPLICATION – CREATION OF VEHICULAR ACCESS & CONSTRUCTION OF EARTH SHELTERED GARAGE INVOLVING SUBSTANTIAL EXCAVATION OF PART OF EXISTING FRONT GARDEN & CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS

BURTON GRANGE COTTAGE, BURTON, MERE.

S/2007/1687 – FULL APPLICATION – CLOSE UP EXISTING ACCESS – FORMATION OF NEW VEHICULAR ACCESS

NEWMead COTTAGE, SOUTHBROOK, MERE

S/2007/1728 – FULL APPLICATION – PROPOSED GRAIN STORE

BURTON FARMHOUSE, BURTON, MERE.

Salisbury District Council has refused permission for the following developments:

S/2007/1614 – FULL APPLICATION – ERECT ROOF EXTENSION TO EAST ELEVATION TO FACILITATE LOFT CONVERSION

WATERSIDE VILLA, WATERSIDE, MERE.

Xmas Tree Shredding

SDC & Wiltshire Wildlife Trust will be holding another Christmas Tree shredding event in the Salisbury Street Car noon on Saturday, 5th January 2008

Newsletters, Magazines & Periodicals

Living River Newsletter, Summer 2007

South West Provincial Employers – Affiliate & Associate Member Newsletter – October 2007