

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 12th December 2005 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.**

Present: Chmn. Cllr McFarlane, Cllrs. D, Edgerton, Mrs P. Bunney, R. Knight
C. Mills, Mrs. S. Mills.

Attending: County Cllr. M. Cairns, CSO. Jason Atkins. Mr. Ian Yates and Mr. J. Gilchrist of Worcester City Council.

83/05 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Mrs. J. Knott, Mr P. Thorlby. PC. Andy. Hall.
(Cllr. A.Graham failed to attend due to a vehicle breakdown).

84/05 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest

85/05 Adoption of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of the 7th November 2005 were adopted and signed.

86/05 Environment and Amenities: Short information reports were received from:

- (a) County Councillor Mr. M. Cairns confirmed that there was no definitive date for the introduction of a traffic order in respect of Broomhall Way car boot sales parking problems, but was confident that every effort would be made to ensure that the order would be in place in time before car boot sales begin again.
- (b) City Councillor R. Knight briefly updated Council in respect of the new Baptist Church site, and reported current problems with local youths throwing missiles at vehicles and property.
- (c) The Community Support Officer informed Council that there had been a 30% reduction in anti social behaviour as a result of the recent Section 30 Anti Social Behaviour Order. No serious crime on St Peters was reported, whilst CSO Atkins had made a note of the missile throwing reported by Cllr. Knight. Cllr Edgerton raised a question regarding the rumoured assault upon a Tesco Security Officer. CSO Atkins confirmed brief details and also confirmed that the assailant had been arrested.
- (d) Mr I. Yates provided Council with a comprehensive update in respect of the grounds maintenance of St Peter's during 2005. In particular the refurbishment of the Kingfisher Play Park, and the flood drainage at Power Park were addressed more fully. As a result of Councillors comments Mr Yates agreed to investigate the dangerously slippy moss growth currently evident on several walkway and ped-way areas across the estate. The Chairman and Councillors recorded their appreciation for the excellent work undertaken during the year and thanked Mr Yates and Mr Gilchrist for attending the meeting.
- (e) The Chairman adjourned the meeting to provide an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions and present points of view. During this recess a resident raised objections to the new Wheelie Bin system, and outlined difficulties and drawbacks being encountered. City Cllr. Mr R. Knight responded and presented the consolidated view of the City Council and the recycling benefits emanating there-from; not least the resultant substantial long term savings this will create for local charge-payers.

87/05 Planning Matters:

P05L0623: Bullfinch Close, rear extension, **no objection.**

P05L0695: 2 Roach Close, two storey side/rear extension, **no objection.**

P05L0697: 10 Celandine Drive, two storey extension, **no objection**

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P05L0641: 21 Woodbridge Close, single storey rear extension, **no objection**

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P05L0649: 18 Cranesbill Drive, two storey side extension, serious concern because Council consider it to be over-development; the proximity of windows, and increase in mass and density is detrimental to neighbouring properties. **May create precedent.**

P05L0667: 23 Farne Avenue, proposed roof space conversion and two dormer Windows, **objection.** Council view this proposal with serious concern in respect of the loss of privacy as a result of these windows overlooking neighbouring properties and the direct view these windows will have into neighbouring windows, including bedroom windows. **There is also the risk of this creating a precedent.**

Ref; Plan:VB/DB 280: Proposed Telephone Communications Mast, Norton Road, Norton. This application came too late for adequate consideration to be given in the time available, but other than concern for the appearance of the mast there were no objections.

88/05 Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:

- (a) St Peters' Play Area: Members unanimously agreed the grant to the Play Area Partnership, as per Minute number 48/04(f) which agreed £15k from 2004/2005 current budget to fund 75% of the works; and agreed a further grant from the reserves of £5k to raise the sum to £20k as originally proposed and agreed with the Play Area Partnership, per Minute number 8/3 (2003), to support the final 25% stage of the works which has now been fully completed. **Cllr Knight proposed payment of the invoice for £20K received from Worcester City Council in respect of the completed works. This was seconded by Cllr C Mills, and the motion was carried unanimously.**
- (b) Payment of the following accounts were agreed for payment.
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| W. Roberts, Parish Officer expenses..... | £66.64 |
| D. Edgerton, Tree Warden, e-mail facility..... | £36.14 |
| dupliKate, Newlink, print..... | £807.78 |
| Worcester City Council, Play area grant (see 88/05 9A)..... | £20,000.00 |
| Dor to Dor, Newlink and leaflet distribution..... | £232.00 |
- (c) The Clerk explained current administrative & financial correspondence, including City Council and Calc advice update in respect of Councillors and Tree Warden expenses. The Clerk confirmed that he had provisionally booked training sessions with Calc, for St Peter's Members to be held in February, March, April 2006, at a cost of £50 per session
- (d) Staff review and contracts/job descriptions was again deferred.
- (e) Budget and Precept proposals. Following further discussion and consideration it was agreed to ratify the previous meeting decision (Minute Number 82/05 (b)) to set the annual precept for the financial year 2006/2007 at £32,500.00, with the voting on this item being three votes for, three votes against, with one abstention. The Chairman gave a casting vote in favour of the ratification. The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.
- (f) It was agreed that Policy and decision making would be addressed at a future meeting. The Clerk was asked to provide all Members with a new copy of 'Chairmanship and Standing Orders'.

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(g) Web Site progress: There was no report available.

89/05 Local Environment and Amenities

- (a) Cllr. Mrs P. Bunney gave an up to date report on the success of the Litter on Routes to Schools competition. Council placed on record their appreciation for her hard work in this respect.
- (b) Council were informed that the Community Notice Board from Tesco's had now unexplainably 'turned up' in a store room at the Hall.

90/05 Agreed Date for the next Meeting as 30/01/06

Signed...R. McFarlane...Chairman

Date...30/01/2006