

Mere Parish Council

Clerks Report – February 2008

Agenda Items

7b) Traffic Management Scheme for Castle Hill

(Condition 125 of planning permission for former Castle Hill Garage)

– we have received an email from Rob Hannis of WCC. “I apologise for the delay in responding to your letter of 24th October 2007. This Authority has undertaken further internal consultation following the Parish Council’s request to consider the widening of the carriageway across the development frontage, but, I confirm the view of this Authority is that the widening to the carriageway will not sufficiently improve the situation. Currently there is insufficient space for two cars to pass along Castle Street at busy periods when substantial parking is occurring. A relatively short length of widened carriageway could encourage vehicles to attempt to pass at other points where there is insufficient space and therefore could lead to a more hazardous situation. Also, it is preferable that pedestrian safety is maintained, and retaining a narrow footway is not considered conducive to pedestrian safety, especially as two-way movement of vehicular traffic would be encouraged. Therefore, the earlier position of this Authority that a traffic management scheme should be introduced remains the view of this Authority. Also, the developer has deposited the necessary contribution for the introduction of the necessary traffic regulation order in accordance with the planning consent. This Authority must therefore act upon the contribution as required by the consent. I regret the decision is not as the Parish Council wish but confirm that the matter has been very carefully considered.”

Information Items

Planning Application Decisions

SDC has granted (with conditions) permission for the following developments:-

S/2007/2424 – FULL APPLICATION – PROPOSED REAR CONSERVATORY INCLUDING REBUILD OF EXISTING THE MEADOWS, LIMPERS HILL, MERE.

S/2007/2400 – FULL APPLICATION – LOFT CONVERSION INCLUDING THE ADDITION OF TWO WINDOWS AND TWO ROOF LIGHTS 2 WHITE ROAD, MERE.

Newsletters, Periodicals, Magazines

LCR – The Official Journal of the National Association of Local Councils – January 2008

South West Provincial Employers – Affiliate & Associate Member Newsletter – January 2008

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The Clerk – The Journal of the Society of Local council Clerks

Avon Calling – The Living River Newsletter

Wiltshire Wildlife Magazine – January 2008

News from Three Rivers – Gillingham Area Community Partnership