

# St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.

**Present:** Chairman, Cllr. R. MacFarlane; Cllrs. Mrs. J. Chown, Mrs S. Winter, R. Knight, R. Fowler, P. Thorlby, CSO. J. Atkins.

**Mr. D. Wareing, Chief Executive, Worcester City**, kindly attended the meeting and briefly addressed Council in respect of the excellent partnership between St Peter's Parish Council and the City Council. He highlighted the success of the Crime and Disorder Strategy, evident in the very low crime figures for the St Peter's estate and praised the work of the Detached Youth Team active within the area. He also emphasised the value of participation in the Worcester Alliance and the obvious benefits of the consultation processes afforded to the Parish Council, touching briefly on the future, including the prospect of unitary authorities. A number of questions concerning local issues were raised by Members, which were noted by Mr Wareing for consideration by the City Council. The Chairman thanked Mr Wareing for his valuable input and co-operation, and asked that the City Council staff be made aware of the Parish Council's sincere appreciation for their continual friendly support. Mr Wareing was invited to remain for the rest of the meeting.

**5507 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Rev. D. Ballard, County Councillor Cairns and City Councillor Tarbuck were unable to attend because of other commitments.

**5607 Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations.

**5707 Co-option of Councillor:** Cllr. R. Knight nominated Mr. G. A. Lawrence of 6 Broomhall Green for co-option to fill one of the two existing casual vacancies. This nomination was seconded by the Chairman. The Clerk confirmed that the nominee was fully qualified to serve. Members unanimously resolved to co-opt Mr Lawrence and having signed the declaration of acceptance of office, took his place at the table.

**5807 Adoption of Minutes:** Council unanimously agreed adoption and signing of the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2007 and of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 5th July 2007.

**5907 Information Report:**

- (a) Council formally received a written report from St Peter's Warden (attached) and asked the Clerk to convey the appreciation of the Council to Ian Yates and the Wardens at the Parks and Cemeteries Section, Worcester City Council..

**6007 Planning Matters:**

- (a) Council addressed consultations received and agreed responses as follows:  
PO7L0420, 18 Swallow Close, 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension.....**no objections.**  
PO7L0388, 12 Bowood Lane, 2 storey extension.....**no objections.**  
Council would wish to keep on file our previous objections to the development at the Timberdine Inn, in readiness for any further application.

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## **6107 Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:**

- (a) Payment of the following accounts was agreed:
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| St Peter's Village Hall, extra room hire.....£                 | 9.00    |
| County Association Local Councils, half year subscription....£ | 445.32  |
| DupliKate, Newslink printing.....£                             | 1004.34 |
| Dor 2 Dor, Newslink distribution.....£                         | 150.00  |
- (b) Council agreed a date of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2007 for a Finance Group meeting to review the reserves currently held, in the light of the District Auditor's comment that current reserves now exceed two year's precepts in total. Both meetings were held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Aug. (*R.McF*).
- (c) Council received the District Auditor's unqualified, certificated annual accounts for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007.

**6207 Code of Conduct:** The Clerk agreed to clarify the Standards Commission Code of Conduct document previously distributed to Members and adopted, to ensure compliance. It was noted that the current Standing Orders for St Peter's Parish Council require review and this was deferred to a future meeting.

**6307 Matters for Progression:** Working parties to progress the following items: Closed Circuit Television, Safe Crossings on St Peter's Drive, Portfolios and Training were deferred to the Group meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> August 2007. .

**6407 Local Emergency Plan:** Council received the City Council Emergency Plan and in view of recent flood related events at St Peter's, agreed progression of a draft plan to dovetail with the City Council's plan..

**6507 Date of Future Meetings:** The date for the next regular Parish Council Meeting was agreed for the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2007 with two working group meetings on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

Signed ...*R. McFarlane*...Chairman

Date.....24/09/07.....