

# Mere Parish Council

## Clerks Report – June 2010

### AGENDA ITEMS

**5c) Gillingham Town Plan** – The following e-mail has been received: ‘I am contacting you on behalf of the Steering Group which has been set up to begin the process of developing a Town Plan for Gillingham. As Gillingham is a significant hub for a range of services used by residents of neighbouring parishes, we are very keen to ensure that you are kept informed about the work we are doing and, where appropriate, given an opportunity to contribute to the process. We are particularly anxious to ensure that where other local communities have produced Parish Plans, their valuable work is fully acknowledged and, as far as possible, integrated into our new Town Plan. We will keep in touch about the progress we make and look forward to finding opportunities for collaborating constructively with you. The Steering Group would be very grateful if you could forward this message to the current chair of your Parish Council.’ Mark Hebditch

**6f) Copy of petition and letter regarding safety concerns for pedestrians using The Lynch** – The Parish Council has received a copy of the following letter sent to Wiltshire Council which was accompanied by a petition containing 67 signatures:

**RE: Safety Concerns for Pedestrian using The Lynch, Mere, Wiltshire**

We the undersigned residents of Mere wish to notify the Wiltshire Highway Agency of our concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians using the lane called The Lynch in Mere, Wiltshire. We have been in contact with the Mere Parish Council and the local Mere Police and were advised to write to the Wiltshire Highways Agency regarding the problem.

We fully appreciate that Mere is a historical town and do not wish to adversely effect its appearance by the installation of too many road signs and unsightly road markings.

Therefore, we would suggest that possible solutions could include some of the following :-

1. New footpath between Lynch Close and Lynch Cottage.
2. Narrowing the road junction of The Lynch and Pettridge Lane to stop cars from cutting the corner as they turn into The Lynch.
3. Designating the lane as a 20 Mile zone
4. Designating the lane as Access Only
5. Installing a road sign; Pedestrians Walking or something similar.
6. Do not make the road One Way, as this will only encourage cars to drive faster and make it more unsafe for pedestrians.

We would be grateful if you could investigate this issue as soon as possible and make the necessary safety improvements required to reduce the possibility of a serious accident or fatality from occurring in the future.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

**11c) To approve Budget/Expenditure Report** – please find attached.

**11f) To approve accounts and supporting papers for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010** – please find attached:  
Summary Income & Expenditure Account + Balance Sheet

### Information Items

#### Planning decisions

Application Number:	S / 2010 / 484	
Location:	LAND ADJACENT TO TREGANHAWKE CASTLE HILL LANE, MERE, WARMINSTER.	
Proposal:	DDD FELL 5 X BEECH	
Category Of Application:	DEAD-DYING-DANGEROUS	
Decision:	NO OBJECTION	Date of Decision: 01/04/2010

**Application Number:** S / 2010 / 203  
**Location:** LORDSMEAD MILL EDGEBRIDGE, MERE, WARMINSTER.  
**Proposal:** PUMP HOUSE EXTENSION ON TWO LEVELS FOR SMALL SCALE HYDRO INSTALLATION ON LAND TO REAR OF LORDSMEAD MILL  
**Category Of Application:** FULL PLANNING  
**Decision:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS **Date of Decision:** 13/04/2010

**Application Number:** S / 2010 / 204  
**Location:** LORDSMEAD MILL EDGEBRIDGE, MERE, WARMINSTER.  
**Proposal:** PUMP HOUSE EXTENSION ON TWO LEVELS FOR SMALL SCALE HYDRO INSTALLATION ON LAND TO REAR OF LORDSMEAD MILL  
**Category Of Application:** LISTED CONSENT  
**Decision:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS **Date of Decision:** 13/04/2010

**Application Number:** S / 2010 / 238  
**Location:** LORDSMEAD HOUSE EDGEBRIDGE, MERE, WARMINSTER.  
**Proposal:** CONVERSION OF EXISTING DISUSED OUTBUILDING AT LORDSMEAD HOUSE TO FORM DETACHED SINGLE DWELLING WITH ATTACHED GARAGE AND MAKING USE OF THE EXISTING VEHICULAR AND  
**Category Of Application:** FULL PLANNING  
**Decision:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS **Date of Decision:** 26/04/2010

**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  
**Category Of Application:** FULL PLANNING  
**Decision:** REFUSED **Date of Decision:** 18/05/2010

### **Planning Enforcement Investigations**

**ADDRESS** - The Lodge, Castle Street, Mere

**ENQUIRY** - Unauthorised works to a listed building. (Removal of windows)

**RESULT** - No breach. Works have permission under S2008/0728-29

**ADDRESS** - Old Ship Hotel Mere

**ENQUIRY** - Unauthorised signage attached to listed building

**RESULT** - Compliance. Protracted negotiations resulted in removal of offending signs

### **RiversMeet Roadshows**

RiversMeet have arranged to be in various village halls and venues on the following dates, 2pm-8pm on each date:

Wednesday 2 June Stour Row

Thursday 3 June Shaftesbury Town Hall

Friday 4 June Silton

Tuesday 8 June Motcombe

Thursday 10 June Cucklington

Friday 11 June Buckhorn Weston

Tuesday 15 June Mere Lecture Hall

Thursday 17 June Bourton

Friday 18 June East Stour

Tuesday 22 June Kington Magna

Thursday 24 June West Stour

Friday 25 June Stour Provost

Monday 28 June Marnhull

Tuesday 28 June Zeals (still awaiting confirmation of this booking)

We would very much like to invite the parish councillors to view our Roadshow at their local venue, be given a personal update, meet some of the hard working volunteers and Trustees who are steering the project towards imminent completion and have the opportunity to ask any questions that they might have relating to RiversMeet. I should be grateful if this invitation could be passed to them so they can put the date in their diaries.

**Magazines, Newsletters, Periodicals**

Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2010, Issue 69

What's On – Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Events: Spring & Summer 2010

Wiltshire Wildlife – May 2010 – 100<sup>th</sup> issue

Natural World – The Magazine of the Wildlife Trusts – Spring 2010

CPRE Members Guide 2020

Countryside Voice – Spring 2010