



News from Salford Priors Parish Council

August 2013



WANTED - VOLUNTEERS TO PRODUCE A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Does this parish need more houses, particularly for young families? If we don't have them; will our young people have to leave the village? Will the school close? Will the shop close? If we do need new houses, where should they go? Do you want the DEVELOPERS to decide? Or do YOU want to decide? As a result of new government rules there is a chance for residents to work together to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and to decide how this village should develop. We will only be able to do this if enough volunteers come forward. If we don't do it then the DEVELOPERS will decide the future of our village. Volunteers must be prepared to give up their time and to work together. The Parish Council is arranging for an expert speaker to explain what we must do. A special meeting is being organised at The Memorial Hall in September. Please look out for special notices advertising this meeting and please come and find out more! Join the **E-Newsletter** group to be kept informed of developments.

E-Newsletter

Some sixty residents receive news on issues of interest to the parish via our e-news service. We would like to have far more of you on our list. Please simply send an e-mail requesting this service to clerk@salfordpriors.gov.uk and you will be kept in touch with what is happening in the parish. There is no charge for this service.

Planning Application

An important planning application has been lodged for six affordable homes at the junction of Tothall Lane and School Road. The application can be viewed on the Stratford District Council website www.stratford-dc.gov.uk and the reference number is 13/01486/FUL. The District Council's deadline for comments is 14 August but the Parish Council has been given the opportunity to "refresh" its comments at the next Parish Council meeting on 21 August.

Introducing our New Clerk, Sally Harte

Sally comes to the Council after 16 years in different roles working at the University of Oxford including running a research centre with many similarities to her new role. She is a local lady having lived in the area for most of her life and her main interests are rural in nature involving dogs and horses.

New opening hours for the Parish Office

The opening hours of the Parish Office have changed. The new opening hours are now Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Hedges

The weather this year has seen exceptional growth on hedges around the parish. Householders should be aware that any encroachment over the footway is illegal and must be cut back. If this is not done regularly then it becomes more and more difficult to manage and extreme action has to be taken.

Vacancy on the Council

Following the resignation of Cllr Pat Dare there is now a Parish Councillor vacancy to be filled. Candidate applications will be considered at the August (Wednesday 21st) Parish Council meeting when the Council will consider applications for the appointment. If you

would like to join the Parish Council and be part of the future of your parish then contact the Clerk for further information and a simple application form.

Allotments

The Parish Council allotments are situated at the end of Ridsdale Close in Salford Priors. If grow-your-own appeals we can help to get you started with an allotment:

- The first twelve months will be rent free;
- Full or half plots are available;
- Weeds will be sprayed off and the ground will be turned over prior to occupation;
- Plots can be shared;
- Experience is not essential as advice is freely given if sought or required;
- The allotment gardens have their own water supply.

You could always pay a visit, see what is being achieved. Alternatively the Parish Clerk can be contacted on 01789 491336 or the e-mail address is clerk@salfordpriors.gov.uk. Should you wish to speak with the Parish Clerk personally the parish office is situated at the rear of the Memorial Hall.

Lengthsman

A new initiative this year has been the appointment of a Parish Lengthsman. We have been very fortunate to secure the services of Terry Hunt who lives in Harvington and knows the Parish very well. Typical tasks include clearing drains, ditches, and gullies, clearing footways, cleaning signs, trimming hedges and branches, clearing litter, carrying out minor repairs, and assisting in footpath clearance and maintenance. If you see anything that you feel needs attention please contact the Clerk who will include it on the Lengthsman's job sheet. Terry is currently contracted for just 10 hours a month so, if you do make a request, please be patient!

Future Parish Council meetings

The Parish Council meets on the third Wednesday each month in the Memorial Hall starting at 7.00pm. The remaining meetings this year are on 21 August, 18 September, 16 October, 20 November and 18 December.

Parish Councillors

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