

# Mere Town Council

TOWN CLERK - MRS. L. C. WOOD

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in The Andy Young Pavilion, Springfield Road, Mere, BA12 6EW

**Present:** Councillors J. Jordan (Chairman), Mrs. K. Symonds (Vice-Chairman), A. Colman, P. Coward, R. Coward, C. Hazzard, R. Hill, Mrs. J. Hurd, G. Ings, A. Mead, E. Mitchell, B. Norris, Mrs. L. Traves & R. Sims

Meeting convened at 7.30 p.m. with Public Session

*The Chairman will convene the Town Council meeting after the public session (please note that members of the public are no longer permitted to speak unless invited to do so by the Chairman).*

Mr. Vernon Phillips of Pettridge Lane discussed street name signs.

Mr. Roy Sims said that on behalf of Mere Cancer Committee who would like to thank everyone in the town including councillors who gave prizes for the May Fayre. The Cancer Committee raised over £4,000.

Mr. A. Mead said that he wanted to raise concerns about the state of the wall along Dark Lane. He said that the cement pointing was loose and being washed out rapidly. The capping stones on top of the wall were become lose and jutting forward. Mr. Mead asked if the Town Council could contact the owners requesting that the wall be repointed.

Mr. B. Norris said that he had attended the Mere & District Linkscheme AGM last Friday. They are financially healthy and as busy as ever. They wanted to thank the Town Council for their financial support. The Linkscheme has given some financial support to Seeds4Success.

Mr. Clive Hazzard said that he wanted to praise Gillingham News for its coverage of Mere.

Mr. Sims asked if there was anything we could do to alleviate the problem of grass growing over cremation plaques. The Chairman said that some volunteer work had been offered to do this. Generally it was down to the owner of the plot to look after their individual plot and although the grounds staff did their best to look after the cremation area, this was hampered by ornaments and flower pots that relatives left on the plots which were unauthorised.

Mr. Wilkinson of 3 Caddy Lane spoke in support of his planning application (17/03777/FUL). He said that he was proposing to make a bigger area because his wife was disabled and that he had spoken to the neighbours and none had raised any objections.

Deborah Howard & Mr. Collier from Knowl Batch spoke in support of their planning application (17/04054/OUT) stating that they would like to demolish the existing dwelling and build a replacement dwelling that would be suitable to raise their family. They said that they had spoken to Mr. Avery (neighbour) who had not raised any objections.

**Apologies for absence** received from Cllr. G. Jeans

## **23. To receive declarations of interest from members and to consider requests for new DPI dispensations.**

*Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Mere Town Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.*

- Cllr. B. Norris declared a pecuniary interest in Minute No. 30a) [recipient]

**24. Minutes** – RESOLVED to approve Minutes of Annual Town Council meeting held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 on proposal made by Cllr. R. Coward, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Traves and carried with a unanimous vote of those present on 8.5.17

## 25. Matters Arising

**Minute No. 20e) Procedure for service provision in respect of extra budget allowance made for street cleaning, weed clearance and general odd jobs to carry out around the town** – The Chairman informed members that the Town Council had received no response to the advertisement as yet. Cllr. A. Colman said that Wiltshire Council is supposed to be cleaning our streets 3 times a week and he has e-mail correspondence confirming that this is the case.

## 26. Reports & Consultations

**a) Neighbourhood Policing Report** – Cllr. Sims said that with reference to the recent tragic incidents in Manchester and London and the fact that the national terrorist threat level had been raised to 'critical', the Wiltshire Assistant Chief Constable had stated that there was no known specific threat to Wiltshire and the police advised the public to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious behaviour or activity on 101 or 999 in an emergency. Cllr. Sims also reported that the police had recently carried out speed checks on the A303.

**b) Wiltshire Councillor's Report** – None (not present)

## 27. Planning

**a) Applications:** (All applications can be viewed on Wiltshire Council's website <http://planning.wiltshire.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/ApplicationSearch.aspx> – and type in the relevant application number)

Application Ref: 17/03777/FUL  
Application for: Full Planning  
Proposal: Demolish existing conservatory and proposed extension and alterations  
At: 3 Caddy Lane, Mere. BA12 6LX

RESOLVED to recommend approval of the above application on proposal made by Cllr. Mrs. Traves, seconded by Cllr. Sims and carried with a vote of 13 in favour and 1 abstention.

Application Ref: 17/04054/OUT  
Application for: Outline Planning  
Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling and garage  
At: Knowl Batch, Mere. BA12 6AA (*this is on the West Knoyle road adjacent to The Old Bakery*)

Cllr. Mitchell said that the existing house was an old thatched cottage but a lot of people wouldn't even realise that a house was there. He said that he could not see anything wrong with the planning application.

RESOLVED to recommend approval of the above application on proposal made by Cllr. A. Mead, seconded by Cllr. E. Mitchell and carried with a unanimous vote in favour.

Application Ref: 17/03811/FUL  
Application for: Full Planning  
Proposal: Replacement garage/workshop with loft space over, and infill archway to form new kitchen.  
At: Willow Tree Cottage, Southbrook, Mere. BA12 6BB

The Chairman pointed out that the replacement garage/workshop was a large space at 6m X 9m but pointed out that there were no objections to the application.

RESOLVED to recommend approval of the above application on proposal made by Cllr. Hazzard, seconded by Cllr. Ings and carried with a vote of 13 for and 1 abstention.

Application Ref: 17/05034/TCA  
Application for: Work to Trees in a Conservation Area

Proposal: 3 Leylandii – Fell  
At: Rose Cottage, Wellhead, Mere. BA12 6EH  
RESOLVED to recommend approval of the above application on proposal made by Cllr. P. Coward, seconded by Cllr. R. Hill and carried with a unanimous vote.

Application Ref: 17/05079/TCA  
Application for: Work to Trees in a Conservation Area  
Proposal: Tree1 - Reduce height by 2.4 metres and shape Tree 2 - Reduce height by 2.4 metres & shape Tree 3 – Remove  
At: Mere Cottage, Salisbury Street, Mere. BA12 6HB  
RESOLVED to recommend approval of the above application on proposal made by Cllr. Norris, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Hurd and carried with a unanimous vote.

Application Ref: 17/00085/REM  
Application for: Reserved Matters  
Proposal: Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval for planning application 14/06780/OUT (Appearance, landscape, layout and scale for 74 dwellings comprised within phase 2 of the approved development along with associated garaging, parking and infrastructure)  
At: Land at Hillbrush Company Ltd., Woodlands Road, Mere. BA12 6BS

With regard to the two planning applications relating to the Old Hill Brush Factory site at Woodlands Road – - they relate to minor alterations. The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to the planning officer about these because it is a case of assessing the amended plans and trying to ‘spot the difference’. He had assured her that there are no changes to the numbers of houses and very few changes to the types of houses in terms of bedrooms etc. There have been some ‘tweaks’ to get a more harmonious balance between the two phases and changes to windows to avoid overlooking etc. The Chairman confirmed that he had viewed the plans online and had found it difficult to find the amendments. RESOLVED to recommend approval of the above application on proposal made by Cllr. R. Coward, seconded by Cllr. R. Sims and carried with a unanimous vote.

Application Ref: 17/00047/VAR  
Application for: Variation of Condition  
Proposal: Variatiion of Condition 21 of 14/06780/OUT – to submit alternative plans to enable the substitution of alternative house type and site layout plans arising out of consequential changes from a through design review.  
At: Land at Hill Brush Company Ltd., Woodlands Road, Mere. BA12 6BS  
On the basis of the information provided above, RESOLVED to recommend approval of the above application on proposal made by Cllr. Norris, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Traves and carried with a unanimous vote.

**\*b) Neighbourhood Planning** – members noted the information supplied by The Clerk (Feasibility Study). Cllr. Norris said that some councillors had met, about a fortnight ago, to discuss the Feasibility Study and also to look at some out of date future planning documents. The Chairman proposed that the Town Council launch into a neighbourhood plan, initiating the process with the group of people that have volunteered so far and to establishing the scope of the neighbourhood plan by September/October. Proposal seconded by Cllr. A. Mead and carried with a vote of 13 for and 1 abstention (Cllr. Hazzard said that he would abstain on any issues relating to the Neighbourhood Plan). It was agreed that the steering

group would define the geographic area for the neighbourhood plan and report back to the Council for the next meeting.

## **28. Highways, Rivers, Footpaths, Traffic & Transport**

### **Emergency Item – Lloyds Bank - Mobile Bank Route & siting**

The Clerk pointed out that she had been contacted this morning by Michelle Elloway, Manager at Lloyds Bank Gillingham, who was arranging the route for the mobile banking service which will start when the branch in Mere closes in September. This service would be stopping at Mere, Wincanton, Sturminster Newton & Winscombe. The other villages had all been assessed and agreements reached but there had been no contact made with Mere. Michelle said that the mobile bank was proposing to stop in Mere on a Tuesday afternoon between 2.00 and 3.30 p.m. and a Friday morning between 9.30 and 11 a.m. and that these times/days were not flexible as it would mean changing all the other stops. The bank had assessed locations and would like to use Salisbury Street Car Park because of the proximity of the public toilets. They would take up approximately 4 car parking spaces and would need the areas to be coned off in advance (they would arrive approximately 15 minutes before each visit as they need a bit of time to set up etc.) The Clerk said that Ms. Elloway needed a response from the Town Council before this Friday. Members said it would be unviable to use our own staff resources to cone of the car park twice a week, every week and expressed doubts as to whether volunteer resources would be forthcoming. Members also felt that the four car parking spaces would need to be coned off on a Monday night and a Thursday night and so it would be two mornings when the four car parking spaces would be out of use. Given the demand for car parking spaces in the Salisbury Street Car Park, particularly in the mornings when the Doctors Surgery was open, it was felt that drivers would just move the cones out of the way and park in the spaces in any case. Cllr. Mrs. Symonds suggested an alternative site – she said that there was a layby area in Angel Lane which would be about the right size and was nearer the town centre. She said that although there was no public toilet nearby, she was sure that the Angel Lane café or The George would be willing to allow the bank staff to use their toilets. Other sites were suggested and the Town Council felt confident that a suitable alternative site could be found to accommodate the mobile bank and agreed to inform Ms. Elloway that we were not happy about the use of the Salisbury Street Car Park but would like to work with them to find a suitable alternative site for the mobile bank.

**a) Highway & footpath issues for Parish Steward & street lighting faults** – Cllr. Mrs. Symonds said that she would bring a map, to the next meeting, dividing Mere up into sectors, so that councillors can adopt an area in which they can look at for issues to report to the Parish Steward.

**\*b) Highways & Transport Newsletter May 2017 (attached)** – The Chairman reported that at the recent Highways meeting he attended, Mr. Adrian Hampton reported that there was a number of designated towns that had a barrow man to keep the streets clean and tidy. He was also concerned that Cllr. Colman may have information which suggested Mere was having the streets cleaned regularly by Wiltshire Council.

**c) Proposed temporary road closures for Mere Carnival, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017** – Members were happy with the proposed temporary road closures for Mere Carnival.

**\*d) To consider an outline proposal to introduce a Code of Practice for the control of advertising, A boards, fly posting, banners and displaying goods on the highway pavements in Mere** – With reference to the information that had been distributed to members, Cllr. A. Colman said that since being elected as a councillor, he has been approached by many people about the use of A Boards, advertising banners, fly posting and display of goods on the pavement which have steadily increased over the last few years and are causing problems to them. He said that where the pavement has been narrowed by the display of goods or A Boards, some disabled people are now having to come off the pavements, go out on to the road and come back on the pavement after the obstruction. He said that the use of A Boards and the display of goods on the pavement through the town has steadily increased over the past few years and are now causing a problem to pedestrians, particularly visually impaired, wheel frame users, wheel chair users and disabled scooter users. The use of banners are a concern if they are not fixed correctly, also fly posting and could cause accidents to members of the public and motorists. As far as he was aware, the Town Council did not have a policy or code of practice on A Boards, flyposting, advertising banners and the display of goods on the highway and for this reason, he thought that the Town Council should consider implementing

a Code of Practice (with guidance) with the objective to control the impact on the public, pedestrian safety, motor safety and convenience. Cllr. Mrs. Hurd said that she was aware that people often left posters on noticeboards and telegraph poles long after the event being advertised had taken place but she would often remove these and thought that others could do likewise and that it was not necessary to impose a Code of Practice. Cllr. Hazzard said that some of the businesses in Mere relied on the use of A Boards in order to make people aware of their existence and he said that the Fish & Chip shop relied on the A Board displayed in The Square, without which it would probably close. The Walnut Tree Inn, being out of the town, also relied on advertising on the A Board in The Square. Cllr. Hazzard said that the Town Council should be doing everything it can to support the shops and businesses in the town and he felt that Sprout & Flower in particular, was a real asset to the town and its beautiful floral displays in front of the shop were an enhancement. Cllr. R. Coward endorsed this and said that Sprout & Flower was an asset to the town that drew people into Mere from other areas. Cllr. Mead agreed that businesses relied on the use of A Boards in the town and cited the Butchers, Fish & Chip Shop, Sprout and Flower and said that Mere was a living town. Cllr. Norris congratulated Cllr. Colman for being prepared to stand as a councillor and for doing all this work. However, he said that he had not heard of any incidents where anyone had fallen over or had an accident as a result of A Boards or displayed goods on the pavement. He also pointed out that he was born in Mere and could remember when Mere town centre was full of shops and said it was sad that so many of them had now closed and it was therefore necessary for the town council to do all it could to support the shops and businesses that we have left in the town. Cllr. Philip Coward said that we should encourage shop keepers and businesses to take care and consider the safety of pedestrians and the public when putting goods out for display or putting up banners and posters but he said that he would have hoped that this could be done without the need for a set of rules. Cllr. Colman said that to have a pavement that is restricted to 2 foot is unacceptable and agreed that A Boards put in a sensible position were fine but they should not be left out all night. Cllr. Mrs. Symonds said that it was the general uneven and poor state of the pavements and lack of dropped kerbs that made it more difficult for people to get around the town. Cllr. Mitchell said that he fully supported the use of A Boards in the town and felt that the Town Council had far more important issues to worry about and spend time on, such as the state of the roads and highways. The debate being over, the Chairman asked Cllr. Colman if he wished to put forward a motion. Cllr. Colman proposed that the Town Council introduce a Code of Practice that outlines the use of A Boards, advertising banners, fly posting and the display of goods on the pavement to control the impact that these are causing to the public, pedestrians, visually impaired, wheel frame users, wheel chair users, disabled scooter and motorists, together with their safety. There being no seconder for this motion, it was not considered further.

## **29. Buildings, Open Spaces, Play Areas, Sports Grounds, Allotments & Cemeteries**

**a) Car Parking and grounds use at Duchy Manor Sports Grounds** – Cllr. E. Mitchell pointed out that parents of the school children used the Andy Young Pavilion Car Park as if it was their own and he pointed out that it that the car park was completely congested when parents came to collect their children from school. He was concerned that, when the new houses were built in Woodlands Road, where the parents of the new intake of children would park and suggested that the Town Council surrender some of the land at Duchy Manor for the school to make their own car park. Cllr. R. Coward said that he would be happy to surrender land and Cllr. Norris said that he would want to ensure that the trees were kept as some of them were memorial trees. The Chairman said that, speaking as one of 3 councillors who are school governors, he was aware that the school currently had a class with 38 children in it and to suggest to those parents that they should fork out some money for a car park when what they really wanted was a new teacher, was unlikely to be met with enthusiasm. Cllr. Hazzard suggested that the option of putting a plastic grid on top of the grass could be cheaper and more viable.

**b) Dog Fouling** – The Chairman said that this had been raised by a couple of members. The Council had tried to book the dog warden in but had not yet received a reply. He pointed out that the dog warden can issue fines and has more powers to deal with the problem. Cllr. Mead said it would be nice if we could emphasise to the dog walkers in Mere. Around 80% do not pick up in the fields and they think it is fine.

**\*c) To consider and approve a draft proposal for the implementation and approval of a Code of Practice for Dog Walkers** – with reference to the information that had been distributed to members, Cllr. Colman

said he wanted to tackle the problem of a minority of dog owners who do not clean up after their dog's mess. Cllr. Norris felt that the people who picked up their dog mess would sign up to the Code of Practice but the people who didn't pick up their dog mess would not. Cllr. Mrs. Hurd said that even if everyone in Mere signed it and wore a badge, what about the visitors who come to Mere? Cllr. Mrs. Hurd said that it touched on officiousness and would rather appeal to people's good nature. Cllr. Hazzard said that the only thing he would support was the labelling of the bins so that people knew they could put dog poo in ordinary litter bins. It was agreed that the issue should be deferred to a later meeting and that Cllr. Colman could perhaps reformulate his proposal in the meantime.

**d) Clock (Mere Clock Tower) – agreement to investigate electric clock movement** – The Chairman said that he had made contact with The Cumbria Clock Company who are the people that have previously worked on Mere Town Clock and who carry out the servicing contract. For £2,600 they will service clock and add automatic auto-adjuster. The Chairman said that he had received their assurance that the clock would then keep good time and the auto-adjuster would carry a 10-year guarantee. The Chairman said that he realised that the Town Council had not allocated funds for this in the budget process but wondered if the Town Council would consider allocating £500 to add as seed funding for a grant application towards this project. **RESOLVED** to allocate £500 for seed funding towards a community grant application to the South West Area Board for an automatic auto-adjuster for Mere Town Clock, on proposal made by Cllr. R. Coward, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Traves and carried with a unanimous vote.

**e) War Memorial** – The Clerk reported that the office was making enquiries into whether or not the War Memorial would be eligible for application for a refurbishment/repair grant from the War Memorials Trust.

### **30 Finance, Policy & Resources**

**\*a) Payments** – **RESOLVED** to approve payments set out in payment schedule attached, on proposal made by Cllr. Mrs. Symonds, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Hurd and carried with a majority vote. (Cllr. Norris, having declared a pecuniary interest in this item, left the room and took no part in discussion or voting on this matter).

**\*b) To approve Budget/Expenditure Report for financial year ending 31.3.17** (report attached) - **RESOLVED** that the Budget/Expenditure report for the financial year ending 31.3.17 should be approved on proposal made by Cllr. Norris, seconded by Cllr. R. Coward and carried with a unanimous vote.

**c) Internal Audit Report** – the Clerk informed members that on 30<sup>th</sup> May, Mrs. Mary White had carried out an independent examination of the Parish Council's accounting records, its compliance with relevant procedures and its risk assessments and internal control procedures. Mrs. White had agreed that, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the council and had completed section 4 of the Annual Return, answered 'yes' to all questions & had signed the Annual Internal Audit Report in the Annual Return accordingly. Mrs. White had written a letter: '*On 30<sup>th</sup> May, I carried out an internal audit of the Town Council's Financial Statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. It is my opinion that proper accounting records have been maintained by the Council and that financial statements have been properly prepared. In this Audit the Town Clerk, Lindsey Wood, provided every assistance and had, as ever, everything necessary to hand and in excellent order.*' Members expressed their gratitude to Mary White for carrying out the Internal Audit and the Clerk for preparing all the paperwork.

**d) Accounts & Audit - To approve accounts & supporting statements (as shown in attached Schedules for submission to external auditor\_ and to verify bank reconciliation for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017** - members approved the accounts and supporting statements and the bank reconciliation was verified with the bank statements received.

**e) Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 – Annual Governance Statement 2016/17** – Points 1 – 9 of the Annual Governance statement 2016/17 (Section 1 of the Annual Return ) were read out to members and members answered 'yes' to each of the statements. The Annual Governance Statement was signed by the Clerk and by the Chairman in the presence of the Town Council.

**f) Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 – Account Statements 2016/17** - From the information provided in Minute 17a) to 17e) above, the Accounting Statements 1-11 (Section 2 of the

Annual Return) were completed and approved by the Town Council. Confirmation of approval of the Account Statements was signed by the Clerk and by the Chairman in the presence of the Town Council.

**g) To note public rights to inspect accounts** - The Clerk confirmed that, as required by The Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015 the Town Council must now publish the Annual Return, the Declaration that the Accounting Statements are unaudited and the Notice for the Commencement of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights. Publication is on the parish website: [www.merewilts.org](http://www.merewilts.org)

**h) Leases for car parks and public toilets** – The Clerk informed members that the leases for the public car parks and the public toilets would expire in April 2018 and that she had been trying to ask Wiltshire Council various questions so that she could present these to the Town Council as a list of options to consider, bearing in mind that there will only be 5 or 6 months until we start preparing budgets for the 2018/19 financial year. The Clerk had asked:

Could we impose a very low parking charge? i.e. first 2 hours free of charge and 20p per hour thereafter  
Would Wiltshire Council consider transferring title of the car parks over to the Town Council?

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The Clerk said that she had not had a very satisfactory response. Wiltshire Council would not consider a transfer until the programme of transfers under the new packages of assets and services policy has been agreed. Any transfers will be in line with that programme. Wiltshire Council could not see any reason why we could not lease either the car parks without the toilets or the toilets without the car parks. However, if the car parks are leased without the toilets, the toilets will close. If the Town Council wanted to change the rules, either by restricting the number of hours or by charging, the car parking order would have to be updated and a legal process would need to be followed which would involve costs. Wiltshire Council is unable to say what the future of the car parks would be if the Town Council did not lease them as any decision on that would be taken at the time.

Cllr. R. Coward said he felt it was essential that we keep the public toilets as it is an issue of public health.

Cllr. Mrs. Hurd asked if the Town Council was against a charge for using the toilets. Cllr. Hazzard said that the public toilets were in need of refurbishing and said he had made a point of looking to see what other towns do and most of them lock their toilets at 7.00 pm or dusk and make a nominal charge for using them.

The Chairman said that in respect of the car parks, we need someone to go around to find out what local businesses feel and whether they are prepared to sponsor to keep the car parking free or what they would feel about the proposal of say 2 hours free parking and charges thereafter. Cllr. Hazzard said that we needed to free up space for the doctors surgery. Cllr. Mrs. Symonds said that the Town Council has probably got to bite the bullet and put in some kind of car parking charges. Cllr. Mead asked why it was necessary to have the recycling bins in the car park.

The general feeling amongst members was 'yes' we do want to keep toilets and we are interested in keeping the car parks (whether on lease or asset transfer) but we are aware that there are serious issues for consideration and we need to do some homework/investigations.

### **31. General Items & Consultations**

**a) Objection to representation on Labour Election Communication** – Cllr. E. Mitchell said that he totally disagreed that Town & Parish Council's should become involved in politics and was disappointed to see the Chairman's endorsement on the local Labour candidate's campaign leaflet with 'Chair, Mere Town Council' written underneath. Cllr. Jordan said that the first he knew about this was when it had been raised on tonight's agenda and he had immediately investigated because he was sure he had never put himself down as Chair of Mere Town Council. Upon finding his email correspondence with the Labour Candidate, he said that he had signed off his endorsement with his name only and that, during the process of drawing it up,

someone had seen fit to add the words 'Chair of Mere Town Council'. The Chairman said that had he seen a proof of the leaflet, he would have had it withdrawn. Cllr. P. Coward said that he had read the leaflet and didn't think that it reflected on Mere Town Council. He said he completely agreed that we should be non-political and I accepted what the Chairman was saying. Cllr. R. Coward said he had received a telephone call from Mrs. Mary White this evening who was concerned that it reflected on Mere Town Council. RESOLVED that a statement is issued in the next edition of Mere Matters so that the public is aware that the Town Council is independent and not affiliated with a political party, on proposal made by Cllr. R. Coward, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Hurd and carried with a vote of 11 for.

### **32. Forthcoming meetings/events**

- a) The Big Lunch in support of Care Home Open Day 2017 at Fives Court, Angel Lane, Mere on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 12.30 p.m.
- b) CPRE South Wiltshire – Annual Presentation 2017 – River Bourne Community Farm, Cow Lane, Laverstock, Salisbury – Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.00 pm
- c) CPRE Wiltshire AGM & talk by Matthew Taylor, Lord Taylor of Goss Moor on 'Would "Garden Villages" ease Wiltshire's housing crisis?' – Coronation Hall, Alton Barnes – Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 6.15 p.m.
- d) South West Wiltshire Dementia Action Alliance Conference – Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at the Nadder Centre, Tisbury from 6 – 7.30 p.m.
- e) Essential Skills for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Councillor – Training event at Holiday Inn, Taunton, Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017 (SW Councils ember cost £45 per delegate)

### **33. Future agenda items**

- Community Litter Picking Event for September – Cllr. B. Norris
- Dark Lane Wall – Cllr. A. Mead

**Meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.**

\*Further information on these items attached.

*Note: Members are reminded that the Town Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.*

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## **MERE PEACE MEMORIAL SPORTS AND RECREATION GROUND**

Registered Charity No. 1093497

**To approve the End of Year Summary income/expenditure report (within Budget/Expenditure report)** – it was RESOLVED to approve the End of Year Summary on proposal made by Cllr. Mrs. Traves, seconded by Cllr. Norris and carried with a vote of 11 for & 1 abstention.

**Payment - RESOLVED** to approve the following payment on proposal made by Cllr. Mitchell, seconded by Cllr. Hill and carried with a unanimous vote.

Mere Town Council (invoice for maintenance charges for 2016/17)

£9103.88