

Mere Parish Council

PARISH CLERK - MRS. L. C. WOOD

CLERKS REPORT – May 2014

Agenda Items

24b) Expansion plans for Mere Surgery – Mr. Michael Arnold of Medcetres PLC has written to say that the NHS has now agreed to consider a business case to provide funding support to allow the Mere Surgery to expand. With this in mind they would like to re-establish discussions about the land and have spoken to Wiltshire Council officers who have advised that if the Parish Council are still supportive they are happy to quickly progress a land valuation which is needed for Medcentres to complete the business case. Wiltshire Council has asked if we could please email, attaching the original letters of support and confirming that the Parish Council's position is still the same. This has been brought back to the Parish Council as there have been elections since the original letters of support were submitted. For ease of reference, I am detailing below a copy of our original letter of support:

"The Parish Council is aware that Cllr. Jeans has been in correspondence with you regarding the proposals of Mere Surgery for expansion and that, if negotiations between Mere Surgery and Wiltshire Council should prove to be successful, this would require the purchase/lease of some land from the Salisbury Street Car Park. I am writing to inform you that the Parish Council is acutely aware of the need for Mere Surgery to expand in order to accommodate its growing patient list and also to offer the range of services needed and wanted in a rural area such as Mere. The Parish Council is fully supportive, in principle, of the proposals for expansion of the surgery and feels that it is vitally important to keep the surgery in its current central location as it provides accessibility and also helps to maintain the economic viability of the town. We are aware that, having been advised of this situation, it is still Wiltshire Council's wish for us to sign our lease on the car parks in their present form but we would like you to be aware that the Parish Council will be happy, in principle, to surrender land from our lease of the Salisbury Street Car Park for the purposes of expanding the Mere Surgery."