

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 26th June 2006** at **7.45pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.**

Present: Chair; Cllr. C. Mills; Cllrs. Mrs. P. Bunney, Mrs. S. Mills, R. Knight, R. McFarlane, D. Edgerton. Clerk, R.O. Jenkins.

Attending: PC. A. Hall, City Cllr. Mr. A. Tarbuck, Mr. J. Gilchrist (City Council).

49/06 Apologies: Cllrs. A. Graham, P. Thorlby, Mrs. J. Knott, CSO. J. Atkins, Mr. P. Middlebrough, Internal Auditor.

50/06 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

51/06 Adoption of Minutes: The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 15th May 2006 were adopted and signed following confirmation that the attendance of PC. A. Hall and County Cllr. M Cairns were recorded.

52/06 Adjournment: The Chairman adjourned the meeting to permit members of the public present to present their views and to ask questions. Issues raised included traffic density and speeds on St Peter's Drive, vandalism on Power Park, car boot sales, on street car sales, and the lack of Wheelie Bins on certain areas within St. Peter's. Problems in respect of overhanging hedges and trees, routine maintenance of public open space areas and play areas were noted and agreed for urgent action by J. Gilchrist (Worcs. City Parks and Cemeteries).

53/06 Short Information Reports:

- (a) County Councillor Mr. M. Cairns referred briefly to the Public Transport Plan..
- (b) PC. A. Hall said that he had not received complaints in respect of vandalism on Power Park, but would follow up the issues raised by members of the public. He also noted the traffic problems referred to. Cllr. Mrs. Bunney requested that particular attention to be paid to the continual litter offences. PC. Hall agreed to ask CSO J. Atkins to deal with this matter, as well as the illegal use of mini motor scooters used by under aged riders..

54/06 Environment and Amenities:

- (a) Tesco's Traffic Island; Cllr. Mrs Mills called for prompt action to get this island replanted and asked that costs be prepared for this to be done forthwith. .
- (b) It was reported that the advertising for new Wardens to implement joint Warden initiative had commenced and that the scheme should be functioning by August.
- (c) The requirements for uniformity replacement of decaying timber panels along the western side of St. Peter's Drive near Primrose Crescent was deferred, pending obtaining clarification regarding the ownership and/or responsibility for the upkeep of these panels.
- (d) The constant problem of travellers using public open space land at St. Peter's was deferred.
- (e) It was agreed to request that attention of the appropriate City Council section in respect of the use of loud hailers at the Car Boot Sales.
- (f) It was agreed to defer the problem of on-street car sales to the next agenda to give the City Council representatives an opportunity to investigate the matter further.
- (g) Vandalism and anti social behaviour on Power Park, including the use of foul language by young people, was agreed to be unacceptable and PC. Hall was asked to do everything possible to deal with this problem.

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55/06 Planning Matters:

- (a) PO6L0313; 4 Alton Road, extension & garage conversion, **no objection**.*
PO6L0310: 9 Magnolia Close, side & rear extension; **no objection**.
- (b) **The Council asked the Clerk to inform the Worcester City Planning of their concern for the increasing number of garages being converted to living accommodation, resulting in the loss of car parking spaces and increasing the on- street parking to unacceptable levels.**
- (c) In respect of the modified plans for the Old Oil Depot 90 homes development submitted by Persimmon Homes, **Council unanimously resolved to maintain its previously submitted strong objections.**

56/06 Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:

- (a) It was reluctantly agreed to renew the Parish Council Insurance cover at the substantially increased rate of premium, and to endeavour to obtain alternative quotations for future renewals.
- (b) Payment of the following accounts were agreed:

Dor 2 Dor, Newslink distribution.....	£116.00
Duplikate, Newslink printing.....	£732.22
D. Edgerton, Tree Warden e-mail provision.....	£ 46.70
D Edgerton, Tree Warden, mileage claim.....	£ 77.75
Norton ISBN, internal auditor 2005/2006.....	£152.75
Allianz Cornhill, annual insurance renewal.....	£605.00
- (c) **Council agreed to carefully consider future policies and initiatives**, including Parish Council policy in respect of future grants to St Peter's organisations in accordance with the agreed budget heads and to make specific decisions in respect of policy at a future meeting.
- (d) **Council approved the 2005/06 annual accounts for submission to District Audit.**

57/06 Exempt Item involving Staff Conditions and Remuneration.

- (a) Council agreed to formally adopt and sign the Clerk to the Council Contract of Employment. The Chairman signed on behalf of the Council and the Clerk signed on his own behalf.
- (b) To receive a confidential verbal report from the Clerk.

58/06 Agreed date for the next meeting as **31/7/06, with no formal meeting scheduled for August.** It was also agreed to arrange (if possible) an informal meeting of Parish Councillors with Paul O'Connor (Worcester City Planning Officer) on Monday 25th August 2006, and to invite County Councillor Mr Alwyn Davies. The main purpose of the meeting would be to clarify the Planning Development (Housing) Proposals.

Signed.....Craig Mills.....Chairman

Date..31/07/06.....