

St Peter the Great County Parish Council/DRAFT

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 25th February 2008** at **7.45 pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.**

Present: Chairman; R. McFarlane, Cllrs. Mr T. Lawrence, Mrs. S. Winter.

Mr R. Knight, Mr R. Fowler, Rev. D. Ballard

Also attending;

Mr D. Edgerton (Duckworth Trust), Mr Alex Haines, St Peter's Warden.

Press Reporter Kate Yates, Worcester News.

0908 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. Mr P. Thorlby, Mrs J. Chown.

City Cllr. Mr A Tarbuck, County Cllr. Mr M. Cairns.

1008 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations.

1108 Adoption of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 28th January 2008 were formally adopted and signed.

1208 Short Information Reports:

- (a) Council received a written and verbal report from the St Peter's Warden, Mr. Alex Haines. It was noted that more attention to culverts and ditches was necessary during the coming months and that hedges would be cut at Stroma Road and at the Farne Avenue Play Area. The need for attention to the short access road at the rear of the Baptist Church was highlighted and two defective street lights were noted for attention. Mr Haines agreed to liaise with Ms. Linda Olson to progress the St Peter's in Bloom project for summer 2008..
- (b) Cllr Mr R. Knight reported that minor objections raised by the Baptist Church in respect of the Multiple Use Games Area had been resolved satisfactorily. Council placed on record its appreciation of the recent work carried out in St Peter's by the City Council's Street Cleansing (Sweeping) Team as well as the Warden team who continue to provide an excellent service.
- (c) The Chairman agreed to submit current local feedback to respond to the Spatial Planning consultation.

1308 Planning Matters:

- (a) The Clerk was asked to establish whether or not a recent up to date Bat Survey had been provided to the City Council to enable them to consider the Bat issue with accurate information.
- (b) No other consultation required response.

1408 Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:

- (a) Council agreed payment of the following accounts as presented and displayed at the meeting:

CALC, Clerks training, 50% shared with Longdon P. C....£	12.50
Dor 2 Dor, Newlink distribution.....£	150.00
DupliKate, Newlink, format & printing.....£	1102.61
Worcester City Council, Power Park planting.....£	1998.68
Worcester City Council, 6 x 12ths Warden Scheme.....£	3525.00
D Edgerton, photography, film, processing.....£	25.51

- (b) The Clerk was authorised to transfer sufficient funds from the Council Investment Account to the Current Account to prevent any overdraft occurring before the end of the current financial year. **Continued.....**

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- (c) There were no recommendations from the Finance and Standing Orders Working Group. Item deferred.
- (d) All correspondence and administrative items, including the latest Newslink update were presented by the Clerk. There were no decisions arising.
- (e) **Following a proposal by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Rev. Ballard, Council resolved to** adopt to a new policy document, as produced and provided by Cllr. Mrs Winter, in respect of the award of grants, supplementary to, and in accordance with the existing Section 137 provisions. Copy attached to the Minute Book.

1508 Local Flood Problems: Members were updated by Cllr. Knight on the progress with the flooding problems in the Parish.

1608 Safe Crossings: Cllr. Mr. R. Fowler confirmed that he had received no substantive reply from the County Council in respect of issues concerning the proposed safe crossing at Farne Avenue. Cllr Rev. D. Ballard raised concerns in respect of the need for a safe crossing adjacent to St Mark's Church.

1708 CCTV: It was agreed that Cllr Knight would pursue this issue when Tesco's replacement manager takes office in the near future, and this would be linked to the PACT strategy.

1808 Local Amenities: The Clerk reported on a meeting he had recently had with Mr Ian Yates when it was agreed that an ongoing appraisal of various facilities at St Peter's would become a continual process towards a list of priorities for future years. This could include tree and tree root problems, footways, pedways, play areas, Power Park, drainage, bramble and weed growth, as well as the excessive growth on hedges. It was accepted that the preservation of ancient hedge rows did not exclude the cutting back of excessive growth or re-layering.

1908 Date of Next Council Meeting: Agreed as Monday 31st March 2008, at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. Cllr. Rev. D., Ballard tendered his apologies in advance.