

# St Peter the Great County Parish Council

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

**Present:** Chairman; Mr. R. McFarlane, Cllrs. Mr. T. Lawrence, Rev. D. Ballard, Mr. R. Knight, Mr. R. Fowler, Mrs. J. Chown. Mr. P. Thorlby

**Also attending;**

Mr D. Edgerton (Duckworth Trust), Mr Alex Haines, St Peter's Warden.  
Press Reporter. Two members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed Police Constable Rebecca Handy, Sergeant Mark Smith of the Local Policing Support Team, together with PC A. Chuter and WPS. T. Beckett. He invited them to brief the meeting in respect of PACT and policing matters relevant to St Peter's. PC R. Handy explained the concept of PACT and emphasised the aims and objectives. She went on to inform Members how these aims and objectives were being pursued at St Peter's with significant success, and dealt with several questions from the Members and the public present. Concern was expressed by some Members that policing appeared to be replaced by the provision of local environmental services normally provided by Local Authorities. Council was assured that the existing close links between the Police and St Peter's Parish Council would continue and that the virtually crime free status would be maintained. The Chairman thanked the team on behalf of the Council for attending and providing valuable information. The Chairman then opened the Parish Council Meeting.

**3208 Apologies for Absence:** Apologies received from Cllr. Mrs. S. Winter, District Cllr. Mr A. Tarbuck, and County Councillor M. Cairns.

**3308 Declarations of Interest:** No interests were declared.

**3408 Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 were agreed and signed.

**3508 Short Information Reports:**

- (a) Council formally received a written and verbal report from the St Peter's Parish Warden, confirming that most of the outstanding items requested had been attended to. Cllr Knight asked for a number of minor problems to be dealt with at the Warden's convenience, including weeds growing against the kerb line on St Peter's Drive.
- (b) In view of the Police presentation referred to above, Council did not need to receive any further report from the PC A. Chuter.

**3608 Safer Crossings:** Members were informed that progress had not been made and responses from the County Council were still awaited. The Clerk was asked to pursue the Council's objections to the proposed temporary closure of Taylor's Lane, which it was believed would impact adversely on St Peter's Drive.

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**3708 Planning Matters:** Council addressed consultations in respect of two proposed conservatories, neither of which were objected to.  
A08L0014: Consultation in respect of a Hamilton Grange sign promoting the sale of houses on land south of Broomhall Way resulted in an objection because of its intrusion into the visual amenities and adverse impact upon the local environment.

**3808 Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:**

- (a) The following accounts as presented were agreed for payment:  
Millpool Plant Hire, machine hire, Power Park.....£160.00  
HMRC,. Paye contributions.....£151.20
- (b) There were no recommendations from the Finance and Standing Orders Working Group.
- (c) All relevant correspondence and administrative items, including a brief Newslink update were presented by the Clerk. The Clerk was authorised to pursue a change of format for Newslink by first obtaining firm prices for the new process and presenting these prices to Council for approval for the operation to be underwritten.
- (d) Cllr. Knight updated Council on the current position with the Multi Use Games Area and Village Hall refurbishment projects, both of which were progressing favourably.

**3908 Flooding Problems:** There was no further information on the progress with flooding problems at St Peter’s, other than it was reported that ways of dealing with the watercourse beyond Broomhall Way were continuing to be investigated to relieve flooding at Broomhall Green and Power Park.

**4008 Power Park Seating,** The Clerk and Cllr. Knight confirmed that “best value” provision of park seating would be best achieved through the purchasing process of Worcester City Council, which the Clerk and Cllr Knight would action as soon as possible.

**4108 Dates for Meetings:** It was agreed to hold the following meetings:  
**Annual Parish Meeting Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.00pm** and following on from that, the **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at approximately 8.30pm; both meetings in the Village Hall, St Peter’s.**

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