

St. Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 25th September 2006** at **7.45pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.**

Present: Chairman; Cllr. C. Mills; Cllrs Mrs. J. Knott, Mrs. P. Bunney, Mrs. S. Mills, Cllrs. D. Edgerton, R. MacFarlane, R. Knight, P. Thorlby,

Attending: Mr. J Gilchrist, Mr. K. Jenkins (City Council Parks & Cemeteries), Adrian Symmonds, (Neighbourhood Watch), PC. A. Hall, PC. A Chuker C.S.O. J. Atkins, Mr. S. Taylor, (City Council), Mr & Mrs J. Chown, Mr. K. Munn, (Jct 7 Recycling Plant Action Group). Press Reporter. City Cllr Mr. A Tarbuck.

- (1) **Apologies:** County Cllr. Mr. M. Cairns.
- (2) **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations.
- (3) **Co-option:** Upon a proposal by Cllr. Knight and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Knott a single nominee, Mrs J. Chown was unanimously co-opted. Mrs Chown signed the obligatory declarations and joined the Council at the table.
- (4) **Adoption of Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting, 31st July 2006 were approved and signed.
- (5) **Short Information Reports:**
 - (a) Mr Adrian Symmonds, Neighbourhood Watch, West Mercia Constabulary, presented a full explanation of the current Neighbourhood Watch schemes, with a clear explanation of the fifteen schemes currently running within St Peter's. It was agreed to include a report from Mr Symmonds in the next Newslink, a list of co-ordinators for the Clerk, who receives all messages, and Cllrs asked for existing signs to be examined and replaced where necessary. The Chairman thanked him for his report.
 - (c) City Councillor Mr. R. Knight, reported on the serious environmental problems in respect of the Old Oil Depot development. A recent on site, open to the public meeting had resulted in an agreement to reduce the noise level by twenty decibels, and anticipated completion of the noisy demolition part of the operation by the end of October 2006.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at this point to allow public participation. Mr K. Munn, Chairman of the Jc.7 Recycling Plant Action Group, referred to the County Council proposal to establish a waste recycling plant near the old Morganite Crucible premises at Norton. He reported that is was envisaged that the total tonnage through-put per annum would be 100, 000 tonnes, with resultant heavy lorry problems, and unacceptable noise levels. He sought the support of the Council and was looking for the assistance of Newslink to provide local consultation. The Chairman agreed to include this item on the agenda of the next meeting, and Mr Munn promised to provide updates and lists of contacts. The Clerk agreed to include a report from Mr Munn in Newslink. City Cllr Knight indicated that he would establish what consultation had been received at the City Council and report back. The Chairman thanked Mr Munn for attending and reporting on this matter.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

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- (d) PC. A. Hall introduced PC A. Chuker, the new Police Officer with responsibility for St Peter's. Members were unanimous in their disappointment that PC Hall was no longer to be policing the estate, and gave their thanks for his excellent work to date. Members welcomed PC Chuker and received his introductory report, including the problems and issues he would be addressing.
- (f) Mr. J. Gilchrist and Mr K. Jenkins (City Council Parks and Cemeteries Officers) gave reports in respect of the Parish Warden scheme and other issues relevant to St Peter's environment. It was appreciated that the scheme was in its infancy and work had only just commenced. The appointment of the St Peter's Warden had been made and a work vehicle was on order. Several areas of concern were discussed and noted.
- (6) **Environment and Amenities:**
- (a) Council were fully appraised on the improved layout and planting of the Tesco traffic island, and what appeared to be vandalism damage to the island structure was deplored. Other environmental issues were addressed to the satisfaction of the Council.
- (c) Council agreed to urgently review the previously agreed lobby for, and grant funding of, a Pelican Crossing at the Farne Avenue location on St Peter's Drive as well as any other crossings that may be considered necessary. City Cllr. Knight explained to Council that because a cycleway was involved at the Farne Avenue location, the crossing would have to be a 'Toucan' crossing, costing £60,000, which was out of the question. He also added that St Peter's was about 100th in the queue for crossings. Council resolved to set up a working party, consisting of the Chairman, Cllrs. Knight, MacFarlane and Thorlby with a brief to consider a way forward in this matter and make recommendations to the next meeting of the Council. They were asked to convene an early meeting and also to include consideration and make recommendations in respect of the Recycling Plant proposals at Norton.
- (7) **Planning Matters:**
- (a) Council considered consultation received in respect of the following planning applications and made the following responses.
P06LO403; 27 Framlingham Close, proposed side conservatory, **no objections.**
P06I0450; 18 Bowood Lane, detached garage, **no objections.**
A06L0034; Tesco, illuminated sign, **no objections.**
P060L0483; 20 Bittern Road, ground floor two story extensions, **no objections.**
P06L0477; rear conservatory, **no objections.**
P06L0464; ground floor rear and side extension, **no objections.**
- (8) **Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:**
- (a) Members agreed acceptance of the Calc protocol in respect of the CALC web site communications password requirements, and also provided the Executive Member (Cllr. Thorlby) with a clear Council mandate to the proposed changes to the annual Calc subscription rate. A vote of thanks, proposed by Cllr. Knight to Cllr. Thorlby for his work in this respect, was unanimously recorded.

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- (b) It was resolved to agree an annual payment of a £10 management fee to Creative Spaces for the web hosting of the Parish Council's Web Site.
- (c) Payment of accounts presented, and agree an urgent Finance Group meeting for the purpose of an overdue administrative review.
- (d) Council set the date for the next meeting as Monday 23rd October 2006?