

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 14th JULY 2008 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT

Councillors: Jeremy Barber (Chair), Becky Bourne, Ricky Bourne, Jo Clear, Toby Cooper, Christian Dryden, Christopher Duxbury, Phil Harris, Martin Lampard.

Also present: Catherine Sweet, Chair of Open Spaces, Mrs Mary Jo Darrah (acting as Clerk)

Members of the Public: Liz Bourne, Roger & Nicky Derrick, Jonathan Frere, Anthony Holmes, Jenny Jolliffe, Peter Jones, Nick Marsden, Pamela Raynsford, Simon Storey, David Wright, Henry Yelf.

08/99 APOLOGIES

Councillor Chris Dewbury. TVBC Councillor Jim Neal

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public and said that the Council would deal with the matters they had come to hear first.

The meeting then observed a short silence in memory of John Newlove, a former Council member who died recently.

08/100 PLANNING

08/100.1 CURRENT APPLICATION

08/01529/FULLN 61, North Acre – erection of two storey rear extension – Mr Simon Storey

The Chairman declared an interest as a fellow trustee of Longparish Community Association with Mrs Derrick of 60, North Acre, and Jo Clear said that as a neighbour she would take no part. Mr Duxbury said that 61 and 60 were a pair of semi-detached houses on the corner of North Acre. The application was for an extension with kitchen/dining room with WC & utility room below and an en-suite bedroom above. The owners of 60 had recently built side and rear extensions, and objected.

Mr Derrick said that they objected to the scale of the extension which would obstruct light to their bedroom and overlook their garden. Having failed to agree with the applicant they had employed Richard Stott, a planning consultant to draw up a letter of objection and councillors had a copy. Mr Storey said that the planning officer did not think that the extension was out of character and that a 4th bedroom was needed for family reasons.

Ricky Bourne proposed a site visit and the Council agreed that the viewing committee should take a decision as long as 4 or more are present.

ACTION C. Duxbury will arrange a site visit

08/101 Affordable Housing

The Chairman explained the analysis of the affordable housing questionnaire that he and Christopher Duxbury had done. (Appendix 1) He said that in answer to question 1, 60% of respondents objected to up to 12 affordable houses and up to 6 houses for sale on the Zurich owned site and 40% were in favour. On question 2 about support for the principle of affordable houses for people with strong Longparish connections if a suitable site could be found, 52% were against and 48% in favour, but it was clear that 36 people did not think that they should answer that question if they had answered question 1. In answer to question 4 on what percentage of answers was needed to be decisive the average was about 65% but there was a wide range shown in a chart.

Questions from the public mainly concerned why information on respondents' age, time in the village and proximity to the site had been requested and published. The facilitator Jeff Bishop, had advised that it was necessary for the validity of the questionnaire. There was some debate about the extent of support for the principle of affordable housing and the implications this could have on future applications. Several said that the issue had been divisive and we should move on.

The Chairman put forward a motion, slightly modified after discussion, that the Parish Council accepts that the questionnaire shows that there is no mandate for further work on the site identified in the report

under ESN06, and notes the outcome of the questionnaire. It was seconded by Martin Lampard. 7 voted in favour and 2 abstained. The Chairman thanked all those involved.

08/102 MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON 9th JUNE 2008

The minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

08/103 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON CURRENT AGENDA

08/103.1 John Scott from Forton has volunteered to join Br Bassett's Patient Support Group.

Action JB to liaise

08/104 OPEN SPACES

08/104.1 Ricky Bourne's letter to the Parish Council

Following the village inspection on 23rd June when only 4 people attended and the Open Spaces meeting after which was inquorate with only 3 members of the committee, Ricky Bourne wrote that he was concerned that skate ramp needed urgent repairs, that the committee has not had a quorate meeting for 18 months and he thought that communications between councillors relied too much on email and the telephone might be more effective.

It was agreed that email was a most effective and time-saving form of communication, but it relied on councillors checking daily and responding when necessary. It was agreed that the need for a reply should be flagged up clearly. Also when meetings were being arranged and range of days/weeks should be offered. Apologies should be sent if councillors could not attend meetings.

Catherine Sweet said that she no longer wished to chair the Open Spaces committee, and would hand over to whoever was chosen. It involved quite a lot of work and she was grateful to the volunteers who had supported her. Phil Harris thanked her for her work as chair, her detailed reports and attendance at Parish Council, and the Chairman agreed and said that the inspection had shown that the village was looking good.

08/104.2 Open Spaces meeting

Two possible dates are Thursday 31st July and Tuesday 12th August, when Mr. Barber, Mrs. Clear, Mr. Duxbury, Mr. Harris and Mrs. Sweet said they could attend. Non-Council members would be consulted and the date finalised. Other business, including the inspection report, would be delegated to the committee.

(Toby Cooper left the meeting at this point)

The Chairman proposed that Andy Smith should be co-opted to the committee, Jo Clear seconded and it was agreed unanimously. Mr Smith had offered to take responsibility for the playground.

08/100 PLANNING (continued)

08/100.2 OUTSTANDING PLANNING APPLICATIONS & APPEALS

- **08/00953/FULLN 2 Paddock Cottages** Erection of attached 4 bedroom dwelling and of linked two storey side extension and single storey rear extension to existing property to provide additional living accommodation — Mr & Mrs S.Riley.

Parish Council objected 6 May 2008 and the Chairman spoke at the Northern Area Planning meeting on 19 June at which it was **refused**.

- **08/00981/FULLN 2, The Withies** Erection of first floor rear extension to provide enlarged bedroom and create two gable ends to roof, together with conversion of garage loft space to provide bathroom with dormer window and single storey rear extension to provide garden room- Mrs and Mrs D Carter.

Permission subject to Conditions & Notes 16 June 2008

- **08/00958/LBWN White Windows** Provision of two windows and erection of replacement porch to rear. Mr Trevor Elkins

Permission subject to Conditions & Notes 10 June 2008

- **07/08/00196/FULLN: Testwood Trout Farm.** Temporary use of mobile home for agricultural worker's dwelling
TVBC notified of appeal on 13th May 2008. Parish Council objection of 28th February goes forward.
- **08/01098/LBWN Southside Farm** Demolition and rebuilding of internal wall and strengthening of existing roof with additional timber structure.
Permission subject to Conditions & Notes 16 June 2008
- **TVN 08/01399/TREEN 5, The Withies** To fell a willow and 2 ornamental plums, and to reduce by up to 2m. some conifers. (Mrs A. Cooper).

No objection by PC or TVBC

08/100.3 CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

08/00990/LBWN and 08/00993/OUTN - Dismantle Firgo Barn; relocate to Larkwhistle Farm and convert to holiday accommodation. (Mr & Mrs Tacchi)

A site visit to Firgo and Larkwhistle Farms including a planning committee meeting was held on 17 June 2008. It was attended by Jeremy Barber, Ricky Bourne, Christopher Duxbury, Chris Dewbury, Jo Clear, Phil Harris, - with apologies from Martin Lampard, Toby Cooper and Christian Dryden and the Clerk.

DECISION: OBJECT to both applications. Insufficient weight has been given to the position of the barn in relation to other buildings in the Firgo complex including the listed farmhouse. The siting of the equivalent of a 6 bedroom house at Larkwhistle was contrary to SET03 of the TVLP 2006 even if it were in the shell of the old barn. Mr Duxbury agreed to circulate the letters of objection.

ACTION C.Duxbury

HCC Plan/JD/TV231 - Owls Lodge Shooting Ground – construction of safety and noise screening bunds – Mr B Faulds

The Chairman proposed that the Council should not object as it had suggested earlier that a bund on the village side of the site might mitigate noise. After some discussion this was agreed with the caveats that the site should be carefully monitored to make sure that only inert waste was used, that the bunds did not exceed the permitted height and that no associated traffic should use Southside Hill. Christian Dryden had reservations about the change to the landscape.

DECISION: No objection subject to conditions.

Longparish Recycling Centre Ricky Bourne pointed out that Purbeck had applied to change their existing Operator's licence to add an operating centre to keep 8 goods vehicles at the Recycling Centre, which was a 1 acre site by the entrance to the Owl's Lodge site. It was agreed that Mr Duxbury would write The Traffic Commissioner to ask for assurances that no lorries would be allowed to use Southside Hill.

ACTION C.Duxbury

08/01351/LBWN The Thatch, The Common – internal and external alterations – Mr Peter McSloy

DECISION: No objection

08/100.4 Megashed at Andover Airfield

The Planning Meeting for this application will be held at The Lights in Andover on Monday 1 September at 5.30pm

08/100.5 County Minerals Plan

Three criteria had been suggested for deciding on Minerals quotas. The Council agreed that protection of the environment should be the over-riding consideration.

ACTION C.Duxbury

08/105 FINANCE

08/105.1 Monthly financial statement

The Chairman presented the spreadsheet -See Appendix 2
He noted that Zurich Insurance had lost the Council's cheque which had to be sent again.
The bank had lost its record of Ricky Bourne's signature.

Three cheques needed to be added since the spreadsheet was completed:

£30 to Ricky Bourne for spraying materials for weed control

£30 for mending the playground bench.

£300 grant towards the LCA's expenses for the Fun Day.

08/106 ROADS & BRIDGES

08/106.1 Footway from the School to the village car park.

A letter was discussed from Mrs Liz Bourne saying that she thought that the planned footway would narrow the road too much to be safe for traffic and that walkers should be prepared to take the longer route on the footpaths via the Plough. The Council understood her concern but thought that the details were the province of the Highways Department. The footway had been requested as a result of the School Travel Plan and the Parish Plan. The Clerk had tried and failed to get information about the timing and details of the path in time for the meeting. Mrs Dryden agreed to use her contact to try to obtain these.

Action C Dryden

08/106.2 Potholes

The Clerk had reported the potholes at East Aston.

08/107 FOOTPATHS

08/107.1 Proposed diversion of footpath 14

Jeremy Barber declared an interest as a fellow Trustee of LCA with the applicant, David Wright, and Martin Lampard chaired this item. Dr Wright explained his letter saying that he and Julian Curl had created an alternative footpath round their land which he maintained and appeared to be used in preference to the existing path. It allowed disabled access and he thought it would have benefits for the community as well as the landowners. He was sounding out opinion before applying for a diversion. In response to questions Mrs Dinesen was happy to join in the diversion request and he would continue to maintain the footpath if that were required. If stock were put in the field he would install a disabled access kissing gate. The Council will consider the matter again when the diversion order is requested.

08/107.2 Co-option of Philip Wood as a member of the Footpaths Committee meeting

Martin Lampard proposed and Ricky Bourne seconded the co-option of Philip Wood, who monitors the Longparish footpaths for the Ramblers' Association, and the Council agreed.

08/107.3 Footpaths Committee meeting

Martin Lampard suggested 24th July as a possible date and will consult by email and telephone.

ACTION ML

08/107.4 Paths to Partnership conference Thursday 9th October 1-5pm

Jeremy Barber is speaking at this conference. No other member was free to attend.

08/107.5 Path 19

The Chairman reported that the Church field has been let for horses and the gate at the school end is now padlocked and inaccessible to buggies. In the short term parents who use the path might be given the combination sequence to the lock. He suggested that as a longer term solution another disabled access kissing gate should be put up where the existing kissing gate is.

ACTION JB and footpaths committee

08/107.6 Mr Tacchi's paths

The new path to replace the one through Papermill Farm should be ready for use within 6 weeks and it was hoped that the permissive path from Whitchurch to Hurstbourne Priors would be open by the end of the year.

08/107.7 Brushcutter course

Ricky Bourne is willing to run another course in the near future. Patrick Beresford is interested and Jeremy Barber would like a refresher. Phil Harris and Christopher Duxbury expressed an interest, and it was suggested that the remaining 2 places might be offered to neighbouring Parish Councils.

Action JB and RB

08/108 TRANSPORT

Deferred to next meeting.

08/109 COMMUNICATIONS

The minutes of the committee meeting on 12th June were noted and signed.

08/110 SCHOOL AND PLAYGROUP

08/110.1 Community Hall

The Chairman reported that Julian Curl was likely to become Chairman of the Management Committee. Liz Bourne had expressed an interest in joining it and Helen Mehaffey would contact her.

08/110.2 School Admissions

After an initial contact by Mr Cooper, the Chairman had met Mrs Mehaffey, the Chair of Governors, who had explained the school's admission procedures. Copies of the relevant documents have been circulated to all councillors. These are standard forms and the school believed that all children refused admission should be treated the same, so it was not possible to offer LCA help to some and not others. No child living in the village whose parents had applied at the right time had been refused admission. The school had to fill all its places, and the problem came when families moved into the village after this time. There were sometimes spare places in the older classes but rarely in reception.

Mrs Mehaffey offered to attend the September Parish Council meeting, and invited all councillors to come to the school in working hours to see the school in action. Mrs Dryden, Mr Duxbury, Mr Bourne and Mr Barber thought that they could go in the afternoon of 15th or 22nd September. **ACTION JB**

08/111 VILLAGE HALL

The mess left by the Evans' contractor in the car park had been cleared up and a new fence erected.

08/112 CORRESPONDENCE

See list attached (Appendix 3').

08/112.1 BT proposal to remove telephone kiosks

BT would like to remove many rural kiosks because of low usage. The Chairman reported that the one at North Acre was used about 70 times last year and the one by the Telephone Exchange about 55 times. Both accepted cards only, but 999 calls were free. The Council agreed to support the TVBC objection to the closures. Although usage is low, they are very valuable, and especially the one nearest to the skate ramp in case of an emergency. There are only 2 within the 3 miles of the village.

ACTION MJD

08/112.2 Upper Mill ford

The Planning Inspectorate has agreed to include the Parish Council as an objector. A statement of case must be sent to the Inspectorate by 9th October and proof of evidence must be sent by 4th November before the hearing on Tuesday 2nd December.

08/96 Future Meetings

- **Next Parish Council meeting - Monday 8th September**
- **Open Spaces Committee – to be arranged – [later confirmed at Thurs 31 July]**
- **Footpaths Committee – to be arranged - [later confirmed at Thurs 24 July]**

08/113 CLOSURE

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 22.45

Appendix 1: Affordable Housing Questionnaire – results and analysis

Summary

This report and analysis was prepared by Jeremy Barber (chair) and Christopher Duxbury (vice-chair) of Longparish Parish Council. It has been checked by Jeff Bishop, the independent facilitator for the group who prepared the questionnaire. The process is explained in detail in the main report.

The questionnaire was designed to provide information about the extent of

- village support for a proposal to build 12 affordable homes and up to six commercial homes on a particular site and provide community benefits
- village support for the principle of affordable housing.

We would like to thank everyone who responded, the group who designed the questionnaire, the teller and the shop for hosting the box.

Forms were issued individually by post to everyone (549 people) on the electoral roll. There were 288 valid responses (52.4%). A further 5 different forms were issued to people from the village who were not on the electoral roll. The results for those forms are analysed separately in the full report.

Question 1 asked, “Do you support a project of up to 12 affordable houses and up to 6 houses for sale on the open market on this site (max.18 in total)?”. There were 285 (99%) responses as follows

Yes 113 (40%)	No 172 (60%)
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Included are 25 people who live adjacent to or opposite the site. 20 of those (80%) said No. The responses varied with age and length of residence in the village. Support was greatest among those over 60 and people who have lived in the village over 30 years.

Question 2 asked, “Even if you do not support a development on the currently proposed site, do you support the proposal **in principle** of building affordable houses to be made available for lower than market rents to people with strong Longparish connections if a suitable site were available?”

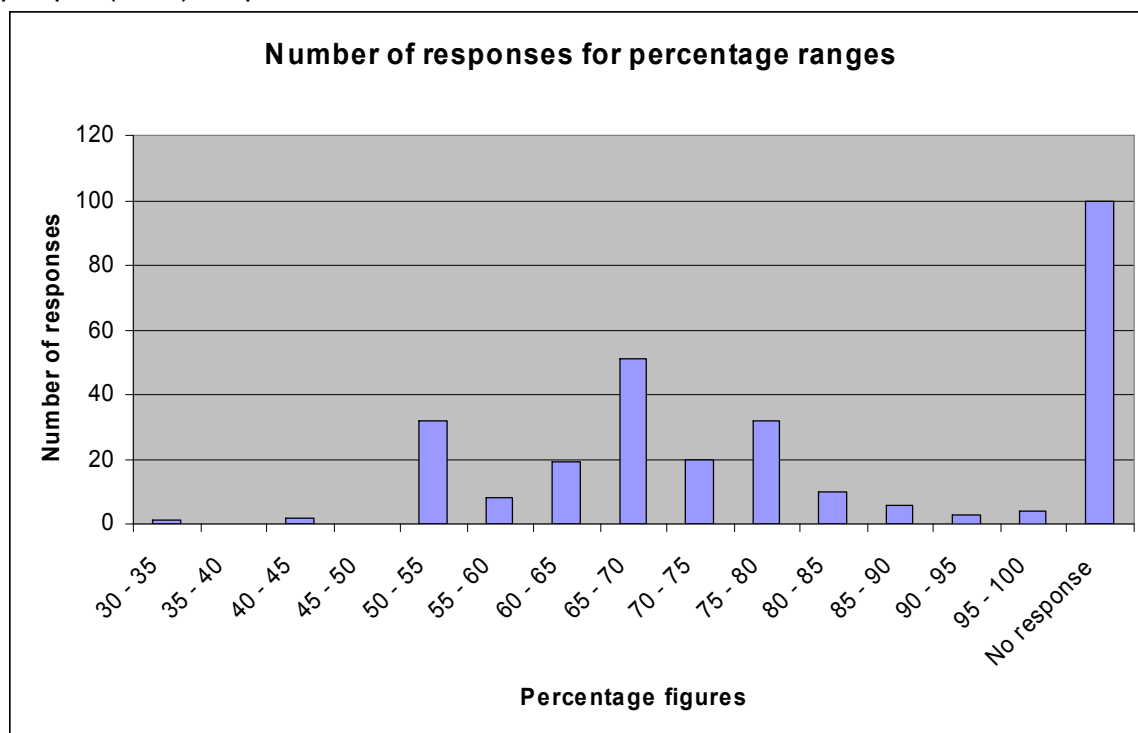
There were 252 responses (87%) as follows

Yes 120 (48%)	No 132 (52%)
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It is clear from the analysis that some people did not answer because they thought there was no need to do so if they had answered yes to question 1. Of the 36 people who did not answer question 2, 28 answered yes to question 1 and 5 answered no.

Question 3 asked people who had not answered questions 1 or 2 to say what further information they would need in order to give an answer. There were 36 such cases (13%). 5 of those gave details of the further information they would need including planning rules on parking and street lighting, proof of need, guarantees on allocation of homes, information about Lower Mill Villas, the split between houses, flats, etc, and the effect on infrastructure. Another 5, and some 14 other people made comments which showed no particular trend and which are recorded in the main report.

Question 4 The questionnaire invited views on what percentage of respondents to the questionnaire would be needed to indicate a clear result either for or against. 188 people (65%) responded. The results were as follows



The full report will be available on the village website shortly. It will include

- more detailed analysis
- copies of the forms and supporting information issued.
- the teller's report
- the process for reception, validity checking and analysis
- the raw data

Signed

Jeremy Barber

12 July 2008

Christopher Duxbury

Appendix 2 Financial Report

Longparish Parish Council

Period from **9-Jun-08** to **14-Jul-08**

Income	Previous years		Year to 31 March 09		
	Year to 31/3/07	Year to 31/3/08	Budget	Total so far	Total for period
Precept	15,000	15,000	15,000	7500.00	0.00
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Cemetery fees	641	472	350	169.00	169.00
Handbook sales	30	0	50	0.00	0.00
Grant Ashburn Rest	3,355	0		0.00	0.00
Spare line	0	0		0.00	0.00
Grant Equipment	0	0	500	0.00	0.00
Donations	0	1,266		0.00	0.00
Allotment rents received	36	30	36	36.00	36.00
Parish Paths Partnership	0	526		0.00	0.00
VAT refund	0	604	1,067	0.00	0.00
Other	431	450	100	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	19,493	18,348	17,103	7705.00	205.00

Expenditure

Clerks Pay/Expenses	1,935	1,376	2,100	0.00	0.00
General Admin	1,708	2,195	2,400	1366.59	1105.69
Elections	0	28	0	0.00	0.00
Open spaces	6,573	4,420	10,166	991.60	386.98
Communications	747	691	1,830	317.50	93.75
Paths	0	976	100	0.00	0.00
Capital Expenditure	0	0	1,400	228.92	0.00
Village Hall	788	2,766	500	0.00	0.00
Community Association	0	1,440	1,440	0.00	0.00
Spare line	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Village Plan (implementation)	83	2,046	3,500	358.91	0.00
Transfer to HCC investment	0	0	1,000	6000.00	6000.00
Spare line	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Ashburn Rest	5,129	0	0	0.00	0.00
Other	0	0	500	0.00	0.00
VAT	589	1,067		123.77	34.62
TOTAL	17,553	17,005	24,936	9387.29	7621.04

Transfer from HCC investment			0		
Closing Bank Balance	6950.93	8293.57	461	6611.28	
Invested with HCC					
At start	42,403	44,377	46,824	46824.26	
Add Interest	1,975	2,447	2,600	0.00	0.00
Transfers from (- to) bank	0	0	1,000	6000.00	6000.00
At finish	44,377	46,824	49,788	52824.26	

Appendix 3 Correspondence and cheques

Correspondence received

	Date	Who from	Subject
1.	6 June	RoSPA	Report on playground equipment inspection
2.	3 July	Mr R Bourne	Open Spaces
3.	16 June	Mrs L Bourne	Footway between VH Car Park and School
4.	12 July	Mr R Scott	Mr & Mrs Derrick – objection re 60 North Acre
5.	24 June	Mrs Mehaffey	School admissions policy
6.	11 July	Dr D Wright	Proposal to divert footpath 12
7.	3 July	Planning Inspectorate	Footpath 39 – Upper Mill Ford
8.	2 July	TVBC	Consultation re future of our two phone boxes
9.	20 June	TVBC	Consultation re future of our two phone boxes
10.	June	SEERA	Update of the South East Plan - aggregates
11.		HALC	Newsletter – lots of useful info – take a look
12.	26 June	Mr Jack Ellicock	Affordable housing – site drainage
13.	1 July	HCC	Minutes TV Passenger transport forum
14.	4 July	HCC	Community Transport Review (passed to Mr Harris)
15.	20 June	HCC	Consumer advice and No cold calling zones (passed to LCA)
16.	8 July	Michel Widen	St Mary Bourne sewer (passed to flooding working group)
17.		CPRE	Membership renewal request
18.		Glasdon	Catalogue of benches and seats
19.		CPRE	magazine
20.		HCC	Biodiversity strategy
21.		Matta	Playground safety surfaces
22.		SLCC	Conference
23.	June	Mr R Tarrant	Dignity for the elderly
24.	7 June	Lloyds TSB	Change of signatories
25.	12 June	AON Insurance	Request for replacement cheque
26.		HCC	Hampshire Now magazine
27.	10 July	Mr High	Footpath 39 – Upper Mill Ford (returning borrowed minutes)
28.		SLCC	Guide to becoming a Quality Council
29.	3 July	TVBC	Amendments to electoral roll
30.	7 July	Lloyds Bank	Confirmation that cheque stopped
31.	11 June	TVBC	Borough civic service invitation

Correspondence sent

Date	Who to	Subject
7 July	Mr High	Minutes of meetings in 94 and 95
8 July	JB to Jack Ellicock	Affordable housing – site drainage
7 July	MJD to R Wills	PC thanks re footpaths
10 June	PHJ to Mr Jackson	Caravan at fish farm (copied to TVBC)
23 June	CD to TVBC Planning (2 letters)	Comments on proposals to demolish Firgo Barn and rebuild as 6 bed house at Larkwhistle

Cheques since last meeting

17-Jun-08	HCC	Transfer to investment account	854	6000.00
14-Jul-08	Playsafety Ltd	Inspection of playground	855	84.60
14-Jul-08	J Barber	Strimmer spares	856	26.30
14-Jul-08	AA Wolfenden	Grass Cutting	857	58.75
14-Jul-08	CPRE	Membership fee	858	28.00
14-Jul-08	Southern Electric	Lighting	859	13.20
14-Jul-08	Allianz Insurance Ltd	Insurance renewal premium	860	1077.69
14-Jul-08	Clive Kent	Cemetery maintenance	861	180.00