

Mere Parish Council

PARISH CLERK - MRS. L. C. WOOD

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 12th April 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Andy Young Pavilion, Springfield Road, Mere.

Present: Cllrs. E. Mitchell (Chairman), R. Coward, C. Hazzard, R. Hill, R. Hughes, G. Jeans, M. Peirce, R. Sims, S. Squires & Mrs. L. Traves.

Also: P. C. Richard Salter.

Mr. B. Deeker, R. Potter & M. Whatley

Public Session

Mr. Deeker spoke in support of his application S/2010/399 and explained that when he purchased the property he naively proceeded to adapt the outbuilding for his parents to sleep in and has subsequently found that this was contrary to a section 106 agreement when it received planning permission in 2006. Mr. Deeker is now applying for permission to amend the Section 106 agreement to allow his parents to sleep in the annex.

Mr. Martin Peirce asked whether the Parish Council felt that the signage outside the Old Ship Hotel was in keeping with a Grade II Listing, he said he was referring to the canvass banner for Sky Sports and new sign for Harley's Restaurant. Cllr. Jeans said that he would look into this matter.

Cllr. Hazzard asked for it to be recorded in the Minutes that the Parish Council thanks the Hill Brush Company for its help with repairs to the play equipment at Walnut Road Play Area.

It was also agreed that the Parish Council should write direct to Balfour Beatty Mott Macdonald and thank them for their help with the car park at Duchy Manor and the Southbrook allotment approach lane. Cllr. Jeans also reported a visibility issue on the A303 at Charnage.

P. C. Richard Salter answered questions about burned out vehicles along the Roman Road and said that there were several incidents recently where vehicles had been dumped and burnt out and the police were aware that there was a problem and were looking at plans to try and counteract it. P. C. Salter said that Salisbury CID were dealing with investigations into Zeals Post Office raid and the two suspects who had been arrested were currently on bail. The Clerk informed members that she had received copy of a notification of a dead-dying-dangerous tree which Wiltshire Council's arboriculturalist had confirmed should be removed as a matter of urgency. The tree was on private land adjacent to Treganhawk in Castle Hill Lane.

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs. Michael Hall (Vice-Chairman) and Mrs. M. White.

384. Declarations of Interest – Cllr. Jeans declared a personal interest in Planning Application S/2010/381 and a personal interest in Planning Application S/2010/364

The Clerk declared an interest in item 391 c) and left the room whilst the matter was discussed by the Parish Council.

385. Minutes – Cllr. R. Coward proposed that the Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 1st March 2010 be approved. Proposal seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Traves and carried with a majority vote of those present on 1.3.10. Cllr. Mrs. Traves proposed that the Minutes of Health & Safety/Insurance Review meeting held on Wednesday, 24.2.10 be approved. Proposal seconded by Cllr. R. Coward and carried with a majority vote of those present on 24.2.10.

386. Planning

a) Applications:

Application Number: S/2010/318

Location: ROSEMARY COTTAGE, DARK LANE, MERE.

Proposal: ERECTION OF CONSERVATORY TO SIDE OF DWELLING HOUSE

Cllr. Hill proposed that the above application be recommended for approval. Proposal seconded by Cllr. Sims and carried with a majority vote of those present. (Due to his role as Wiltshire Councillor, Cllr. Jeans abstained from voting)

Application Number: S/2010/381

Location: LAND ADJ TO BIRCHLEA BARNES PLACE MERE WARMINSTER.

Proposal: ERECT HOUSE, MAKE ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING VEHICULAR ACCESS, MAKE ALTERATIONS TO JUNCTION OF BARNES PLACE WITH BOAR STREET

Cllr. Hazzard proposed that the above application be recommended for approval. Proposal seconded by Cllr. Sims and carried with a majority vote of 8 for. (Cllr. Jeans, having declared a personal interest, refrained from voting).

Application Number: S/2010/364

Location: SHREEN HAYES, WATER STREET MERE .

Proposal: ERECT CARRIAGE HOUSE (CAR PORT/STORE)

Cllr. R. Coward proposed that the above application be recommended for approval. Proposal seconded by Cllr. Sims and carried with a majority vote in favour. (Cllr. Jeans, having declared a personal interest, refrained from voting).

Application Number: S/2010/409

Location: OLD ORCHARD COTTAGE CLEMENTS LANE MERE .

Proposal: SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO PROVIDE A UTILITY ROOM AND A SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO PROVIDE A GUEST ROOM

Cllr. Sims proposed that the above application be recommended for approval. Proposal seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Traves and carried with a majority vote. (Due to his role as Wiltshire Councillor, Cllr. Jeans abstained from voting).

Application Number: S/2010/399

Location: BURTON FARMHOUSE BURTON MERE .

Proposal: DEED OF VARIATION TO SECTION 106 AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO PLANNING PERMISSION S/2006/2006

The Clerk confirmed that she had not received any paperwork for this application but had spotted it in the weekly planning application list supplied by Wiltshire Council's planning department. Wiltshire Councillor Jeans confirmed that he had consulted with the legal department of the planning authority who confirmed that they had created a planning number for it and that it will probably come up as a full planning application. Cllr. Hazzard proposed that the Parish Council should recommend approval for the relevant clauses within the Section 106 agreement to be lifted in order to allow the ancillary accommodation to be used for sleeping purposes. However, the Parish Council would object to any other of the clauses within the Section 106 agreement being lifted which may enable the annexe to be sold off separately, let separately, leased separately or occupied other than in conjunction with the land and each other as ancillary accommodation to Burton Farmhouse or to have a separate curtilage formed around it. Proposal seconded by Cllr. Sims and carried with a majority vote of 7 in favour. (Due to his role as Wiltshire Councillor, Cllr. Jeans abstained from voting).

Application Number: S/2010/480

Location: THE COTTAGE, OLD HOLLOW, MERE.

Proposal: EXTENSION OF PORCH AND SIDE EXTENSION

Cllr. Hughes proposed that the above application be recommended for approval with the condition that the rights of way to the north and south of the property remain unobstructed whilst construction work is being carried out.

Proposal seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Traves and carried with a majority vote in favour. (Due to his role as Wiltshire Councillor, Cllr. Jeans abstained from voting).

b) South Wiltshire Core Strategy Examination – Cllr. Jeans reported that he had attended the hearing and put forward a case to support businesses in the town and for rural car parking issues. He had also presented a case to change the car parking allocations for new developments to reflect the different needs in rural areas. Cllr. Jeans reported that Wiltshire Council's next consultation would be the Wiltshire Development Plan Document which is the next stage following on from the Core Strategy.

387. Matters Arising

a) Wiltshire Councillors Report – Cllr. Jeans reported that Wiltshire Council is now only making monthly checks on street lights.

b) Report from Community Safety Representative – Cllr. R. Sims reported that he had attended a Tisbury Community Safety Partnership meeting where they talked about Community Speedwatch and shared use of Speed Indicator Devices. There was also a report on Fire & Rescue calls and Cllr. Sims reported that the Mere station attended 118 calls between 1.2.09 & 31.12.09 – 51 were Co responder calls, 11 were road traffic collisions, 23 were fires, 15 were false alarms due to alarm systems, 0 were hoax calls and 7 were false alarms.

c) Report from Transport Representative – Cllr. R. Sims reported that new red buses have been introduced for Salisbury, travelling from Bemerton Heath to the Hospital

d) Report from Community Area Partnership Representative – Cllr. M. Hall - deferred

***e) Resistance to car parking charges – letter from Cllr. R. Tonge, re: Parking Plan Review** – with reference to the letter, as copied in the Clerks Report, the Clerk was asked to contact Mouchel to ask for Parish Council input in their review.

f) Progress report on application for Higher Level Environmental Scheme with Natural England – Cllr. R. Coward reported that the application had been registered with the Rural Payments Agency but that they were very slow in giving out information that was needed to process the scheme further. Cllr. Coward confirmed that he had met Helen Pengelly on site and that she was now progressing with the Environmental Plan for the site.

388. Highways, Rivers, Footpaths & Transport

a) Parish Steward Scheme – job list + Evaluation of scheme - Members completed a survey on the value of the Parish Steward Scheme which they generally felt was good and worthwhile. The Clerk informed members of the jobs that the Parish Steward had carried out during his last visit and it was agreed that he should be asked to trim hedges on visibility splays around the town and to cut back vegetation from the footpaths around the vicarage and churchyard and to fill potholes. Cllr. Peirce reported that a section of the tarmac footpath between the cemetery and sewage works had sunk or subsided and confirmed that he would send photos to confirm location etc.

389. Allotments

a) Report on allotment rent audit - deferred

b) Concerns regarding state of Wellhead allotment car parking area – The Clerk confirmed that she had received complaints from a resident of Wellhead about the state of the car parking area on the allotments. The Clerk had tried to explain the history behind the creation of this car parking area and that it was up to the residents to keep it in order but she conceded that it was in a poor state. The Clerk was also concerned that the allotments surrounding the car park were being eroded by people parking too close to the edges. It was agreed that the Parish Council should erect a sturdy fence on the northern boundary of the car parking area and Cllr. Hughes agreed to provide an estimate. Cllr. Jeans said he was aware of residents in the area who were prepared to form a residents group to raise funds and provide materials for the repair of the car parking area and Cllr. Jeans agreed to provide the Clerk with contact names for liaison. Members stressed that the original condition of the car park must remain 'that it is there for all to use' and it was suggested that a sign to this effect should be erected on site.

390. Finance & Resources

a) Payments: Cllr. R. Coward proposed that the following payments be approved. Proposal seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Traves and carried with a unanimous vote.

Financial year 2009/10		
D. & H. Pengelly	Farm Environment Plan & HLS Application Advice	210.77 Pd. 24.3.10
Calor Gas Ltd	Propane gas for AYP	159.81 Pd. 24.3.10
Newlands Training	Brushcutter/trimmer course for groundsman	158.63 Pd. 24.3.10
Newlands Training	Ride-on mower course for groundsman	170.38 Pd. 24.3.10
Wessex Water	Standpipe at Jack Paul Close Allotments – 19.9.09 – 15.3.10	13.74
Clear Signs	Signs for cemetery & new cemetery	75.00
Sydenhams	Various	107.99
Southern Electric	Supply to Clock Tower	17.09
Cash	Mobile phone top-up	10.00
Duchy of Cornwall	Half yearly rentals – allotments	315.35
T & M Sheppard	Storage container for Duchy Manor Grounds	1862.38
Wessex Water	Supply to new cemetery	10.18
Mere School	Water – changing rooms – 7.12.09 – 5.3.10	32.90
Mere School	Water – Bowling Green & AYP – 7.12.09 – 5.3.10	6.49
Mere School	Gas – Changing rooms – 7.12.09 – 5.3.10	281.69
Mere School	Electricity – changing rooms – 7.12.09 – 5.3.10	121.09
Plantworld Limited	Hedging plants for Wellhead allotment site	13.47 Pd. 24.3.10
Forge Garages	Fuel & Oil - £163 + Service for Diahatsu	531.77
Shaftesbury Garden Machinery	Kawasaki Brushcutter 1 – service	109.85 Pd. 24.3.10
Shaftesbury Garden Machinery	Kawasaki Brushcutter 2 – service	51.11 Pd. 24.3.10
Shaftesbury Garden Machinery	Husqvarna Ride-on mower – service	256.77 Pd. 24.3.10
Shaftesbury Garden Machinery	Stihl Leaf blower – service	51.11 Pd. 24.3.10
Scats Countrystores	Tools	15.95
Financial Year 2010/11		
Grove Buildings	Hire of hall	15.00 Pd. 24.3.10
Wiltshire Council	Lease of land and changing rooms	200.00
Wiltshire Council	Non-Domestic rates for cemetery	356.04
Wessex Water	Water installation & connection fee for Wellhead Allotments	725.65
Wessex Water	Water supply to Cemetery – 1.4.10 – 31.3.11	75.84
Wiltshire Council	Non-Domestic Rates for Changing Rooms, Playing Fields & Premises at Duchy Manor	1407.60
Cash (Dell)	Reimbursement for printer toner	69.33
Imprest Account (cheques 2647 - 2651)	Wages, PAYE, Pension, Petty Cash	3658.89
Cash	Reimbursement for padlocks	40.98

b) To approve recommendations made of Health & Safety/Insurance review meeting held on 24.2.10 – Cllr. R. Coward proposed that the recommendations be approved and adopted. Proposal seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Traves and carried with a unanimous vote.

- c) Statement for Mere Matters on Parish Precept** – following a complaint from a resident, the Clerk read out a draft statement explaining how the Parish Council calculated its precept upon Wiltshire Council and why there had been an increase. Members approved the statement and agreed that this should be published in Mere Matters.
- d) Bid for skate park equipment – update** – Cllr. Jeans reported that the Parish Council’s bid was successful and that the Parish Council needed to liaise with Dinton Parish Council about transporting the equipment to Mere. He explained that he was investigating options for funding to install the equipment and whether more equipment could be purchased to add to the project. He was aware that planning permission would need to be sought and had liaised with user groups of the Recreation Ground to find a suitable location.

391. General Items

a) Parish, Town & City Councillors Training Seminar – Friday, 14th May at 9.15 – 13.00 at City Hall, Salisbury – Cllr. Sims indicated that he would like to attend and the Clerk said that she may attend also.

b) Invitation to Annual Meeting of CPRE South Wiltshire Group – Friday, 23rd April at 7.00 p.m. in Salisbury Methodist Church – no members were able to attend the meeting.

c) Kilmington Parish Council’s administration from Mere Parish Council’s office – The Clerk declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the room whilst this matter was discussed. Cllr. Jeans reported to members that Kilmington Parish Council was looking for a new Clerk and that Lindsey Wood had expressed an interest in doing the job but was reluctant to have all the paperwork and paraphernalia in her home. Cllr. Jeans therefore suggested that this work could be carried out from Mere’s office. Members felt that this was an acceptable suggestion on condition that Kilmington Parish Council made a small contribution towards services/expenses.

392. Clerks Report – Cllr. R. Coward proposed that the Clerks Report be approved and adopted. Proposal seconded by Cllr. Sims and carried with a unanimous vote. There were no requests for future agenda items.

393. Mere Peace Memorial Sports & Recreation Ground Charity

a) Cllr. Coward proposed that the following payments be approved. Proposal seconded by Cllr. R. Hughes and carried with a unanimous vote:

Wessex Water	Supply to Recreation Ground (old Rutter Pavilion)	£30.06
Wessex Water	Supply to Recreation Ground (old Cricket Pavilion)	£ 8.66

The Clerk asked members to note that the Charity has received 100% relief for the tennis courts and premises in respect of Non-Domestic Rates.