

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 30th April 2007** at **7.45pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.**

Present: Cllr. R. MacFarlane (Vice Chair) Cllrs. D. Edgerton, Mrs. P. Bunney, Mrs J. Chown, R. Knight.

Also Attending: County Cllr M. Cairns, Mr. I.Yates, City Council Parks Officer, Mr. A.Haines, Parish Warden.

2507 Apologies for Absence: Council received apologies for absence from:
Cllrs. C. Mills, Mrs S. Mills: PC. A. Chuter

2607 Declarations of Interest: City Cllr. Knight declared an interest in the item dealing with the Village Hall and the proposed new Community Centre. The Clerk recorded his interest in the Staff item.

2707 Adoption of Minutes: Amended Minutes of the meeting, 26th March 2007 were agreed and adopted.

2807 Short Information Reports:

- (a) Council received a report from the City Council Officer and introduced the Parish Warden Mr Alex Haines, who, in turn gave a report of activities which the Wardens team had carried out. It was confirmed that the Clerk, together with the Warndon Clerk, would meet with Mr I. Yates during the coming week to make closer arrangements for liaison...
- (b) City Councillor, R. Knight and County Councillor M. Cairns, updated Council the Cherry Orchard flood alleviation scheme, and confirmed that the Old Oil Depot development site levels had been investigated and found be correct.

2907 Environment and Amenities:

- (a) **It was confirmed** that the St Peter's in Bloom scheme was to proceed and that Cllr. Knight, Mr I Yates would meet with Mr T. Blake of St Peter's Garden Centre to finalise the arrangements.

3007 Planning Matters:

- (a) No consultation had been received...
- (b) The Clerk informed Council that in the continued absence of Cllr. Mrs. J. Knott he had arranged with the Planning Authority to forward all future consultation to him until further notice. **Council formally approved this arrangement.**

3008 Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:

- (a) **Payment of the following accounts presented was agreed:**
 - Allianz Cornhill, annual insurance premium.....£607.00
 - DupliKate, print Newslink.....£942.56
- (b) Council gave further consideration, at the request of the Village Hall Committee, to the annual grant (already agreed at £1000 per Minute Number.1507 d) and the sub-letting arrangements to the Youth Group). **It was resolved to continue hiring one room of the Hall for each Monday evening of the month for which a grant of £1,000 pounds per annum would be made to the Hall Committee.** Cllr. Knight left the meeting for this item
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3008 continued:

- (c) **It was resolved to empower the Clerk to seek better value banking arrangements, following the failure of Alliance and Leicester to provide the end of year statement service requested.**
- (d) The Vice Chairman gave a brief update in respect of the proposed Community Centre and an equally brief progress report. Cllr Knight left the meeting for this item.
- (e) Council considered an update on the provision of additional dog fouling bins. Cllr. Knight outlined a proposed pilot scheme which would be implemented by Mr M. Harrison, the City Council Officer responsible. Further information would be provided in respect of existing bins being relocated to provide better availability.
- (f) Council considered renewing annual membership of CALC. Cllr Knight paid tribute to the work of Cllr Thorlby as an Executive Board Member. A proposal not to rejoin was debated at length, following which **it was resolved not to rejoin Calc for this particular year, but to give careful consideration to rejoining next year.** The Vice Chairman agreed to inform Calc and Cllr. Thorlby.

3009 Information and Annual Meetings:

- (a) The Clerk provided Members with all relevant information and correspondence and more specifically for the forthcoming May elections. He also presented the new PACT proposals from PC. A. Chuter which Cllr. Knight agreed to consider and report back.
- (b) The arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council were discussed and it was **resolved to hold both meetings on the same evening in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 14th May 2007...**

3010 An update from Cllr Knight regarding staff employment issues, including PAYE, NIC, and provision of a Lap Top for Council use were received. This **was dealt with as an exempt item**, which required the exclusion of the press and public. **Council confirmed acceptance** of the arrangements Certax and Cllr Knight had put in place in respect of the Clerk's salary and deductions. approval was given to having Worcester City to obtain a lap top on to obtain best value. **It was unanimously agreed to accept Cllr Edgerton's offer to continue as tree warden.**

3011 Confirmed date for the Annual Meetings **as agreed Minute 3009 (b).**

Signed Chairman.. *R. McFarlane.....* Date...*14th May 2007.....*