



# SALFORD PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## Salford 7 Neighbourhood Development Plan

### Where are we now

During the public consultation in late summer last year, a large number of comments were received. A questionnaire was also distributed to every house in the village of Salford Priors during October that asked questions relating to development of Orchard Farm. 61% responded with 56% wanting to see the two halves of the village joined and 49% were in favour of development of the Orchard Farm site. It was agreed to keep this site in the plan. In November an exhibition was held to canvas views on a proposed housing site at Orchard Close off the Evesham Road. 64% of those who attend were not in favour of the site; it has been excluded from the plan. The plan has now been updated in line with the comments and has been submitted to Stratford District Council in preparation for their six week public consultation exercise, which includes independent examination. It is hoped that the plan will go to referendum later this year.

## Proposed Gravel Extraction Site 7 Update

**(Site 7 covers both sides of School Road from Tothall Lane to opposite the Queens Head Pub)**

Salford Priors Parish Council objected strongly to the inclusion of "Site 7" in the Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Minerals Plan.

The initial public consultation phase has now closed and WCC are considering their response to the large number of representations made. This is anticipated to be forthcoming in 6 to 9 months. At that time, the plan will be presented at WCC cabinet for approval to move to the next stage. If "Site 7" is still in the WCC proposal when approved by cabinet, Salford Priors Parish Council will consider commissioning an ecological and environmental impact survey and make corresponding representations against the site.

After that the plan will go into a publication stage for the final draft and there will be a legal consultation phase of 6 weeks. After any required amendments are made the plan will then be sent to the Government for an examination in public to be run by an independent inspector. The inspector then reports back to WCC with any final modifications before the plan is adopted. This may not be until the end of 2017.

**The Parish Council would like to assure residents that they will continue to oppose "Site 7" throughout the minerals planning period and use all due processes available to them to get the site removed.**

A residents' action group has been formed called 'Salford Priors Against Gravel Extraction' (SPAGE). The council will be engaging on a regular basis with the group through the open forum section of the council meetings.

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**To follow the  
progress of the  
Neighbourhood plan:  
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neighbourhoodplan**

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## Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

**Saturday 11th June 2016 at 1pm on the Playing Field**

Come and join us celebrating this remarkable achievement and why not come in fancy dress - the theme is royalty. Our celebrations start off with a pig roast and fete with various stalls including raffle, tombola, prize birthday square, balloon race, skittles, Pimms and beer tent, along with Cupcakes Cafe offering tea and coffee with a selection of cakes supplied by Hillers Farm Shop.

The Queen enjoys her horseracing so why not join us for the *Queen's 90th Birthday Hobby Horse Stakes* where you could become a horse owner or rider for the day. The tote will be taking your bets from 3pm onwards. We hope to have some special guests joining us for the Tea Dance in the marquee around 5pm.

To finish the day we have our Party in Park with live music from local group Nostalgias Finest and solo singer Matthew Bowen and not forgetting the firework finale from Ultimate Fireworks at 10.45pm.

Do you share, or know someone who does, the Queen's Birthday 21st April or our celebration date 11th June? Or are you reaching your 90th year this year? We would like to invite you to our celebrations as our special guests of honour. Please email Karen at littlefordkaren@yahoo.co.uk with your details.

## Play Equipment Upgrade

The Parish Council is planning a substantial upgrade to the play equipment on the Playing Field. At present there is an under 14's play area, a skate ramp, basketball hoop and a 5-side goal. Councillors have considered a number of options including:

*Upgrading the under 14's area with new equipment  
Replacing the ageing skate ramp with a new one  
Adding a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)*

At the end of October last year, consultations were held at the TOPs building and local residents of all ages were invited to attend and to say what their priority would be. The majority of people who attended these consultations felt that a **Multi Use Games Area** would be their first choice, as it could be used by all ages, would enable a number of sports to be played, and would be of great benefit to the local community.

A Working Group has been set up to oversee this project. At the moment, we are seeking quotations from four national companies which provide this equipment with a view to having this installed later this year.

## Allotment Plots available

**Uptake on allotment community gardens has improved but there are still plots available. Half plots are also available if preferred.**

**Contact the clerk if you are interested.**

## PARISH COUNCIL e-NEWS

Want to keep up to date with local news and events?

Don't have time to read Notice boards.

Simply email the [clerk@salfordpriors.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@salfordpriors.gov.uk)

Your name will be added to the list. Your email address is not disclosed and you can ask to be removed at any time.

Mr Paul Mills - Clerk:  
01789 773554  
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## Alamo Development (Bovis Homes) Update

The site has been purchased by Bovis Homes and they have submitted their reserved matters planning application for 60 homes to Stratford District Council.

At a council meeting in January, residents and councillors were shown the detailed plan and discussed their concerns with representatives of Bovis. The council's response can be found on our website under planning applications.

If you have any issues caused from the construction activities at the site during development, please contact the Clerk. The Council will remain in regular contact with Bovis and the site manager.

## Parish Council Meetings

held in the Memorial Hall every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

### Ordinary Meeting

*Wednesday 20th April at 7pm*

### Annual Parish Meeting

*Wednesday 27th April at 7.30pm*

***This is your meeting. Come along and have your say.***

**Guest Speaker** Bob Church, Rural Crime Co-ordinator, Stratford District Council

### Annual Council Meeting

*Wednesday 18th May at 7pm*

***Followed by Ordinary Meeting***

*Wednesday 18th May at 7pm*

### Ordinary Meeting

*Wednesday 15th June at 7.30pm*

## Street Lights Working Group

The Council has received many requests during the last 12 months asking for street lights to be reinstated around the parish.

A questionnaire was distributed to all houses in School Ave of the 21 questionnaires returned, 19 supported the provision of street lights being installed in School Avenue.

At January's meeting it was agreed to form a Working Group of councillors to establish a five year rolling plan for the replacement of the existing street lights, to also look at the feasibility of installing new street lights to School Ave in the first instance.

## Significant Planning Application Decisions

St Matthew's Church extension was opposed by the Parish Council and refused by Stratford District Council on 24th February 2016.

The Parish Council fully supported a 5 home development at Heath Cottage, Dunnington and this was granted planning permission by Stratford District Council on 1st March 2016.

## Community Speed Aware Group

The first volunteers are now fully trained and will be shortly visible on our roads encouraging drivers to obey the speed limits throughout our village. **More volunteers are needed.** If you would like to volunteer to join this group then please contact the clerk.

## Park with consideration and care!

Remember to park your vehicles legally and safely or risk a penalty fine.

## News from around the Parish



### Follow The Countryside Code

**Respect.  
Protect. Enjoy.**



### Dog Fouling

***No one likes  
putting their foot  
in it!***

***Bagged dog mess  
can be placed in any  
litter bin.***

**Not picking up after  
your dog has fouled  
is a Criminal Offence.  
You can be fined up  
to £1000 and you will  
get a CRIMINAL  
RECORD.**

### ***Calling all under 5's New Children's Centre Group at TOP's***

Families from Salford Priors and the surrounding area with children under 5 are very welcome to come along to a new group run jointly by Alcester Children's Centre and the Bidford Health Visiting Team. Running every Thursday morning during term time, from 10-11.30, there are play activities on offer, opportunity to chat to a Health Visitor and get your child weighed, and a chance to meet other local families. There's no need to book so please come along and Rachel and Kerry will give you a warm welcome!

### **'Awards for All' grant for Youth Club**

Last September the Youth Club received a grant from Awards for All, for a project called Start4Life. The grant covers activities which will benefit the club members in many ways, with exercise and sports, healthy eating and promoting self-confidence and awareness of others in the community. Recent activities have included CPR training from West Midlands Ambulance Service, healthy eating options, and self-defence. Future sessions will include Zumba, sports coaching, drama, modern dance, hair and skin care, Tae Kwon Do and a mobile climbing wall. The Youth Club is organising a litter pick around the village in the spring, planning several fund-raising stalls at the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations in June, and holding an Open Evening with barbecue and raffle early in July.

**New Members Welcome.**

### **New Cinema Club for Memorial Hall!**

The Memorial Hall Committee is planning to start a Cinema Club – membership will be open to everyone who signs up. Entry to a film night will require the purchase of a raffle ticket, and the winner keeps the DVD. A different film will be shown each month, and there will also be showings for children in the school holidays, a Silver Screen club, and other special events. If you would be interested in joining the Cinema Club, please send an e-mail to [patdare2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:patdare2003@yahoo.co.uk), or phone 01789 778940 for more information.

### **New Secretary Appointed by Royal British Legion**

Iain Ballantyne has recently taken up the appointment of Secretary of the Salford Priors Branch of The Royal British Legion. Apart from a short break in the 1940s there has been an active Branch of the British Legion in Salford Priors since 1926. The main activity of the Branch throughout this time has been to raise money for the poppy appeal. Contact details: 4 Ban Brook Copse, Salford Priors, WR11 8GW. Tel: 01789 778334 Email: [iain@iainballantyne.co.uk](mailto:iain@iainballantyne.co.uk) We are displaying at the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations in June, come and see us to learn more.

### **Alcester & Bidford Dementia Cafe**

Supporting people with memory problems/dementia and their families, carers and volunteers. Every Monday from 10.30 to 12.30pm at Westholme Court, Bidford. Every Tuesday and Friday from 10.30 to 12.30pm at The Jubilee Centre, Alcester.