

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on **Monday 31st March 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, Mrs J. Chown.

Also attending;:

Mr D. Edgerton (Duckworth Trust), Mr Alex Haines, St Peter's Warden.
City Cllr. Mr A Tarbuck, County Cllr. Mr M. Cairns. Press Reporter.
P.C. A Chuter. CSO R. Machin.

2008 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. Mr P. Thorlby, Rev. D. Ballard.

3008 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations.

4008 Adoption of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday February 25th 2008 were formally adopted and signed.

5008 Short Information Reports:

- (a) Council formally received a report from the St Peter's Warden Mr A, Haines, supported by a written report of maintenance activities carried out over the preceding month, which included litter patrols, hedges, Power Park etc. Cllr Knight drew attention to fallen fencing at Thistle Close, Hedge requiring attention at Kingfisher, the upside down dog exclusion grills on the central play area and overhanging shrubs at Otter Lane. The Clerk agreed to meet with the Wardens to clear up and identify these items.
- (b) Council also formally received a report from the P.C A. Chuter, including the problem of wind blown plastic bags from TESCOs hanging in the shrubbery and trees as well as confirming items in the PACT newsletter. He also reported on his search for funding to provide CCTV in the central area adjacent to the Hall, Church and shops. Cllr Lawrence raised a number of minor items for which he required help and guidance which was duly provided. It was noted that Police Constable Rebecca Handy of the Local Policing Support Team may attend the next meeting to brief Council in respect of PACT.

6008 Planning Matters:

Council addressed the following consultations as follows:

P08L0093, 18 Rona Gardens, new conservatory; **no objections.**

P08L0109, 2 Ashley Road, alterations to garage & pitched roof, **no objections.**

P08L0052, replacement garage, **no objections.**

Council also considered responses to enquiries made by the Clerk in respect of the proposed Timberdine development and an out of date Bat Survey. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Winter might wish to make further enquiries in this respect.

7008 Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:

- (a) Payment of accounts presented and available was agreed as follows:

Allianz Insurance, annual premium.....£635.23

CALC, training etc.....£ 29.38

HMRC, PAYE & NI contributions.....£ 721.53

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7008 (a) cont:

Following on from the payment of accounts, it was proposed that the payment of the renewal of the annual subscription to CALC be withheld pending CALC and NALC providing representation to Councillors as to exactly what was provided. This was carried three votes in favour, one vote against the proposal, with two abstentions. The Clerk was asked to arrange for the required representation.

- (b) Recommendations from the Finance and Standing Orders Working Group were deferred.
- (c) All urgent correspondence and administrative items, including a brief Newslink update were presented by the Clerk. The Clerk was unanimously supported by Council in a proposal to seek costs for the upgrading of Newslink to a colour cover A4 magazine, as per the sample provided to Members.
- (d) Cllr. Knight briefly updated Council on the current position with the Multi Use Games Area and Village Hall refurbishment, informing Members that the minor problems had now been resolved, with a mid-April start on the MUGA now envisaged. He also outlined plans for the interior refurbishment of the Hall and the voluntary scheme proposed for the repainting of the outside of the Hall.

8008 Flooding Problems: Cllr. Knight updated Council on the progress with the flooding problems in and around St Peter's including the consideration being given to drainage works to Power Park and beyond.

9008 Power Park Seating: It was unanimously agreed that Cllr. Knight, in consultation with the Clerk, be empowered to obtain two seats for Power Park at best value, via the City Council purchasing process if necessary.

1008 Standards Committee: The vacancy on Worcester City Standards Committee, caused by changes by the new Standards Board regulations, was filled by the election of Cllr. R. Fowler to this position.

(9) **Date of Next Council Meeting:**
Agreed as Monday 28th April 2008, at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, St Peter's and for the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held Monday 19th May at 7pm in the Village Hall, St Peters. The Clerk agreed to obtain two suitable Speakers for the Parish Meeting.

Signed.....Chairman Date.....