

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in The Memorial Hall Salford Priors on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016.**

**Present:** Councillors: K Littleford (Chairman), L Maude, J Stedman, K James, D Penn, P Dare, A Green, T Littleford, L Wright.

**Also in attendance:** County Councillor M Brain and District Councillor M Cargill and 12 members of the public.

**252.** Apologies for absence: None. All Councillors were present

**253. Register of Interests:** Members were reminded of the need to keep their register of interests up to date.

**254. Declaration of Interests:** Members were asked to disclose any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the Agenda and their nature. Councillors with a disclosable pecuniary interest are required to leave the room for the relevant agenda item.

**a. Pecuniary Interests.**

Cllr T Littleford declared disclosable pecuniary interest in Minute 264 (b).

Members were asked to declare any other disclosable interests in items on the Agenda and their nature.

**b. Other Disclosable Interests.** None.

**255. Open Forum:** The Chairman moved that the meeting be adjourned for the Public Open Forum and this was agreed.

**a. Have your say.** No under 18s were present

**b. Salford Priors Against Gravel Excavation (SPAGE).** Mr Greg Bruner introduced himself and explained the purpose of forming SPAGE as an action group. The group was represented by a legitimate committee having formal banking arrangements dealing with donated funds with the purpose of reaching out to a wide audience to object to WCC Minerals Plan proposals for Salford Priors Site 7. He acknowledged that not all parishioners objected to the WCC Minerals Plan. SPAGE members wished to work in the best interests of all parties sharing objection to mineral extraction proposals. Establishment of the group had been published in a local newspaper. Strong support for objection to the inclusion of Salford Priors Site 7 in the WCC Minerals Plan was evidenced by a local petition attracting more than a thousand signatures. Mr Bruner explained that SPAGE intended to bring a view to the Parish Council on matters relating to the Minerals Plan and expressed the wish to work with Council Members to meet appropriate criteria to influence removal of Salford Priors Site 7 from the WCC Minerals Plan -2017-20132.

**c.** A Series of Questions and Answers (Not verbatim) relating to WCC Minerals Plan proposals for Salford Priors Site 7 are shown at Appendix B.

The Chairman agreed to bring forward discussion of the following:

- i. Item 15(b). Consideration of Correspondence received from SPAGE
- ii. Item 15(c). Consideration of email enquiry concerning Salford Priors Site 7 and Marsh Farm Quarry

Discussion of these items is included below in Minute 268 (b) (c).

**d. County Council Member report.** County Councillor Mike Brain remarked on:

- **Draft WCC Mineral Plan 2017-32.** He expressed full support for the Parish Council's current position, indicating that steps which can be pursued at this time have been taken
- **Secretary of State's Finance Settlement 2016.** WCC will receive £3 million but will need more. All authorities have previously experienced cuts in funding.
- **Police Crime Commissioner (PCC).** Election of a new PCC is due shortly. He looked forward to working with the newly elected person in this post.

**e. District Council Member Report.** District Councillor Mark Cargill remarked on:

- **Draft WCC Mineral Plan 2017-32.** Has objected to the Site 7 proposal on line during the consultation period and would like to be kept abreast of progress of the Parish Council and SPAGE on this subject.
- **Combined Authorities Debate.** Reported 22 to 11 in favour of joining. Long 2 hour plus debate during a second discussion period. There is still not that much information for members to make their decision on. To a certain extent it is a leap of faith and we trust that this is the correct decision. However, I am sure we will try to make it work as a best as possible.
- **Planning.** As mentioned previously we are, in our opinion, able to demonstrate a 5 year land supply. At the Inspection in Public the inspector asked that any outstanding planning decisions that had not been finally ratified, should return to committee for endorsement. This is in progress and needs to be completed before the end of February.
- **Speed Aware Training. A recent training session has been undertaken.** There is a need for risk assessments to be carried out by police members before proceeding further. There may be an opportunity to share use of a camera currently held by Long Marston

**The Chairman closed the adjournment at 19.40hrs.**

**256. Acceptance of Minutes:**

- a. Subject to 3 amendments concerning: (1) paragraph number correction; (2) Minute 225 NDP Report change WCC attribution to SDC; (3) Minute 238 Payments cheque signing change Cllr K James to Cllr K Littleford, the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at the Memorial Hall Salford Priors were proposed by Cllr K James and seconded by Cllr L Maude to be a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

- b. The Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th January 2016 at the Memorial Hall Salford Priors were proposed by Cllr L Wright and seconded by Cllr P Dare to be a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

#### 257. Clerk's Progress Report:

- a. **Road surface Broom Lane.** Street Works Inspector reports remedial activity will be undertaken with mobile traffic light control by end February 2016. Clerk to monitor
- b. **Planter area in Orbit car park.** Work completed. **Resolved**
- c. **New Lane Dunnington- Autumn 2015 tree planting.** Work completed. **Resolved**
- d. **Fly Tipping New Inn Lane.** Reported Refs: 698344 & 702920. **Resolved**
- e. **Playing Field Post Inspection Works.** Await dry surface conditions. Clerk to monitor
- f. **Playing Field Canopy Lift/leaf clearance.** Work completed. **Resolved**
- g. **Solar Light Battery Installation.** Await dry surface conditions. Clerk to monitor
- h. **Gullies B4088 to Weethley Lodge.** Agreed by Localities Officer. Clerk to Monitor

**258. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).** Cllr K James reported that the Draft NDP had met the requirements of the National Conformity Framework. Stratford District Council would shortly appoint one of 3 named candidates (to undertake examination of the NDP scheduled for May / June 2016. The preferred choice of the examiner would be made known when the candidate has been approached and had agreed to undertake the role. Five days had been scheduled for the examination of the Plan. Digital mapping had been undertaken by NDP Group members Cllrs, T Littleford, A Green and L Maude these had been forwarded to Kirkwells for inclusion. Pre submission stage work was now completed. The draft NDP is now being cited in District Council Planning Agenda reports as a material consideration.

Cllr L Wright enquired about the NDP budget. The Parish Council had not received invoice in this financial year 15/16 from Kirkwells. Cllr James reported that expenditure was within budget he would chase Kirkwells for their costs to date. Future expenditure would now be met between the Parish Council and the District Council.

**259. Planning General:** None

#### 260. Planning Applications:

- a. **15/04274/VARY.** Proposed: Variation of condition 04 (approved plans) and 14 (location of CCTV cameras and their direction and field of vision) of planning permission 15/00110/VARY which is a 'variation of condition 2 of planning permission ref. 14/02463/FUL for the 'Development of a Solar Park and associated ancillary infrastructure'. (Refers also to Planning Application 14/02463/FUL). At Salford Road, Pitchill, Salford Priors WR11 8SN. For: Mr Will Morgan. Case Officer: Erin Weatherstone. **No Representation** submitted 18 February 2016. **Noted by Council**
- b. **16/00269/FUL.** Proposed: Erection of single and two storey extensions. At: 4 Fern Close Cottages, Rushford, Evesham, WR11 8SL. For: Mr & Mrs Lewis Walters. Case Officer: Ian Guffick. **No Representation** submitted 18 February 2016. **Noted by Council**

- c. **16/00223/FUL.** Proposed: Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and construction of new one and two storey rear extensions. At: 15 School Road, Salford Priors, Evesham, WR11 8XD. For: Mr & Mrs T Philpott. Case Officer: Richard Bergmann. **‘No Representation’** submitted 11 Jan 16. **Noted by Council**
- d. **15/03761/FUL.** Erection of a single story extension to the rear of the church to provide meeting room facilities. At: St Matthews Church, Station Road, Salford Priors. For: Mr Peter Penney.

**Council Objection** submitted 17 Dec 15: Salford Priors Parish Council objects strongly to the proposal to erect a single storey extension to the rear of St Matthews Church. Notwithstanding the intention to build at the rear of the church, the extension presents adverse visual impact to this historic listed building. The Council shares the reservations concerning internal re-arrangements outlined earlier by a representative of the Society for Protection of Ancient Buildings and believes that there is no compelling reason for toilet and meeting room facilities to be attached to the church building. It is considered that there is adequate footprint available to provide toilet and meeting room facilities in a separate building subject to identifying the most suitable position for its location.

Cllr K James agreed to represent Salford Priors Parish Council at the Planning Committee (West) meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Clerk to book Cllr James' attendance with SDC Planning.

- e. **16/00057/VARY.** Proposed: Application for removal of condition 4 of approval S92/0496 to allow the use of the site as a holiday park throughout the year (12 month holiday season. At: Willow Park, Station Road, Salford Priors, Evesham WR11 8UP. For: Broadway Park Homes. Case Officer: David Jeffery.

**Council Objection** submitted 15 February 2016: The Willows Caravan site was originally a caravan holiday park enjoying a secluded riverside setting with fishing rights on the River Arrow. However, with the construction of the A46 (T) trunk road the site became detached from the tranquility of a riverside valley and now adjoins a bypass carrying 10,000s of vehicles in 24 hour period. Its entrance is opposite one of the largest heavy industrial manufacturing units in South Warwickshire employing some 300 employees. The noise level from the A46 (T) would have a significant effect on the quality of life enjoyed by the residents especially during the proposed extension period when there is very little vegetation to deflect traffic noise. Whilst mitigation measures could be controlled through conditions this would be an unreasonable cost to make the site acceptable for a two month extension period. The site is within a defined flood zone – over winter occupation of the caravans increases the risk to occupants unless the owners of the site install caravan flotation units to safeguard against the potential flooding of the site. The site has no on site facilities for its residents i.e. club room, laundry, it does not contribute to the local economy or employment within the area. The site its facilities and the proposed extension would not meet the criteria of NPPF Paragraph 18 – “securing economic growth in order to create jobs. NPPF Paragraph 28 – “the provision and expansion of tourist and visitor facilities in appropriate locations where identified needs are not met by existing facilities in rural service centres”. The Parish currently has a large holiday park set in a tranquil riverside location with wide ranging facilities Club Rooms, Sports Pitches, Licensed Bars less than 3 miles from the application site at Abbots Salford a site with approximate 350 static units on an eleven month occupation license. This Abbots Salford site meets the criteria of the NPPF. A

twelve month occupation of the Willows Caravan site with condition for the caravans to only be used as holiday accommodation is not enforceable. The District Council has no monitoring process to ensure compliance.

In summary, the Willows Caravan site is not suitable for 12 month occupation for holiday caravans. Salford Priors Parish Council objects to the extension period for the following reasons

- The site is within a defined flood zone - Flood Zone 2/3
- Vulnerable Occupancy in winter months
- Noise Exposure Limits
- No benefit to the local economy or local employment
- No clear evidence of socio-economic benefit
- Appeal examples are for larger holiday parks or parks in areas of outstanding natural beauty
- There is no local evidence that the park is over-subscribed or that it has been marketed widely as a tourist holiday destination

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### Planning Decisions

- f. 15/04346/TREE.** Proposed: T1: Conifer: remove. At Periwinkle Cottages, Jack Thomson Croft, Salford Priors. For Mrs Jill-Staples Grantham. **'No objection'** subject to Conditions. **Noted by Council**
- g. 15/04012/FUL.** Proposed: Erection of 1 no. dwelling with vehicular access off Ridsdale Close. At: 15 School Avenue, Salford Priors. WR11 8XB. For: Mr D Faulkner. **'Permission with Conditions'**. **Noted by Council**

**261. Enforcement Issues:** None.

### 262. Playing Field:

- a. Monthly Inspection.** Inspection carried out on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Litter clearance from hedgerow. No other issues.
- b. ROSPA Annual Inspection.** Clerk inspected U14 area Play Tractor with ex-Wicksteed representative. Potential toggle entrapment areas were identified. Clerk conversation with current Wicksteed representative confirms that the item was acceptable and compliant with regulations at the time of installation circa 10 years ago. No further action. **Resolved**
- c. Playing Field Equipment Upgrade.** Revised quotations had been requested for (single) provision/installation of a MUGA facility by end February 2016 from: HAGS-SMP (Visit Mon 15 Feb); EIBE (Visit Wed 17 Feb); Sovereign (Visit 18 Feb); Wicksteed (By email). Clerk to inform Playing Field Working Group members when revised quotations were received and to arrange a suitable meeting date to evaluate returns.

### 263. Highways:

- a. **Lengthsman Job Progress.** Continue side out School Road footway from the school to Ban Brook Road turn; check and clear any accumulated stones, mud and debris from public footway at entrance to farm drive opposite turning to Orchard Farm/Angus Fruits; Clear out litter, accumulated soil and leaves/debris from 5 Bus Shelters including the wooden bus shelter opposite Queens Head Pub.
- b. **Lengthsman Tasks January into February.** Continue side out School Road footway from the school to Ban Brook Road turn. From Ban Brook Road turn to Bus Shelter, side out/clear growth overhang and debris back kerb stone on hedge side and disperse arisings into bottom of hedge. Junction St Matthews Close/Ridsdale Close, level out damaged verge caused by heavy vehicle.
- c. **Highways (Lighting) on-site visit.** Annette Mackie WCC Highways (Lighting) representative had carried out a site visit to School Avenue, Perkins Close and Ban Brook Road on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016. Cllr J Stedman and the Clerk were in attendance. Annette Mackie agreed to pursue costings of provision and/or replacement/installation of street lighting identified for named areas with Western Power and provide report for the Parish Council. Mercury lamp lights X 3 in Perkins Close were identified as obsolete and would be programmed for replacement by WCC Highways (Lighting) when funds were available. Clerk to provide Western Power MPAN Number and to inform Street Light Working Group members when costings were received to arrange a suitable Working Group meeting date.

### 264. Amenities:

- a. **Garden Allotment Plots 4 & 5.** The Clerk was to progress written contact with the tenant of Garden Allotment Plots 4 & 5 to ensure removal of accumulated debris and paving slabs from these areas.

*Cllr T Littleford left the Meeting Hall.*

- b. **Garden Allotment Rent Review.** The Clerk presented figures of actual income and expenditure on Parish Garden Allotments for the Financial Year 2015/16. Expenditure over income amounted to £397.56. This figure included expenditure on 3 items, entrance area fence repair, soil improver and replacement padlock and chains which were not repeat expenditure items. Reduction of expenditure over income was considered necessary. This could be achieved by letting of vacant plots and by increasing current levels of rent which had been held for some time. Proposed by Cllr K James, seconded by Cllr L Wright and agreed by all Councillors that annual rent charges should be increased from £26pa to £30pa with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016. Concessions of a free first year tenancy for new tenants from this date would be discontinued.

*Cllr T Littleford returned to the Meeting Hall.*

- c. **Garden Allotments Demarcation.** A clear demarcation of Parish Council garden allotment areas from adjacent WCC tenancies was required. Clerk to contact the Amenity Contractor to obtain an estimate of costs for provision/installation of sufficient posts and wire to mark the separation of Parish Council and WCC areas.

- d. Amenity Contract Working Group.** An Amenity Contract Working Group meeting arranged for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 9.00am had not been notified to all group members. Rearrangement of a meeting date would include all members.

## 265. Community:

**a. The Queen – 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations.** The Chairman reported a meeting of Working Group arranging this event was held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016. Arrangements agreed at this meeting included:

- A member of the Church will open the Celebration Day
- Youth Club, Guides and Brownies have all agreed to run stalls or games
- Cupcakes Café will be running refreshment facilities from the TOPS Building. Hillers Farm Shop has agreed to provide the cakes at half price
- Raffle tickets are in print. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize will be £100 cash and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £50.00 cash
- The Primary School has agreed to arrange a non-school uniform day to collect prizes for the Tombola. Additionally, they hope to organize children to do some singing related to the day
- An A5 leaflet advertising the event is being distributed around the parish in February. Other notices will appear on the Community website and in the Parish Council Newsletter in March.

The organizing Working Group are keen to encourage extra volunteers to help out with the Celebration Event. The next meeting of the Working Group will be held in the Eddie Clark Suite on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

**b. Communication Development Group.** Cllr L Maude reported that the transfer of [salfordpriors.gov.uk](http://salfordpriors.gov.uk) domain from its current domain holder to [names.co.uk](http://names.co.uk) had been completed. Email provision currently remained with Webculture. To remove Email provision from Webculture required a 2 stage process: Firstly to remove incoming mail and, secondly, to price and provide an outgoing mail server. Up to 1000 emails would be free of charge. Facility for 2000 emails will cost £30pa. Cllr L Maude agreed to continue the process of transfer. A proposal from Cllr J Stedman to delegate routine oversight of domain activity to the Clerk was seconded by Cllr K James and agreed by all Councillors.

## 266. Rights of Way:

- a.** Cllr D Penn advised the Council that during the preceding period he had not received report of difficulty concerning Rights of Way. Cllr L Wright enquired about progress of kissing gate installation at the entrance to AL15 leading from Tothall Lane Dunnington. Clerk to contact Ragley Estates Home Farm Manager to determine arrangements.

## 267. Matters raised by Councillors:

- a.** Cllr L Wright reported incidence of mud and debris being deposited from transiting CEMEX lorries on the B4088 between Iron Cross and Dunnington Crossroads. Clerk to contact the WCC Localities Officer to request mechanical sweeper clearance of this route.

- b. Cllr D Penn reported continuing problems with a poorly fitted National Grid Manhole cover on the B4088 some 100m from the crossroads at Iron Cross on the Alcester approach side. Clerk to contact the WCC Localities Officer and the Street Works Inspector to resolve the problem.
- c. Cllr A Green explained that he had very recently undergone Speed Awareness training. He remarked that, currently, only 3 persons were trained. The Chairman advised that call for further volunteers could go out to members of the public. Training arrangements were being orchestrated by District Councillor Mark Cargill.

## **268. Consideration of Correspondence Received**

- a. **Ground Lease renewal document TOPS Building.** The Clerk informed Council Members that he had received from WCC (Estates) a Ground Lease renewal document for the TOPS Building. Acceptance of the Conditions indicated for a 5 (five) year renewal of the protected ground lease had been agreed by Council members at the Parish Council meeting held in January 2016. The formal document now received required 2 authorising signatures. Cllrs J Stedman and L Wright agreed to sign the document. Clerk to return the signed renewal document to WCC Estates.
- b. **Email correspondence received from SPAGE (Salford Priors Against Gravel Extraction).** This item had been brought forward for discussion to follow the Open Forum reported at Minute 222 above. Council members debated the question of communication with the SPAGE Group in terms of communication benefit, its efficacy and legality. The Minerals Plan consultation period was now closed and immediate responses were considered premature. There was expression of support for communication in Open Forum situations. This met the need of transparency for all parishioners when dealing with Mineral Plan issues and also the need to avoid contravention of Councillors Code of Conduct. Proposed by Cllr K James, seconded by Cllr T Littleford and agreed by all Councillors that the SPAGE Group should have the opportunity during the Open Forum of Parish Council Meetings to raise matters concerning WCC Minerals Plan proposals and any other related matters of concern. It would be helpful if issues could be identified with the Clerk in advance of meetings.
- c. **Email Enquiries Concerning Salford Priors Site 7 and Marsh Farm Quarry.** Questions raised in this email enquiry are addressed within the Q & A section shown in Appendix B.
- d. **Councillor/Clerk attendance at WALC Annual Briefing Day 2016.** Councillors noted the content of the WALC Annual Day 2016.
- e. **Correspondence received from the Shakespeare Hospice.** The Chairman remarked that the Shakespeare Hospice organization might wish to be involved in running a stall at HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. A donation of £50.00 to the Shakespeare Hospice was proposed by Cllr K James, seconded by Cllr L Wright and agreed by all Councillors. Clerk to include on list of authorized payments.

## **269. Correspondence for Information only.**

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- a. WCC Advisory Publication - Neighbourhood Development Planning for Health
- b. Letter of thanks for Donation – Stratford upon Avon & District Citizens Advice



- c. E-mail correspondence from Mr & Mrs E Betteridge thanking Mr Donald Penn for work undertaken in clearing verge grips in the lane towards Cock Bevington.  
Clerk to write to Mr Donald Penn thanking him for his valued work.

## 271. Finance:

### General:

- a. **Lloyds Bank Correspondence - Changes to Business Account.** The Clerk provided copy of Lloyds correspondence relating to gross payment of credit interest with effect from 6 April 2016 and phasing out of immediate cheque clearance between 15 April and 31 May 2016. Clerk to investigate circumstances of Council payments by BACS.
- b. **HMRC Response to PAYE.** No further response had been received from HMRC Dispute Team concerning their Letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015 re' PAYE underpayment FY 2013/14

### Payments

- a. The council gave consideration and approval of the payments listed in Appendix A. Proposed by Cllr T Littleford, seconded by Cllr P Dare and agreed by all Councillors.
- b. It was agreed that Cllrs K James and L Wright would sign cheques for payments listed in Appendix A (Minute 274).

The Council noted the Lloyds Bank Deposit Account balance and Current Account balance reconciled with the Lloyds Bank Current Account statement Number 21 and Deposit Account Statement 3 issued 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016.

Lloyds Deposit Account:	<b>£50,004.25</b>
Lloyds Current Account	<b><u>£37,241.62</u></b>
Total Fund Balance	<b>£87,245.87</b>

## 272. Date of Next Meeting:

- a. Council confirmed the date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.00pm in The Memorial Hall Salford Priors.

## 273. Closure of Meeting:

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00 hrs.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>274</b>		<b>Appendix A</b>			
<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Payments Authorised</b>			<b>Gross</b>	<b>Net</b>
<b>Number</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Payment</b>	
<i>DD</i>	EDF Energy	TOPS Electricity	39.00	39.00	
<i>181</i>	P D Long	Streetlight Maintenance	136.80	114.00	
<i>181</i>	P D Long	Streetlight Maintenance	55.20	46.00	
182	Pete's Handyman Services	Playing Field Inspection	10.00	10.00	
<i>DD</i>	CF Corporation	P'Copier February Rent	42.00	35.00	
183	Limebridge RS	Amenity contract	396.00	330.00	
<i>DD</i>	Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges to 9 Jan	11.70	11.70	
184	Paul Mills	Clerks Salary and Expenses	***	***	
185	Digital Copier Systems	Parish Office Printing	32.58	27.15	
186	Stratford District Council	Temporary Event Licence	21.00	21.00	
187	Westhill Direct	Office Supplies	13.20	11.00	
188	Terry Hunt	Lengthsman	73.50	73.50	
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	Jean & Gill Knight	42398	15.00		
	Mr P Clarke	42402	50.00		
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**275. APPENDIX B. Series of Questions and Answers (Not verbatim):**

Q. SPAGE have sought, without response, WCC indication of results from trial pits carried out in the area of Lower Farm. Would the Parish Council consider undertaking enquiry about exploration trials to inform results?

Q. Noted in the Parish Council Statement of Objection that an ecological survey was being actively considered. Would these results be shared? SPAGE estimate of cost was in region of £1,200.

*A. WCC are not obligated to share trial survey results (See later County Cllr comment). Ecological, and any traffic survey results obtained would be shared. As an indicator of costs, an earlier Berry Coppice ecological survey cost in excess of £3,000.*

Q. What was the likely timescale of Commission enquiry results concerning the WCC Minerals Plan?

*A. This would depend on the frequency of attention to the subject which would be subject to review/consultation timetable protocols. (See later Q & A Below).*

Q. Comment on the important need to exclude Salford Priors Site 7 from the WCC Minerals Plan, remarking it was not too late to influence its removal.

*A. Commented that Salford Priors Site 7 was currently a DRAFT inclusion*

*A. Re' earlier Ecological Survey question; in the light of previous experience, questioned the value of ecological survey as a means of preventing planning application. Questioned whether good value would be gained from undertaking an ecological survey.*

Q. Commented that the subject of ecological survey would remain a concern in strengthening arguments put forward. Regarding Salford Priors Site 7, it would be better for everyone that the site was excluded from the Minerals Plan. What was the Parish Council's next move?

*A. Firstly, to clarify the planning situation. The WCC consultation period has now closed. Information/comments received will be assessed resulting in a post assessment report forwarded to the Director of Planning and subsequently to the Cabinet. The Cabinet would determine if inclusion of Salford Priors Site 7 is endorsed. The next stage of referral will be to the Secretary of State leading to examination in public. New evidence can be introduced at that point prompting further consideration by WCC or indication that inclusion of Site 7 does not comply with National objectives. It would be premature to undertake an ecological and traffic survey at the present time. The Parish Council's strategy will be to respond appropriately according to the way the process is going.*

*Further comment: In the event that a Planning Application for Site 7 is received in the immediate future that would prompt a different response. There would be a statutory 13 week consultation process with Stratford on Avon District Council requiring Parish Council submission and subsequent negotiation with WCC. We would need to consider evidence in these circumstances and progress one step at a time.*

*A. Referred to comments received from Mark Ryder (Head of Economic Growth WCC). A large number of representations from statutory bodies and organizations as well as from local residents have been made on the draft Plan. It will take time to process these comments and to formulate responses. Subsequently, there will be need to amend or change the various documents produced and create some new documents specified by the government. It is anticipated that this could take 6-9 months to complete. When this work is finished it will have to be presented to Councillors for approval at Cabinet to move to the next stage. At this time it will be possible to see the Council's responses to representations. The next stage of the plan is to decide on what the final draft plan will look like. This is called the publication stage and this will have to be consulted on for a period of 6 weeks. The emphasis here is checking to see if the plan is sound, legally compliant and positively prepared. Following that round of consultation it will be necessary to decide whether to change the plan again before sending it to the Government for an Examination in Public to be run by an independent inspector. The inspector will report back to the Council with any final modifications before the plan is adopted. This may not be until the end of 2017. Given the various stages outlined it is currently too early to anticipate committee dates. Any developments on the plan will be posted on the Minerals Plan web page.*

*A. Commented on the earlier question about trial pit survey results. This information is confidential and commercially sensitive. It falls outside the Freedom of Information Act but is already partly available within the draft Minerals Plan Publication.*

*Q. Commented that SPAGE would continue to prepare relevant information and would meet at intervals to evaluate progress.*

*Q. Commented on current Marsh Farm Quarry restoration progress and increased frequency of HGV tipper lorry transit on the B4088. At a Marsh Farm Liaison Group meeting held in September 2015, a CEMEX representative reported that 70 cu tons of material were needed to complete the infill requirement. How much of that total now remained? When Marsh Farm is reinstated, will the haulage road remain in situ?*

*A. CEMEX operational progress is reported directly to the WCC Minerals Officer on his formal inspection undertaken at intervals during the year and is next due in May 2016. Commercially sensitive information is not reported to the Parish Council. When Marsh Farm is reinstated the site will revert to agricultural use. Subject to variation of planning decision, it is understood that Ragley Estates wish to retain the haulage roads to facilitate transit of heavy farm vehicle traffic. This will have the advantage of avoidance of heavy farm vehicles transiting through residential areas in Dunnington.*

*A. Informed that he fulfilled the post of Chairman of Marsh Farm Quarry Liaison Group. The Liaison Group operated under the auspices of the Secretary of State and was not affiliated to the Parish Council. An annual meeting was convened to monitor compliance with planning conditions. The group has remit to enforce compliance. The Liaison Group Chairman provides the Parish Council with a summary report of progress, the last being included in the Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Any*

*concerns about Marsh Farm Quarry activities should be brought to the attention of the Clerk who will bring matters to the attention of the Liaison Group.*

*A. Had been acting Chairman for the September 2015 Liaison Group meeting. Commented that an outline of progress and reasons behind delays to restoration were indicated in the Minutes previously referred to.*

Q. Enquiry about the nature of the CEMEX experience of mineral extraction at Marsh Farm.

*A. Commented briefly on the protracted period of CEMEX operations. Much had been learned in the way of knowing the pitfalls of such an operation and also about the application of identifying and applying conditions applied to an undertaking of this nature.*

Q. Emphasized the value of sharing information gained from the Marsh Farm experience.

Q. Sought clarification of the Parish Council's position regarding Salford Priors Site 7 proposals.

*A. The Parish Council had submitted a statement of strong objection to inclusion of Salford Priors Site 7 proposals in the WCC Minerals Plan*

Q. Remarked that in earlier Marsh Farm Quarry circumstances the Parish Council position was strongly in evidence but that did not appear to be the case currently.

*A. Commented that the Parish Council response regarding Salford Priors Site 7 had been clearly stated and that matters would now proceed as described in the post consultation period.*