

# St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, St Peters**. The Council received a visit from the National Association of Local Council's & the Worcestershire County Association of Local Council's representatives to give a presentation on the services provided by CALC. Mrs. L. Wilcox, Regional Officer; with Mr. R. Attwood, Hon Treasurer and Mr. R. Levitt, Acting Chief Executive, both of the Worcestershire County Association, gave a very comprehensive presentation and answered several questions regarding the value of Membership. At the conclusion the Chairman thanked them on behalf of the Council for their excellent presentation and clear explanations. The Chairman then formally opened the Parish Council meeting.

**Present:** Chairman; Cllr. R. McFarlane; Cllrs. Mr R. Knight, Mr R. Fowler, Rev. D. Ballard

**Also attending:**

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

**5108 Apologies for Absence:** Council formally received apologies for absence from: Cllrs. Mr. P. Thorlby, Mrs. S Winter, Mrs. J Chown also Mr. D. Edgerton, Duckworth Trust.

The Clerk reported that he had received the **resignation of Cllr. Mr. A. Lawrence**. The Clerk was asked to deal with this in accordance with the regulations by declaring a casual vacancy and to re-advertise the other outstanding vacancy at the same time.

**5208 Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations.

**5308 Adoption of Minutes:** Council agreed adoption of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008. The Chairman signed the minutes accordingly.

**5408 Membership of the County Association of Local Councils.** As a result of the presentation by NALC/CALC Officers, Council resolved by three votes with one abstention, to pay the current annual subscription to the County Association in full.

**5508 Short Information Reports:**

- (a) Council formally received a written and verbal report from the St Peter's Parish Warden detailing maintenance work carried out. Alex Haines referred to graffiti in Power Park and the relocation of goal posts on the kick-about areas. It was noted that vandals had immediately uprooted them and the re-installation to a better vandal proof specification to be carried out as soon as practicable. A request was made for the clearance of the overgrown pathway running beyond Barbel Crescent to the river and for the provision of hedge planting and chestnut paling installation to the hedge rows between Aldersey and Kingfisher Closes. It was agreed that Cllr. Knight would seek the costs involved in providing litter bins for the new Multi Use Games Area and to urgently obtain bins if possible.
- (b) Council formally received a verbal report from PC. A. Chuter confirming that the graffiti in Power Park had resulted in the apprehension of a suspect. Other routine matters were addressed, mainly regarding young people and the provision of future initiatives in this respect.

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**5608 Planning Matters:** Council considered two consultations as follows:  
P08L0391; 20 Bittern Road, two storey side extension. **No objection.**  
P08D0326; 130 Bath Road, garden room and balcony. **No objection.**

**5708 Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:**

- (a) Council considered payment of accounts as presented and displayed at the meeting;  
Duplikate; print Newslink issue 80.....£1303.08  
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CALC, annual subscription.....£ 767.18  
The Clerk was authorised to transfer £10,000 from the current account to the 30 day Deposit Account to maximise interest.
- (b) Council were asked to consider recommendations from the Finance and Future Policies Working Group. This included updates in respect of Safer Crossings, CCTV, Play Areas, Power Park seating, Drainage and other associated items. The recommendations, as outlined by the Chairman were generally agreed to be the way forward
- (c) All urgent correspondence and relevant administrative items were provided to the meeting by the Clerk. The Clerk also confirmed final details of the various Newslink production costs and format to be provided for the future production of Newslink. Council gave final approval to the contract offered by Messrs Pershore Print to produce Newslink in future.
- (d) Council instructed the Clerk to make a renewed effort to fill the previously existing casual vacancy, caused by insufficient nominations being received at the last election at the same time as dealing with the vacancy caused by Cllr Lawrence's resignation as recorded above.

**5908 Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Confirmed Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008, at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, St Peter's.

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

Date.. 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008.....