

St. Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 24th April 2006** at **7.45pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.**

Present: Chairman, R. MacFarlane, Cllrs: D. Edgerton, R. Knight,
P. Thorlby, C. Mills, Mrs. S. Mills.

Attending: PC A. Hall, Mrs . W. Roberts retiring Parish Officer. Revd D. Ballard.

29/06 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Mrs. J. Knott, Mrs. P. Bunney, Dr. A. Graham,
County Cllr. M. Cairns.

30/06 Declarations of Interest: None

31/06 Adoption of Minutes: Minutes of meeting 27th March 2006 agreed and signed.

32/06 Short Information Reports:

- (a) The Chairman and Council recorded their sadness to learn of the death of Mr Stuart MacNidder, who was well respected as Head of Development at Worcester City Council during his years of service..Tribute was paid to his faithful service and involvement with many aspects of the development of St Peter's estate.
- (b) City Councillor Mr. R. Knight reported that he would be representing St Peter's in respect of the development proposals for the Old Oil Depot, at the Planning meeting scheduled for Friday28th April 2006. He confirmed that he would be addressing the Planning Committee on our behalf representing the Parish Council's established (and documented in previous planning responses) position.
Council confirmed his mandate in this respect.
- (c) P C. A. Hall updated Council in respect of St Peter crime figures, and it was confirmed that these extremely low crime figures placed St Peter's as one of the lowest crime areas in and around the City. PC Hall noted a report of a recent incident where vandalism had occurred on a play area at the Battenhall end of the estate.

**33/06 The Finance Group Recommendations.
(Outstanding from previous meeting).**

- (a) Council agreed that Members would consider draft revision of existing policies and consider adoption at a future meeting.
- (b) Council did not proceed with a proposal in respect of advertising sponsorship of the Council's Web Site. It was unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr. P. Thorlby as Web Master, and to train one other Member to deputise in the absence of the Web Master. The Clerk to be responsible for all formal content via the Web Master.
- (c) The re-allocation and terminology of existing Reserves and Provisions were agreed as per the written proposal circulated by the Finance Group. Current budget terminology was considered and a circulated written proposal by the Finance Group was agreed. Both written proposals attached to the Minute Book.

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34/06 Environment and Amenities:

- (a) City Cllr. R. Knight explained the likely outcome of the sponsorship of Tesco's traffic island refurbishment, coupled with the City Council's 'Worcester in Bloom' initiatives. It was noted that the Parish Council was not permitted to sponsor such schemes.

35/06 Planning Matters:

- (a) Council received two consultations.
P06L0068: Old Oil Depot, demolition of No.2a Perch Road, and build 91 dwellings; Council maintain and re-iterate their previous strong objections.
- (b) PRA06L02: Council, although aware of current policies in respect of emission levels and perceived, risks, expressed their concern regarding the increase in emission levels so close to dwellings. Council were also concerned for the protection of the mature Flowering Prunus tree at this location and urges specific protection instructions to be provided to the contractor.

36/06 Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:

- (a) It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (format as in previous years) on Monday 15th May 2006. Cllr. Knight agreed to provide at least one speaker. The Clerk was authorised to incur a cost not exceeding £50 for simple non alcoholic refreshments.
- (b) Council agreed renewal of the Calc membership and subscription for the current year, and resolved to consider future membership if and when a substantial reduction in subscription rates have been achieved
- (c) The following payments of accounts were agreed:
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| St Peter's Village Hall, annual grant for room hire..... | £750.00 |
| St Peter's Village Hall, Extra room hire..... | £ 9.00 |
| W. Roberts, final expenses (Parish Officer retiring)..... | £ 91.22 |
| CALC, annual subscription 2006 VAT inclusive..... | 916.24 |
- The annual premium for Council Insurance had been increased by circa 20%. and Council deferred payment to enable the Chairman to seek alternatives.

37/06 Local Environment and Amenities

- (a) It was confirmed that a quarterly tour of St Peter's by Mr I. Yates of Worcester City Council would take place on Wednesday May 3rd 2006 and that the Clerk, Cllrs R. Knight and D Edgerton would be present to accompany him.
Cllr Edgerton informed Council that a specific St Peter's in Bloom scheme was a non starter because the original proposer was not available with all the necessary expertise and paperwork

38/06 Exempt Item involving Staff Conditions and Remuneration.

- (a) The Chairman made a presentation on behalf of contributing Councillors of a cut glass vase, a bouquet of flowers and a card to Parish Officer Mrs W. Roberts to mark her seven years of work on behalf of the Parish Council and the community. Members expressed their good wishes for the future.

- (11) **Agreed** date for the Annual Meetings as ***15/5/06***

Signed.....Craig Mills.....Chairman Date15th May 2006.....