

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 30th January 2006 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.**

Present: Chairman; Cllr. R. McFarlane; Cllrs. Dr. A. Graham, C. Mills, Mrs. S. Mills, P. Thorlby, Mrs. P. Bunney, D. Edgerton. R. Jenkins (Clerk).

In Attendance: County Cllr. M. Cairns, PC. A. Hall.

01/06 Apologies for Absence: from Cllrs. R. Knight, Mrs. J. Knott, Mrs. W. Roberts, Parish Officer.

02/06 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations. The Clerk circulated a form to Members, to update previously declared interests to the Monitoring Officer.

03/06 Adoption of Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of 12th December 2005 were adopted and signed.

04/09 Environment and Amenities:

- (a) Pc. A. Hall had no significant crime figures to report. He re-iterated the current position regarding the Broomhall Way Traffic Order, due to come into effect before the Car Boot Sales begin, and anticipated that the City Council Traffic Wardens would be issuing fixed penalty tickets to offenders as well as providing traffic cones along the affected verges. PC Hall also reported that he was dealing with the continued failure of the faulty lighting in Abbotsbury Court.
- (b) County Councillor Mr. M. Cairns commented briefly on, and responded to, Members concerns in respect of the Broomhall Way traffic issues as well as the status of the mini traffic island on St Peter's Drive adjacent to the new Church development. The state of Abbotsbury Court entrance, damaged by lorries, was also raised with him again.
- (c) St Peter's Drive traffic problems and the state of the Tesco traffic island was highlighted by Cllr Mrs Mills. Pc. Hall and County Cllr. M. Cairns noted these concerns and agreed to continue to pursue these issues. The concerns of local residents in respect of wind blown litter emanating from the Tesco Store were noted for reference to the Manager in due course. Concern was registered in respect of the unsecured new service road adjacent to the new Church development, in that it presented an easy opportunity for unauthorised use. It was agreed for this to be drawn to the attention of the developers with a view to the provision of a temporary barrier.
- (d) The Clerk was asked to write to the Youth Group to establish the current financial state of the Group, and to obtain a fully documented statement of accounts and records in respect of the Groups activities, in full accordance with the conditions applied to the grant awarded by the Parish Council at the end of last summer.
- (e) Cllr. Mrs Bunney gave a full report on the Litter on Routes to Schools competition together with an outline of the funding incurred. Council endorsed her report and indicated their approval.
- (f) Cllr. D. Edgerton outlined a proposal to apply for a grant from Awards for All in respect of a Power Park Landscape Improvement Scheme, together with an update on progress to date. Council agreed to progress the scheme.

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05/06 Planning Matters: Council responded to consultation as follows:

P05L0737: 49 Lobelia Close, 2 storey side extension, **no objection.**

P05L0731: 8 Starling Close, Porch Single storey rear extension, **no objection.**

P05L0723: 21 Grayling Close, two storey rear extension, **no objection**

P05L0732: Timberdine Inn; conversion of buildings to dwellings; Objection:
The Parish Council is seriously concerned regarding the threat to the Bat colony and would urge refusal until more better consultation and better information is provided to the satisfaction of all parties.

The entrance near a busy roundabout would create an unacceptable danger to the existing heavy ‘rat run’ traffic on St Peter’s Drive and the A38 as well as to the increase in traffic entering and leaving this location. There is already great difficulty being experienced by pedestrians (including School children) attempting to cross St Peter’s Drive at this point. The provision of a Pelican crossing would be vital, but would further increase the ‘rat run’ traffic congestion at peak times.

The Parish Council wish to know what amount of Sect 106 monies are proposed by the Developers and exactly how this would be used at St. Peter’s.

06/06 Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:

(a) Payment of the following accounts presented for payment was agreed:

CALC, Members documentation packs.....£ 71.65
Clerks and Councils Direct, 2 copies bi-monthly subscription £ 18.00
Creative Spaces, web site construction.....£300.00
Allianze Cornhill Insurance additional cover premium.....£ 40.96

(b) A proposal by Cllr Knight to address current administrative & financial matters, including re-allocation of provisions and reserves was deferred.

(c) Cllr Thorlby gave a full report on the newly constructed (but not yet fully completed) St Peter’s Web Site and presented a written draft policy in respect of the usage and management of the site. Following a proposal by Cllr. Dr. A Graham, seconded by Cllr. Mrs Mills, it was unanimously resolved to adopt the policy without amendment. Policy attached hereto in the Minute Book. The provision of a Web Master, as outlined by Cllr Thorlby, was left in abeyance until a future meeting.

07/06 Clerk’s Report:

The Council received the Clerk’s report, and, following the Chairman’s proposal, Council resolved, in the public interest, to consider the report as an exempt item in view of certain staff matters and other personal information contained therein. The press and public were then excluded. The Clerk declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting at this point. Cllr Edgerton also left the meeting to enable the Council to discuss his position as Tree Warden/Environmental Warden and the payment of his expenses in this respect. The following decisions were unanimously agreed:

- (a) Cllr P. Thorlby to continue to pursue the provision of CCTV adjacent to the Hall.
- (b) Copy of existing Parish Council policies to be provided to Members.

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07/06 continued:

- (c) Copy of the Model Freedom of Information Act to be provided to Cllr. Dr. A. Graham.
- (d) Casual vacancies to be filled by the election process irrespective of lack of nominations.
- (e) Defer the introduction of by-laws indefinitely
- (f) Parish Plan to continue to be pursued by Cllr. Mrs, C. Mills.
- (g) Parish Warden; Redundancy costs of Parish Officer to be available at next meeting.
- (h) Web Site construction to continue to be progressed by Cllr.Thorlby.
- (i) Staff Salaries next agenda, Contract of Employments for March meeting.
- (j) Review Parish Council administration at March meeting.
- (k) Training in abeyance subject to Cllr Knight obtaining City Council costs.
- (l) Confirmed Clerk's action to extend current cover. Review next January.
- (m) To set up a small group to plan format of the next Annual Parish Meeting.
- (n) Scrap Book and Photographs to be used as material for posting on the Web Site.
- (o) Planning consultation to continue as per current arrangements.
- (p) Environment and Facilities to be reviewed when new Parish Warden appointed.
- (q) Clean Neighbourhoods Act: Discuss legislation and options with the City Council.
- (r) Youth Group accounts to be urgently requested by the Clerk.
- (s) Finance Group to be convened as soon as possible.
- (t) St. Peter's Drive issues to continue to be monitored.
- (u) Monitoring Officer and Chairman of Standards Committee to attend next meeting.

08/06 Agreed date for the next Meeting as 27/02/06.

Signed Ross MacFarlane.....Chairman Date.....27th February 2006.....