

**Salford Priors Parish Council**

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in The Memorial Hall, Salford Priors on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016.**

**Present:** Councillors: K Littleford (Chairman), L Maude, J Stedman, K James, D Penn, A Green, T Littleford, P Dare, L Wright District Councillor Mark Cargill & County Councillor Mike Brain

**Also in attendance:** 2 members of the public

54	Apologies for absence: None
55	<b>Register of Interests:</b> Members were reminded of the need to keep their register of interests up to date
56	<p><b>Declaration of Interests:</b> 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.</p> <p>Cllr Dare – 68a Youth Club grant Cllr Penn – Donald Penn 63c, 63d - Strimmer and Flag pole</p> <p><b>a. Pecuniary Interests.</b></p> <p>Members were asked to declare any other disclosable interests in items on the Agenda and their nature.</p> <p><b>b. Other Disclosable Interests.</b> None.</p>
57	<p><b>Open Forum:</b> The Chairman moved that the meeting be adjourned for the Public Open Forum and this was agreed.</p> <p>A resident asked whether the contractors who planted up the island at the bottom of School Rd have a maintenance contract in place to maintain it after planting. She has rough weeded it but it does need a thorough weed. She stated she is happy to get a small working party together to help maintain it if this is not part of the contract. Cllr Stedman informed the resident that the contractor does, on request of the Clerk, carry out watering, however there is no maintenance schedule in place. The Chairman confirmed she was happy for the resident to get a working party together.</p> <p>Clerk has instructed contractors to water the planters and Cllr Stedman informed the resident that it may be prudent to wait until this has been carried out in order to make it easier for the weeds to be pulled up.</p> <p>She also raised a query regarding the weeds on the pavement outside of Salford House. Unfortunately the Lengthsman does not hold a carrier license which means he cannot carry weeds away. The resident is happy to pull up the weeds herself.</p> <p>Another resident asked whether there is a tap down by the allotments and if not can one be installed? It was confirmed that there are no taps although there are 2 water tanks on the allotments which are accessible by watering can. A tap is not on the agenda to be installed – there is an issue with the possibility of the tap being left on overnight and the water in that area is on a meter.</p> <p>The resident also asked whether she can purchase a small shed to put on allotment 10, which was unanimously approved.</p> <p><b>a) Have your say.</b> No under 18s were present.</p> <p><b>b) County Council Member’s Report –</b></p>

District Cllr Mark Cargill informed the Councillors that the core strategy is now being adopted; a lot of hard work has gone into it and he is very pleased with this news.

He is very concerned about the lack of social rentable housing in his district and he has now started talks with a number of Councillors about starting up a company that will take over a certain type of housing development, social housing in particular which means they can be flexible in the type of houses built and who obtains a house. He also suggests land for social housing should be considered by communities. He requested the Councillors think about this idea and get back to him.

The next stage is gypsy and traveler sites – he expects it to go to a leaders consultative group in about a month. He will inform Cllrs of progress on this.

He informed the Councillors that Pitchill Nursing Home is closing. This is due to the number of residents falling, the fact that is in a remote location making it difficult for people to visit, there is an inability to attract staff in both senior and other grades. It is an awkward place to maintain with its old fashioned layout. They are trying to find places for the current residents although there is a problem with lack of spaces in homes in the area.

He attended a presentation about superfast broadband, it is 92% of the way there – it will slowly be increasing by 2% at a time until the last 2%. This 2% will have to obtain an alternative method to fibre.

Salford Priors Primary School – through circumstances beyond the control of the Headteacher and the Governors the school has been pushed into a situation whereby the Local Authority have gotten involved. They have decided to impose a Headteacher on the school. It would appear that with effect from September a number of the Governors will be asked to leave or have resigned by then. He confirmed he will be visiting with the Headteacher at the end of the week.

County Councillor Mike Brain stated that the extension of the footway to the Wood Bevington turn does not meet the requirements as a priority for footway improvement this financial year, although this does not mean the works will be carried out next year either. It is felt that it doesn't meet the criteria due to lack of use. Cllr James considers it would be a waste of public money to extend the footpath to the turn. He considers it would be best to mow it all off and bring it back to verge. There are other footpaths and roads in this parish that require the investment.

The Warwickshire County Council County Councillor Grand Fund 2016/17, Stratford on Avon District is now available again and he is happy to take an application from Salford Priors Parish Council. He advised not to delay.

He also informed the Councillors that the speed sign approaching the village via the Alamo site needs cleaning and he will endeavour to get this work carried out.

He encouraged the Councillors to fill out the Police Commissioner survey.

Cllr Maude asked if there is any news on the tarmac of Tollhouse Corner. County Councillor Brain met with Joe Edwards to look at it as the works are way overdue. Joe Edwards has gone away to find out why the works haven't been carried out. He stated that it is not necessary for the Parish Council to write regarding this.

**The Chairman closed the adjournment at 19.30 hrs.**

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**Acceptance of Minutes:**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at the Baptist Church Hall, Dunnington were agreed by the Council to be a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

59	<p><b>Clerk's Progress Report:</b></p> <p>a) <b>Road Surface Broom Lane. No progress to date</b> – Clerk has been in contact with the Street Works Inspector who will chase regarding this. <b>Clerk to monitor</b></p> <p>b) <b>B4088 Gullies Wood Bevington turn to Weethley Lodge.</b> Clerk has spoken with the Localities Officer who confirmed the jetting has taken place. Cllr Mike Brain was present whilst the works were carried out. <b>Resolved</b></p> <p>c) <b>B4088 Extension of Footway to Wood Bevington Turn.</b> Cllr Mike Brain gave an update for this in his report above.</p> <p>d) <b>AL15 Kissing Gate Installation. Clerk received an email today from</b> Spencer Smith, Rights of Way Maintenance Volunteer Co-ordinator (South), Rights of Way Team who informed that the kissing gate will be delivered in the next couple of weeks. <b>Clerk to monitor</b></p> <p>e) <b>Willows Caravan Park –signage</b> – Roger Thatcher, Planning Enforcement Officer has advised that the large advertisement requires consent, and he has spoken with the owner who has instructed an agent to make the application. In the meantime, Roger has requested that the sign be pulled back from the verge closer to the boundary fence to reduce the impact. He has no concerns regarding the low wooden “Willow Park” sign in the verge, (which was historically on the south-western side of the site entrance). Technically this requires consent, but if it’s Highway land then it may be that WCC Highways might intervene if requested. The estate agents board should technically be located on the land to which it relates, which if the regulations were applied strictly to the letter could only relate to the relevant caravan pitch within the site itself. However, this would defeat the purpose of the advertisement entirely, and not therefore expedient to pursue, given how close it is to the boundary fence.</p> <p>f) <b>Road sweep/clean Cock Bevington.</b> Clerk has contacted David Elliston, Localities Officer who has confirmed that the Community Payback Team will arrange for these works to be carried out. Clerk awaiting date as to when this is likely to happen. <b>Clerk to monitor</b></p> <p>g) <b>Dunnington BT Cable exposure.</b> Works completed. <b>Resolved</b></p> <p>h) <b>Garden Allotment – Boundary fencing installation</b> – Costings agreed. Fence installation awaited. This agenda item is to be postponed until November/December. Clerk has been advised that the soil needs to be damp in order for the fence posts to be installed.</p> <p>i) <b>Preservative application – Parish Noticeboards</b> – works order and preservative issued to Peter Batacanin. Works completed. <b>Resolved</b></p> <p>j) <b>Hedge Overhang</b> – a resident had complained that she was unable to push her pram along the pavement as the hedge outside a house in School Avenue was overhanging. Whilst these works have been carried out the Councillors stated that the hedge is overgrowing the footway quite considerably and requested that the Clerk go back to the homeowners and request the hedge is taken right back to the edge of the footway. <b>Clerk to monitor</b></p> <p>k) <b>Hedge Overhang – School Rd</b> – Councillors asked Clerk at the last meeting to be in contact with residents from Cherry Tree Crescent in order for hedges to be cut back. Clerk has sent letters however no works have been carried out to date. <b>Clerk to monitor</b></p>
60	<p><b>Neighbourhood Development Plan.</b> The final consultation closed on 1<sup>st</sup> July. The District Council has now sent all the consultation responses (including a couple from large developers) to the examiner. The developers have asked for a response however it is now up to the examiner as to how he will proceed with the responses. The examination will be scheduled in over the next few weeks. There is a bit of work to do with the Parish Council website to make it more user friendly for the examiner however this is in hand.</p>
61	<p><b>Planning Matters:</b> <b>Applications Considered</b></p> <p>a) <b>16/02245/HRN. Proposed</b> – removal of 6no. section of hedgerow, each 2-4 metres in length, on land to the south west of School Rd, Salford Priors. Total hedgerow length for removal 37 metres. OS grid reference of hedgerow at western end of pipeline SP06115222 at School Rd, Salford Priors for Mr Samuel Brunt. Cllr Stedman requested a condition of planning should be in place for a 5 year aftercare plan with hedge re-planting in keeping with existing hedging. The Council has no objection to the application.</p>

- b) **16/02107/FUL. Proposed** - Removal of single storey, single skin kitchen extension, erection of two storey green oak extension to provide kitchen/dining and utility room with new staircase to two bedrooms and bathroom at 56 Dunnington Lane, Dunnington by Mr Matt Smith. The Council has no objection or comment on the application.
- c) **16/02115/FUL – Proposed** – First Floor Extension to rear of Kenley House, Station Rd, Salford Priors by Mr J Browne. The Council has no objection or comment on the application.

**Planning Applications To Note:**

- d) **SDC/16/01700/FUL. Proposed:** Erection of detached 6 car garage at Burleigh House, Iron Cross, Salford Priors, Evesham, WR11 8SP. For Mr S Dhir. Following consultation with Council Members, under Clerk’s delegated powers “No objection but would request that its use is only for domestic vehicles and ancillary to dwelling house” was registered.
- e) **16/01877/COUNTY. County matter:** Construction of vacuum sewage pumping station with associated works and improved vehicular access to B4088. Following the last Parish Council meeting. The Clerk emailed a copy of the Members comments to David O’Connor on 23rd June 2016.
- f) **16/02071/AGNOT. Proposed :** General purpose agricultural machinery building at Rough Hill, Low Road, Church Lench, Evesham, WR11 4UH for Rough Hill Farm Ltd. Following consultation with Council Members, under Clerk’s delegated powers “No objection however the Parish Council requests it should be finished in green cladding and have a green roof cover” was registered.
- g) **16/00029/ADJCON.** Consultation from Wychavon District Council to removal of greenhouses and rebuild with new service house, new water storage tanks and heat storage tank. Replacement and storm water storage tanks and heat storage tank. Replacement and storm water storage for Westland Nurseries (Offenham) Ltd, Station Rd, Offenham, WR11 8RT for Westland Nurseries Ltd. . Following consultation with Council members it was not considered appropriate to respond to the application consultation.
- h) **16/01763/FUL.** Proposed erection of detached garage at Pitchill Lodge, Pitchill, Evesham, WR11 8SN for Mr Alan Morrison. Planning Officer Lindsey Young has withdrawn the application as the house is unoccupied and as such planning permission for a garage cannot be considered as a householder application. They can either re-submit once they have moved into the property or submit a full planning application.
- i) Proposed continued implementation of PP S2141/07CM032 without compliance with Condition Number 1 and 37 to allow amendments to the restoration scheme at Ragley Quarry, Dunnington, Salford Priors, B49 5NZ. Comments due by 18th July. Letter circulated by email 30th June 2016. Clerk responded on behalf of Parish Council 14th July 2016 following Cllr Stedman & James’ comments which are appended to the minutes (Appendix B).

**Planning Decisions**

- j) **16/01450/FUL. Proposed:** Erection of two storey rear extension at 10 Conway Croft, Dunnington Road, Dunnington, B49 5NY. Permission granted subject to conditions. *Noted by Council*
- k) **16/01731/HHPA. Proposed:** Construction of a single storey rear extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 4.0m for which the maximum height would be 3.2m and for which the height to the eaves would be 2.4m. Prior Approval Granted. *Noted by Council*

62	<p><b>Playing Field:</b></p> <p>a) <b>Monthly Inspection</b> - During the playing field inspection carried out on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 it was noted that mole activity is still present. Clerk has informed Brandan White of Arden Pest Control who is arranging for a quote to be forwarded.</p> <p>b) <b>Weekly field inspections</b> It was agreed that Mr Batacanin is to carry out the weekly field inspections during the summer holidays on the following dates: Fri 29<sup>th</sup> July, Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Aug, Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Aug, Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Aug, Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Aug and Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. Approved.</p> <p>Cllr Stedman was handed a sign which had been removed from the fence in the play area. Pete Batacanin has now replaced this although repairs to the fence were also required. He also reported the fence post on the other gate by the skate park has been broken off at ground level due to minor vandalism. As the fence needs securing Pete was requested to carry out any necessary repairs.</p>
63	<p><b>Highways:</b></p> <p>a) <b>Lengthsman Job Progress.</b></p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sideout/clear hedge side School Road from Ban Brook Road turn to bus stop;</li> <li>2. Clear growth/debris Station Road church wall and remove overhanging low branches</li> <li>3. Clear white lines and kerb debris and wash down reflectors and bollards on both traffic calmers in School Rd;</li> <li>4. Clear growth and debris Rushford layby;</li> <li>5. Clear large verge grip at water works corner, Broom Lane. Lengthsman confirmed it needs a radical dig out.</li> <li>6. Overgrowth on new footpath from Dunnington school gate to crossroads</li> <li>7. Overgrowth from hedge onto footpath from Dunnington crossroads to Hillers</li> </ol> <p>Clerk has been in contact with the Lengthsman who confirmed he would try and look at it over the last weekend. Unfortunately, following a drive around it is clear that none of the works have been carried out.</p> <p><b>b) Lengthsman Tasks July into August.</b> It was agreed that as the last month's works and previous works had not been carried out there was little point in raising a further job sheet. Cllr Stedman stated that a Clerk from Harvington is also having an issue with the same Lengthsman's work performance. He proposed that the Clerk is in contact with the Harvington Clerk in order for them to put a joint advertisement for the post of Lengthsman for both parishes. Cllr Wright asked if a contractual arrangement is in place and it was confirmed there is no formal agreement only a works specification. Clerk to contact the Harvington Clerk in order to arrange an advert for both parishes.</p> <p><b>c)</b> A resident visited the office recently as he has in his possession a strimmer as part of the old footpath P3 scheme through Warwickshire County Council. He has decided that he no longer feels able to carry out some of the strimming around the area and offered it to the Parish Council. Clerk to write to the resident asking him to bring the strimmer into the office for onward transmission to Warwickshire County Council.</p> <p><b>d)</b> The resident also asked whether the Parish Council would like a flagpole that he also has in his possession however the Councillors decided this is not something they require. Clerk to inform resident.</p>
64	<p><b>Amenities:</b></p> <p><b>a)</b> Garden Allotment Invoices. Clerk informed Members that the rent for 5 allotments has been paid, although one of the allotment holders has only paid £26 for each plot he owns. Clerk has chased for the further £8 to no avail as yet. Clerk to pursue the matter</p> <p><b>b)</b> The Clerk informed the council that the weed spraying of allotment no 10 has been carried out, and the cultivation will be carried out imminently. Councillors confirmed the tenant is allowed to erect a shed and put up her own boundary fence in accordance with the conditions in the allotment tenant's agreement.</p>
65	<p><b>Community</b></p> <p><b>a)</b> The update report following Marsh Farm Quarry Liaison Group meeting held on 23rd June 2016 was noted. Cllr Wright felt it was a productive meeting. Cllr Stedman stated there were various matters they wanted to raise and it was quite constructive.</p>
66	<p><b>Rights of Way:</b></p> <p><b>a)</b> Cllr Penn has received an anonymous report regarding some of the footpaths being overgrown. He considers that whilst AL4 is overgrown it is still accessible. Regarding the AL6 footpath – whilst there is the need to walk through a field of corn it is still able to be walked. AL11 – Cllr Penn has spoken to the tenant who stated when the crops have been harvested he will clear the hedge back and not before. Cllr Penn considers the only problem with the footpaths is the lack of use. If they were walked regularly there would not be an issue.</p> <p><b>b)</b> One of the residents attending stated the footpath across the big vineyard off the Evesham Rd is blocked totally. There is a gate but it is totally impassable. Again it was voiced that if the paths are walked regularly there wouldn't be a problem. Cllr James &amp; Cllr Penn will call a walking party in Sept/Oct to walk the footpaths. Clerk to forward letters to landowners requesting they keep public rights of way on their land fully accessible for public use.</p>
67	<p><b>Matters raised by Councillors:</b> The following matters were raised by Council Members:</p>

Cllr Green has noticed recently that some of the Bovis heavy delivery vehicles are going past the site and reversing round the School Avenue road island in order to access the site face the right way for moving on. Whilst it is not an easy site to deliver to; expected deliveries should be allowed access through the main entrance in order to avoid these incidents. Clerk to contact Bovis re these concerns.

**Cllr K Littleford** attended a meeting held at Salford Priors Village School – please see report below: -

I attended a meeting held at the school last night. It was well supported by both mums and dads who want to see the school improve and for the communications to be improved. Most parents had been told nothing about the problems the school was facing. The pupils in year 2 & 3 had 7 teachers this year which is very disturbing for the children.

It was chaired by Hayley McDonough the School Improvement Officer for Warwickshire County Council and the newly appointed interim head Kaye Hunter.

County Council do not wish to see the Salford School closed. The school needs to urgently align itself with 1 or possibly 2 other C of E Schools. Over the next 12 months WCC along with a new executive board of governors will work on getting the school up to standard and hopefully find a partner school. They have secured an experienced head governor and are looking to find 3 or 4 other governors.

The newly appointed head will be in place till Christmas at least, but hopefully for the whole of the academic year. She will be able to call on the experience of an executive head teacher from Kenilworth School (Darren Barrow) and also Executive head of 3 schools from Southam area.

The staffing and classes from September are:

Miss Roberts (existing teacher) to teach years 4, 5 & 6 approx. 25 pupils and teaching assistant from Kenilworth School Staff.

New Teacher required to teach year 2 & 3 approx. 20 pupils

Mrs Monkhouse (part time teacher from existing staff) and the new head to teach Year 1 and Reception approx 11 pupils.

Mrs Wendy Hollis is also staying as a teaching assistant.

I have agreed to meet with the new head in September to see how Parish Council can help and support their efforts to improve the school.

68	<p><b>Consideration of Correspondence Received:</b></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Cllr Dare left the room whilst the youth Club item was considered</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Salford Priors Youth Club Community Fund application Cllr James proposed, Cllr T Littleford seconded, unanimous approval for the £300 requested.</li> <li>b) The Public Consultation on the revised Statement of Community involvement was noted.</li> <li>c) To consider automatic enrolment pension scheme – moved to Staffing matters</li> <li>d) To consider local government pension scheme regulations – moved to Staffing matters</li> <li>c) To consider Warwickshire County Councillor Grant Fund 2016/17 – County Councillor Brain mentioned this previously. Cllr Stedman feels there should be a request to put monies towards the MUGA. Cllr James proposed that £5,000 should be requested and the proposal was carried. Clerk to action the grant application.</li> <li>e) Consultation for Warwickshire PCC. The Chairman encouraged all Members to go on line and complete the survey. Clerk to arrange for this to be put on website and e-newsletter to be sent</li> </ol>
69	<p><b>Correspondence for Information only.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Letter from Salford Priors Fete Committee. The Fete Committee donated £500 towards HM The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations. They have since had a meeting to form a new committee which was well attended and the new committee formed. Cllr K Littleford has joined the committee as a representative of the Parish Council. The Chairman also confirmed the £300 has now been received</li> </ol>

	<p>from Bovis.</p> <p><b>b)</b> Members noted the Lloyds Bank Changes to Business tariff</p> <p><b>c)</b> Members noted Lloyds Bank Changes and updates to business accounts</p>
<b>70</b>	<p><b>Finance: General:</b></p> <p><b>a)</b> HMRC PAYE dispute month 9, FY2013/14. Comments from HMRC &amp; Internal Auditor noted. Clerk to inform Grant Thornton of this dispute.</p> <p><b>b)</b> Consideration of the first quarterly bank reconciliation, account balances and income and expenditure budgets. These were agreed by all Councillors. Clerk informed the Councillors that the Clerk's expenses is over budget owing to the advertisement for a new Clerk paid for by credit card by the outgoing Clerk.</p> <p><b>c)</b> The statutory Notice of Unaudited Accounts is available on the website from 27th June 2016 – 5th August 2016 – <i>noted by Councillors</i></p> <p><b>d)</b> There were 3 queries from Grant Thornton re 2015-16 accounts. It was noted that no bank reconciliation had been sent in, to confirm the increase in fixed assets is due to the acquisition of assets or revaluation of assets and to confirm the figure in Box 10 for the total borrowings, for 2015 and 2016, should be £0. Clerk forwarded the necessary information.</p> <p><b>Payments</b></p> <p><b>e)</b> The council gave consideration and approval of the payments listed in Appendix A. Proposed by Cllr T Littleford, seconded by Cllr Green and agreed by all Councillors.</p> <p><b>f)</b> It was requested that the payments in agenda should have a DRAFT watermark.</p> <p><b>g)</b> It was agreed that Cllrs K James and Cllr Wright would sign cheques for payments listed in Appendix A (Minute 74).</p> <p>The Council noted the account balances reconciled with the Lloyds Bank Current Account statement Number 28 and Deposit Account Statement 8 issued 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 :-</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lloyds Deposit Account: <b>£50,014.53</b>  Lloyds Current Account <b>£49,429.25</b>  Total Fund Balance <b>£99,443.78</b></p>
<b>71</b>	<p><b>Staffing &amp; Confidential</b></p> <p><b>a)</b> To consider automatic enrolment pension scheme.</p> <p><b>b)</b> To consider local government pension scheme regulations.</p> <p>Further to receiving pension information from the Local Authority Cllr T Littleford considers the fairest option for both the Clerk and the Parish Council is to adopt the NEST option. Cllr T Littleford proposed the NEST option. Cllr Stedman seconded. Unanimous approval. Chairman will make a formal proposal to the Clerk in which she has 1 month to decide if this is the way she wants to move forward.</p>
<b>72</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>Council confirmed the date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 17th August 2016 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall, Salford Priors.</p>
<b>73</b>	<p><b>Closure of Meeting:</b> The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.55 hrs</p>

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

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## APPENDIX A: FINANCE

Cheque Number	Payments Authorised		Gross	Net
	Payee	Details	Payment	Payment
238	Digital Copier Systems	Photocopier Printing Charges	69.04	57.53
239	Mr Terry Hunt	Lengthsman	42.00	42.00
240	Donna Bowles	Clerks Salary & Expenses	***	***
241	HMRC	Clerks PAYE and NIC	14.17	14.17
DD	Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges to Jun	20.05	20.05
DD	EDF Energy	TOPS Electricity	45.00	45.00
DD	CF Corporation	Photocopier Rental July	42.00	35.00
DD	Npower	Streetlight Energy	17.24	16.42
DD	Npower	Streetlight Energy	178.16	169.68
242	SOA DC	Refuse & Recycling Bins HM	110.00	110.00
243	Warwickshire CC	Lease TOPS Building	168.75	168.75
244	Peter Batacanin	Prep & paint 5 noticeboards	50.00	50.00
244	Peter Batacanin	Playing Field Inspection	10.00	10.00
245	Limebridge Rural Services	Amenity Contract	954.00	795.00
246	Mr A Pattison	Overpayment of allotment	10.00	10.00
247	St John's Ambulance	First Aid Cover HM 90th	248.40	207.00
248	Dunnington Baptist Church	Hire of Dunnington Church Hall	25.00	25.00
249	Digital Copier Systems	Photocopier Printing Charges	32.68	27.23

**APPENDIX B****Proposed continued implementation of PP S2141/98CM025 without compliance with Condition Number 4 and 5 to allow amendments to the restoration scheme**

The Parish Council strongly objects to the amendments proposed for the restoration of the Ragley Quarry site at Marsh Farm Dunnington for the following reasons:

The retained pond adjacent to the P5 planting area and agricultural amenity land is considered as an excessive area of water within the boundary of the site, sterilising good agricultural land for what appears to be a meaningless water feature this area should be returned to productive agricultural use.

In support of this statement when considering the four large ponds proposed for the main site, the oversized lake to the North of Broom lane together with a large irrigation lake on the northeast site boundary the Parish Council consider too much quality agricultural land is being sterilised and this land where appropriate the land should be returned to future agricultural production.

The proposed plan shows no indication of any land drainage schemes, in the original restoration plans for the site Marsh Farm proposed land drainage was shown, as its name suggests Marsh Farm is a low lying site and retains surface water in most areas, if the proposed restoration plan supersedes the original drainage scheme, then a suitable land drainage scheme should be incorporated to ensure that the land fully functional throughout of the year for agricultural use.

The Parish Council had requested that a scheme was implemented to intensify the width of the planting areas on the eastern boundary of the site (plan Ref P3) in order to improve sound attenuation measures to alleviate high levels of traffic noise of the A46(T) the current proposed scheme does not meet this objective, however the council notes an increase in width of planting to the the western boundary of the site.

In the opinion of the Parish Council the planting area marked P3 (western boundary) has a disproportionate amount of *Quercus Robur* (1470) this species is very slow growing and will fail to provide any benefit for the area for several years, the only sizable species in the schedule is the *Populus Tremula* (with just 210 trees proposed) all the other listed species are medium size trees when fully mature.

It is suggested that the *Quercus Robur* are reduced to 420 in number with the *Populus Tremula* increased to approximately 450, therefore, the planting numbers should be made up with the quicker growing tall trees such as *Populus Nigra* cultivars and possibly some Spruce, *Tsuga heterophylla* or *Thuja plicata* which are an evergreen fast growing species this would provide a good acoustic attenuation barrier which would be in accordance with the increased planting width to provide sound attenuation.

Furthermore, the revised P3 planting schedule should extend to the full length of the western boundary of the site as the proposed P8 schedule will offer very little noise attenuation if any to the midway section of the site.

The P8 area is indicated on the plan to be an existing conservation area and is scheduled to remain as such. The planting scheme for P8 is excessively over populated with *Salix* species (1950), in particular *Salix Fragilis* (750).

As no shrubs are proposed within the planting scheme the Parish Council propose that the *Salix* are greatly reduced with the conservation site being enhanced with trees and shrubs in keeping with the concept of a natural conservation area i.e. fruiting and berry bearing species as proposed within the P6 planting schedule this would form natural habitats, also the P3 schedule should extend through the P8 site on the A46(T) boundary.

In conclusion the Parish Council is concerned that the current proposals do not meet the criteria or specifications to ensure that the landscaping of the site meets with the expectations of local residents that have had to endure the impact that site has had on the local landscape and the visual amenity of the area for nearly 30 years.