

Salford Priors Parish Council

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in The Memorial Hall, Salford Priors, on Monday 8th. November 2010 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors, M Myers (Vice-Chairman), AW Wolfe, JR Stedman, DC Penn, RA Francis, A Quiney, and L Wright.

Also in attendance: MJ.Philpott, Clerk, and eleven members of the public.

The Clerk announced that he had received a letter from Cllr. Wolfe resigning as Chairman. He said that the first item of business at the next Ordinary Meeting would be the election of a new Chairman. In the meantime the Vice-Chairman would take the chair in accordance with Council regulations. He apologised to Councillors for not having circulated Cllr. Wolfe's letter.

Councillor M Myers, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

1. Apologies for absence

Council considered and agreed apologies for absence from District Cllr. B Slaughter due to illness.

2. Declarations of Office and Disclosure of Interests

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

2.2 Declaration of Interests: Members were reminded that they were required to declare and disclose any personal or prejudicial interests in items on the agenda. Councillors with a prejudicial interest were required to leave the room for the relevant agenda item.

Cllr. Stedman declared a prejudicial interest in transaction numbers 8624, 8625, and 8626 being payments to a contractor.

3. Consideration of urgent matters from the Agenda of the previous meeting on 27.10.10 that were not considered because it was abandoned.**3.1 Completion of works at the swings.**

The Clerk reported that in accordance with instructions from Council at the meeting on 22.09.10 he had obtained quotations from three companies for replacing the surfacing under the swings in the children's play area. The quotations were from CPS Playgrounds Ltd. (£980); Playtop Ltd. (750); and from DCM Products (£685). The Clerk confirmed he had placed an order with DCM products and the work had been satisfactorily completed. Cllr. Francis confirmed this was the case and the Clerk's actions were confirmed.

3.2 Worcestershire Waste Strategy.

The Clerk said that the consultation ended before the next meeting and it was necessary to respond. He said that the strategy involved identifying suitable sites on industrial estates for waste processing activities. This was in agreement with the Parish Council's original response and Council agreed to respond accordingly.

4. Consideration of matters arising from the abandonment of the meeting on 27.10.10.**4.1 Meeting with Central Networks.**

The Clerk reported that a meeting would take place on the following day (Tuesday 9th. November) with Central Networks, Cllr. Stedman, and the Clerk. From telephone conversations the Clerk was hopeful that Central Networks would take some responsibility for the costs of replacing or removing the poles. A full report would be provided for the next meeting.

4.2 Public meeting regarding the footway lights.

Cllr. Stedman said that members had felt that a public meeting should take place to discuss the footway lights and this was also being suggested by some residents. Cllr. Stedman had drafted a statement containing the issues together with a public notice of the meeting, for circulation to all houses in the parish and this was offered for consideration by Council. It was agreed unanimously. Council also agreed unanimously that a meeting should take place on 17th. November and that Cllr. Darren Pemberton, ward members on Stratford DC, should act as independent chairman. In respect of the statement itself Cllr. Wolfe suggested some minor changes that were accepted. The Chairman said that these would not alter the substance of the document, and then Cllr. Wright proposed, Cllr. Wolfe seconded, and it was agreed, that the statement should be circulated to all houses in the parish as soon as possible.

4.3 Reports in the Press regarding the Council's proper officer.

Cllr. Stedman proposed and it was agreed by Council and the Clerk that this item should be deferred to a future meeting as a confidential agenda item.

5. Matters raised by Councillors

5.1 Proposal to switch back on two lights in School Road by the School and by the end of Sandfields' Drive. (Cllrs. Wolfe and Stedman)

Cllr. Stedman said that a parishioner had spoken to him concerning the light opposite the end of Sandfields' access road. He had been informed that this was a particularly dark area and women felt very intimidated when cars containing male staff from the packing station turned into School Road, particularly in the hours of darkness. In addition, the access track opposite Sandfields' drive created a further fear to these users. Cllr. Stedman considered this was a unique situation in respect of the footway lighting infrastructure. In respect of the light at the School, he said he had been informed that school activities continued to 5pm or 6pm and children did walk down School Road unaccompanied. Whatever the rights or wrongs of this he felt the children needed to be provided for even though he believed the School had a duty of care to ensure that suitable arrangements were made for children to get home safely. Cllr. Wolfe fully supported Cllr. Stedman and said the safety of the children was the over-riding factor. He said that he could defend not lighting the path to the pub but not the school and he urged councillors to support both proposals. Cllr. Wright said the school could help by providing some outside lighting and Cllr. Francis considered that the proposal was setting a precedent that would lead to lights being switched back on one by one as someone would put up a case for each light. Cllr. Penn said there was an issue for children walking up School Road but Cllr. Stedman said that if these children wanted to walk where there were lights they could use School Avenue instead. Cllr. Wright suggested that in view of the poor illumination to Sandfields' entrance they should be requested to erect some low energy lighting to illuminate their entrance. This would benefit not only visitors and HGV drivers looking for their entrance but would also help to alleviate concerns from villagers about walking along that part of School Road, and being worried by traffic movements in and out of their driveway. The Chairman called for separate votes for the proposals to switch back on each light and both were agreed with Cllr. Francis dissenting in each instance.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Request for a donation to Royal British Legion.

Council agreed to a request for a donation to the Royal British Legion in the sum of £100. It was further agreed to send a wreath at a cost of £20 to be paid out of the Chairman's expenses.

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7. Finance**7.1 Consideration and approval of the payments and transfers listed in Appendix A.**

Cllr. Stedman, having declared a prejudicial interest, left the room.

Council noted the income transactions in Appendix A Item 7.1.

Council noted the expenditure transactions listed in Appendix A Items 7.2 and 7.3. that had been approved between meetings by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Cllr. Francis proposed, Cllr. Quiney seconded, and it was agreed that the actions of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be accepted by the Council.

Council noted the transfers from No.1 account to the Community account set out in Appendix A item 7.4 approved between meetings by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Cllr. Wright proposed, Cllr. Francis seconded, and it was agreed that the actions of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be accepted by the Council.

Cllr. Stedman returned to the room.

7. Date of Next Meetings

Council reviewed the dates of future meetings and agreed as follows:

- Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 1st. December 2010 in the Salford Priors Memorial Hall.
- Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 15th. December 2010 in the Salford Priors Memorial Hall. The main item to be consideration of the budget for 2011 – 2012.
- A public meeting to be held on 17th. November 2010 in the Salford Priors Memorial Hall to discuss the footway lighting.

It was agreed that the public notice for the meeting on 1.12.10 would include reference to the budget meeting on 15.11.10.

8. Closure of meeting

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

APPENDIX A**7. Finance****7.1 Income transactions for approval**

Tn. No.	Cheque	Gross	Vat	Net	Details
6454		3.81	0.00	3.81	HSBC Bank, Interest, No. 1 a/c
6455	BACs	23500.00	0.00	23500.00	Stratford DC, Precept
9001		0.03	0.00	0.03	HSBC Bank, Interest, No. 3 a/c
Total		£23503.84	£0.00	£23503.84	

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7.2 Expenditure transactions approved between meetings

Tn. No.	Cheque	Gross	Vat	Net	Details
8618	dd	18.99	2.83	16.16	Plusnet
8619	102321	302.33	45.03	257.30	E – ON UK Energy Services
8620	102322	16.26	2.42	13.84	Severn Trent Water plc
8621	102323	92.70	4.41	88.29	npower
8631	102333	777.10	115.73	661.37	npower
Total		£1207.38	£170.42	£1036.96	

7.3 Expenditure transactions signed by Chairman and Vice-Chairman on 27.10.10

Tn. No.	Cheque	Gross	Vat	Net	Details
8622	102324	997.69	148.59	849.10	GBD (Evesham) Ltd.
8623	102325	45.01	6.70	38.31	Digital Copier Systems Ltd.
8624	102326	129.25	19.25	110.00	Limebridge Rural Services Ltd.
8625	102327	150.40	22.40	128.00	Limebridge Rural Services Ltd.
8626	102328	76.38	11.38	65.00	Limebridge Rural Services Ltd.
8627	102329	20.00	0.00	20.00	M J Hyde
8628	102330	47.00	7.00	40.00	P D Long
8629	102331	86.91	0.00	86.91	P D Long
8630	102332	536.90	0.00	536.90	M J Philpott
8632	102334	118.00	0.00	118.00	SLCC
8633	102335	756.50	0.00	756.50	Salford Priors Memorial Hall
8634	102336	152.57	0.00	152.57	Warwickshire CC
8635	102337	184.00	0.00	184.00	M Hackling
8636	102338	112.27	16.72	95.55	Newsquest Midlands South
8637	102339	78.68	0.00	78.68	Stratford Herald
Total		£3491.56	£232.04	£3259.52	

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7.4. Transfers

Transfer from No.1 account to Community account approved between meetings £2000.00
Approved by Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Transfer from No.1 account to Community account approved on 27.10 10 £3000.00
Approved by Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

7.5 Account Balances at 14.10.10

Community a/c	£2984.00
No.1 a/c	£44149.61
No.3 a/c	£188.81