

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 27th November 2006** at **7.45pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.**

Present: Chairman: Cllr. C. Mills, Cllrs. D. Edgerton, R. Knight, Mrs. J. Chown, Mrs. S. Mills, Mrs J. Knott, R. Jenkins Clerk.

In Attendance: Mr. P. O'Connor, Mr. J. Gilchrist, Mr. K. Jenkins (City Council Officers). Mr. T. Comerford (County Highways Engineer)

Apologies for Absence: Council formally received apologies from Cllrs. P. Thorlby, R. MacFarlane, Mrs. P. Bunney, & City Cllr. A. Tarbuck.

8306 Declarations of Interest: There were none.

8406 Adoption of Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of 23rd October 2006 were formally agreed and adopted..

8506 Short Information Reports:

- (a) Mr. P. O'Connor, (Worcester City Planning Officer) fully briefed Council in respect of the Local Development Plan and the ongoing consultation. He gave explanations of the content of the consultative process and emphasised the vital importance of the need for Parish Councils to read and debate the content of the documentation and to respond within the time specified for each component. He answered several questions, reminding Members that at this stage nothing is ruled or out; hence the important need for making responses. The Chairman thanked him for his extremely helpful report, and it was agreed to form a working group (The Chairman and Cllrs. R. Knight, J. Knott, J. Chown) for this purpose. Mr O'Connor responded to a late question regarding the Old Oil Depot development, explaining the current position.
- (b) Mr. T. Comerford, (Worcestershire County Highways) addressed St Peter's Drive traffic issues, in particular the continual lobbying by the Parish Council for safe crossings especially at the Farne Avenue location. He gave details of a modified crossing system which could meet the needs of the Council and also provide an opportunity for the Parish Council to part fund a crossing to speed up the provision. The envisaged time table was that a plan or plans could be on the table before the end of the current financial year (March 31st 2007). **It was agreed that Council would liaise with the County Council to achieve this.**
- (c) County Councillor Mr. M. Cairns endorsed the Planning Officer's report, adding several other supportive explanations, and also commented on the impending re-organisation of Local Government into a two tier system.
- (d) Council received a written report from City Council Officers in respect of the work of the Wardens in the preceding Month and other environmental issues relevant to St Peter's. Members were appreciative of the work done, and highlighted several other areas requiring attention. **Councillor Knight agreed to write to Paul White Associates** in respect of Abbotsbury Court fencing and other environmental issues.

8606 Environment and Amenities:

- (a) **It was agreed to await the outcome of the liaison with County Council** as minuted above before finalising funding of safe crossings on St Peter's Drive.

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

8706 Planning Matters:

- (a) Consultation received and responses as follows
- (i) P06L0641, 17 Rona Gardens, rear conservatory; **no objection.**
 - (ii) P06L0611, 18 Bowood Lane, detached garage, **no objection**
 - (iii) P06L0571, 2 Marigold Close, ground and first storey extension, The Council were seriously concerned because their objections were raised on a previous application in respect of the scale, mass and density and the adverse effect this would have on the prominent corner site **Strongly object again.**
- (b) **Council unanimously resolved** to support the residents of Norton and the surrounding areas likely to be affected by the proposed Norton Recycling Plant.

8806 Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:

- (a) Payment of one account presented for **payment was agreed:**
Dor 2 Dor, Newlink distribution.....£150.00
(to await authorised signatory).
- (b) **Council unanimously resolved to adopt recommendations from the Finance Group to agree a budget and an unchanged precept for the year 2007/2008. The Precept was set at £32,500.00**
- (c) An application for a grant to the Pre School Group was considered and it was **unanimously resolved to provide a grant of £1,000** for electronic equipment at the Pre School Group's discretion. A full set of audited accounts from them was available to Members.
- (d) Members were provided with all relevant information and correspondence by the Clerk.

8906 Date of Next Meeting:

The date for the next meeting was **agreed to be Monday 18th December 2006.**

Signed...*Ross McFarlane*.....Chairman
Date...*18/12/06*.....