

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Draft Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 28th January 2008** at **7.45 pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.**

Present: Chairman; R. McFarlane, Cllrs. T. Lawrence, Mrs. S. Winter.
R. Knight, R. Fowler, P Thorlby,

Also attending; The Right Worshipful Mayor of Worcester, Councillor S. Inman.
D. Edgerton (Duckworth Trust), J. Humphries CSO.
Alex Haines, St Peter's Estate Warden. County Cllr. M. Cairns.
Press Reporter Kate Yates, Worcester News.

The Chairman congratulated Ms Kate Yates on her recent Journalism award.

- (1) **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies received from Cllr. Rev. D. Ballard, PC. A. Chuter, City Cllr. A. Tarbuck were accepted.
- (2) **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of Interests.

At this point the Chairman introduced the Right Worshipful Mayor of Worcester, Councillor Stephen Inman. Members welcomed him to the Council table. The Chairman then invited the Mayor to address Council. During this address the Mayor gave a broad overview of the Spatial Planning implications for the City of Worcester and its inhabitants. He also voiced his appreciation of the excellent partnership between the Parish Council and the City Council, highlighting joint ongoing initiatives. He expressed his pleasure at seeing local Parish democracy at work. Councillors were appreciative of his interest and the Chairman thanked him for his visit.

- (3) **Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17th December 2007 were agreed and signed.
- (4) **Short Information Reports:**
 - (a) Council formally received a written report from the St Peter's Warden, Alex Haines, as well as a verbal update on Power Park lighting and other routine maintenance.
 - (b) The Police Community Safety Officer gave a brief report, including the latest PACT meeting arrangements. (Next meeting 12th March 2008 at the Blessed Edward Oldcorne School).
 - (c) County Cllr. M. Cairns responded to Council's concerns regarding the provision of safe crossings on St Peter's Drive and in particular the dangerous crossing point at Farne Avenue. Mr Cairns stated that he had received information from County Council Officers that the criteria for a controlled crossing had not been met because of the low average speeds of less than 30mph and limited visibility distance at this point. Council disputed the average speed figures, referring to information provided by County Council Engineer, Mr T, Comerford at a Parish Council meeting on Monday 26th March 2007 when the speeds were stated to be adversely excessive and in the 35 to 37 mph average at this point. Minute No. 1907 (b) refers.
Councillors also confirmed that they had recently made accurate measurements of the visibility distances and these were at odds with official County Council figures. Council were content to give Cllr Cairns time to clarify the situation.

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(5) **Planning Matters:**

(a) Council addressed consultations:

P07B0727, 12 Ransom Ave, rear extension, confirm **no objection** 18/12/07.

P07L0731, 5 Tay Ave, new garage/convert old, confirm **no objection** 18/12/07.

P07L0718, Tesco Stores, new canopy & fence, **no objection**.

P07L0668, 8 Ashley Road, erect garage & wc, **no objection**.

- (b) Application Number P07L0707, in respect of the Timberdine Barns, was received and Members asked the Clerk to register serious concerns with the Planning Authority that the Bat Survey carried out in 2005 is out of date and not appropriate to this application and to maintain the Parish Council objections previously lodged in respect of the previous application for this property.

(6) **Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:**

(a) Payment of the following accounts was agreed:

Worcester City, half year Warden Scheme.....	£3525.00
Dor 2 Dor, Newslink distribution.....	£ 300.00
DupliKate, print Newslink.....	£1245.61
CALC, three training modules.....	£ 99.88
HMRC, PAYE and NI staff contributions.....	£ 220.01
St Peter's Pre School, grant.....	£ 750.00
St Peter's Baptist Church, grant for Parent and Toddlers.....	£ 656.00

- (b) Two grant applications, one from St Peter's Pre School Group and one from the Baptist Church Parent and Toddler Group were considered by Council. It was resolved to award a grant of £750.00 to the Pre School Group and £656.00 to the Parent and Toddler Group. (included in accounts paid above)
- (c) Following this, Council resolved to adopt a new policy in respect of the award of grants from the Parish Council to local and national organisations. A copy of which is attached to the Minute Book.
- (d) The Clerk made available all relevant correspondence and administrative items, including a Newslink update.
- (e) A debriefing of the training given at St Peters Village Hall on January 14th 2008 indicated Member's satisfaction in respect of the training received, but Members were slightly concerned that the session had run on rather late.
- (e) Cllr. Knight updated Council on the current progress with the Multi Use Games Area .
- (7) Members were updated by Cllr. Knight on the serious problems caused by continual flooding in and around Lobelia Close.
- (8) **Date of Next Council Meeting:** Proposed date Monday 25th February 2008, at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.