

Mere Parish Council

Clerks Report – November 2009

Agenda Items

7b) Weight Restrictions:

Vehicles over 7.5T prohibited in either direction on: -

B3095 (Part) – from its junction with A350 (Longbridge Deverill) to its junction with the B3092 Gillingham Road west of Mere.

U/C 803802 Back Lane, Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield – the complete length.

C59 Boar Street, Pettridge Lane, Clements Lane, Mere - the complete lengths.

C59 Shaftesbury Road (Part), Mere - from its junction with Clements Lane to its junction with U/C 813002 Whitehill.

C303, Mere - the complete length.

U/C 813001 Woodlands Road (Part), Mere - from its junction with Clements Lane to its junction with U/C 813002 Whitehill.

U/C 803001 Mapperton Road, Mere - from its junction with B3092 to its junction with Woodlands Road.

U/C 823101 (Shaftesbury Road to Limpers Hill), Mere - the complete length.

Vehicles over 7.5T prohibited from travelling in a northerly direction: -

B3092 – from its junction with the northern slip road (Zeals) to / from the A303 west of Mere, to the County Boundary with Somerset north of Maiden Bradley.

This is to ensure that these roads are not used as alternative routes by unsuitable traffic during the temporary closure of the A303 (east of Mere), whilst the Highways Agency carry out major road works.

Access will be permitted for vehicles loading/unloading to premises adjacent to these roads and the minor roads in the area bounded by the A350 (north of A303) the Class 3 road from Maiden Bradley to Longbridge Deverill, the Somerset/Wiltshire border, the Wiltshire / Dorset border between the Somerset boundary and the A303, the B3092 (between the A303 and its junction with the U/C 803001 Mapperton Road), the U/C 813002 Whitehill, the U/C 823101 and the C303.

Alternative Routes:

The alternative route for through heavy good vehicles will be those specified in the closure Order for the A303 which is:-

a) Nighttime closures between November 16th 2009 and 12th February 2010:

Eastbound traffic: A37 – A361 – A36

Westbound traffic: A36 - A361 - A37

b) Full time closure between 15th February 2010 and 31st March 2010:

Westbound traffic: A350 south to Shaftesbury and B3081 north to A303

Eastbound traffic: A37 – A361 – A36

This Order will come into force on 16th November 2009, and it is anticipated the restrictions will operate:-

a) between 22.00hrs and 06.00 hrs on a number of nights between 16th November 2009 and 11th December 2009 and again on some nights between 18th January 2010 and 12th February 2010.

b) 24hrs a day continually from 15th February 2010 to 31st March 2010.

The Order will have a maximum duration of 18 months.

The weight restriction will be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the period of operation.

For further details regarding these restrictions please contact Pete Harris, Wiltshire Council on 01225 713285.

Ref: A3/HKB/09/23

Transport Development Services, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8JN

12th November 2009

10b) Invitation from BT to adopt local red telephone kiosk(s)

BT is inviting Parish Council to consider adopting local red telephone kiosk(s) for only £1. They say: 'Essentially this would mean that we would remove the telephony, and ownership of the kiosk structure is transferred to you. You can then use the kiosk for your own purposes, and in whatever way you feel would be of most benefit to the local community. Feedback has told us that there is a huge fondness for the traditional red kiosk and that it is seen by many as a British cultural design icon. People have very strong attachments to the red telephone kiosk and want them to remain wherever possible. The issue facing us is that many of these kiosks are very rarely used, if at all. In fact, less than 40% of our payphones generate sufficient usage to cover their running costs so we are left with a difficult dilemma: How do we balance the commercial needs of the business with the desires of the local communities affected? You may wish to consider adoption of the following kiosks:

Jnc Shaftesbury Road/Southbrook, Mere
Pco White Road, Mere.

These payphones have had little usage in the last 12 months which tells us that they are not required by the community as a means of communication. We've posted a notice up in the kiosk(s) informing the public that they are available for adoption.

Information Items

Mere Historical Society

Mrs. Caroline Cook, Visits Secretary for Mere Historical Society writes: 'Many thanks for the Parish Council's donation towards the production of "Mere Meanders". Would you let the Councillors know, please, how much we appreciate their support. We have decided to try charging 50p a copy, which is the printing cost, so that the project becomes self-funding. We have been assured by Tourist Information, among others, that this would be both acceptable and save wastage. I thought that Councillors would be interested to hear that our guided walks have also been successful, with the last walk during the Literary Festival attracting 26 participants. David Hope and Janet Way intend to continue their programme next year. Many thanks for your support and encouragement.'

Planning

Application Number: S / 2009 / 1362
Location: 11 WALNUT ROAD, MERE, WARMINSTER.

Proposal: ERECT REAR CONSERVATORY

Agent: DAVID FENNINGS CONSERVATORIES THE COMPLETE CONSERVATORY CENTRE UNIT
3A SUNRISE BUSINESS PARK BLANDFORD DT11 8ST.

Case Officer: Charlie Bruce-White

Category Of Application: FULL PLANNING

Decision: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS **Date of Decision:** 21/10/2009

Application Number: S / 2009 / 1337
Location: BRISTOW HOUSE CASTLE STREET, MERE, WARMINSTER.

Proposal: FELL ASH

Agent:

Case Officer: Mr Shane Verrion

Category Of Application: TREES CONS AREA

Decision: NO OBJECTION **Date of Decision:** 20/10/2009

Application Number: S / 2009 / 1256
Location: PLOT ADJACENT MULBERRYS OFF NORTH STREET, MERE, WARMINSTER.

Proposal: REVISED DESIGN TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED DWELLING, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL CHIMNEY AND ADDITIONAL WINDOW

Agent: ANTHONY CHARLES SOUTHEY LONGONOT CROWN ROAD MARNHULL DT10 1LN.

Case Officer: Mr O Marigold

Category Of Application: FULL PLANNING

Decision: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS **Date of Decision:** 20/10/2009

Mere Matters

The Mere Matters team would like to convey their appreciation for the Council's continued support of the magazine, both financial and otherwise.

Newsletters/Magazines/Periodicals

Great Western Ambulance Service – 2008/09 Annual Review
The Clerk (The Journal of the Society of Local Council Clerks) – September 2009

Mrs. Lindsey Wood, Parish Clerk

Emergency Planning Newsletter

Issue 1 - September 2009

Welcome to the first newsletter from the emergency planning service since the unification of the districts and county council into Wiltshire Council on April 1st this year.

Flu friends

The emergency planning service of Wiltshire Council would like to thank all those Community Emergency Volunteers and people from the local parishes who have volunteered to be flu friends and help in the community. We and the NHS really appreciate your help. Although we did experience a dip in the numbers of people contracting swine flu, the number is on the increase again, and with seasonal flu on its way the role of flu friend will become more important in the coming months. Any more volunteers would be very welcome, especially around Amesbury and in the south west. Please contact the NHS directly at swine.flu@wiltshire.nhs.uk and CC emergency planning on emergencyplanning@wiltshire.gov.uk if you wish to volunteer.

Training for new CEVs

There will be a training session for **new** CEVs on Wednesday 9th December 2009 at County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge from 18:30-21:00. This will consist of a presentation about emergency planning and the role of the CEVs and how to write an emergency response plan for the parish, followed by a short table top exercise to examine emergency response in the community. This is for people who have not received any training in the past.

Please can you email jane.browning@wiltshire.gov.uk to confirm your attendance or call her on 01225 713153.

If people are unable to attend this training there will be a further session in the New Year – date to be decided.

Area boards, flooding and CEV involvement

The emergency planning service is keen to develop CEV training based upon the new area boards. Emergencies do not always affect one area; smoke plumes spread with the wind, road closures and diversions affect traffic flow over large areas, evacuations can be extensive etc. The service is therefore looking at creating more efficient community partnerships across the area boards and to establish better coverage for the county. Some parishes (especially the smaller ones) do not have any CEVs looking after them and would rely on their next door neighbours for assistance.

There is also an intention to look at the work of flood wardens and see if their duties are applicable and acceptable functions for CEVs in areas that are affected by flooding. This would be linked in with the Environment Agency.

The emergency planning service will notify you once a meeting date has been set to discuss these issues.

Parish exercises

The emergency planning service will be running the annual parish exercises on two nights this winter; Thursday 29th October 2009 starting at 19:30 and also on Thursday 12th November 2009 at 19:30. These exercises consist of a series of envelopes which are to be opened at specified times, which contain a developing scenario and a series of questions and problems to resolve. The idea is to allow the parishes to test their emergency plans and to see if they can protect the community in a situation where the usual emergency service and local authority response is delayed.

Parishes and CEVs that wish to take part (and we suggest you work together in a team rather than as individuals) should contact Jane Browning on 01225 713153 or email jane.browning@wiltshire.gov.uk explaining which night you wish to take part on, a contact name and telephone number. An address will also be required to ensure the exercise pack can be sent to the right person.

There are a limited number of places available each night due to the availability of emergency planning staff running the exercise and fielding the calls. This will therefore be on a first come first serve basis.

Updates

We look forward to posting more information in our Christmas newsletter which will bring you up to date on everything we have been doing since becoming Wiltshire Council.