

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 29th September 2008** at **7.30 pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.**

The Worshipful Mayor of Worcester, Councillor Mrs L Hodgson, visiting the Parish Council, was welcomed to the meeting.

Present: Chair: Vice Chairman Cllr. Mr R. Fowler, Cllrs. Mrs J. Chown,
Rev D. Ballard. Mr. P. Thorlby. Mr R. Knight,

Also attending:

Mr D. Edgerton (Duckworth Trust), Mr Alex Haines, St Peter's Warden.
County Cllr. Mr M. Cairns. Press Reporter. Two Members of the Public,
Mr. G. D. Rowe (nominated for co-option to fill a casual vacancy)

6808 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs: R. McFarlane, Mrs. S. Winter, P.C. A Chuter,
City Cllr. Mr A Tarbuck,

6908 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations.

7008 Adjournment: At this point the Chairman adjourned the meeting to enable the members of the public to participate and invited the Mayor to give a short address to those present at the meeting. The Mayor gave an interesting account of her busy Mayoral duties and paid tribute to the initiatives of the Parish Council at St Peter's, including the Power Park planting scheme and the Multi Use Games Area. She also highlighted the valuable work of Mr. D. Edgerton, who had recently been her guest at a small ceremony in the Mayor's Parlour to mark his many years of voluntary work clearing litter from St Peter's.

The Chairman invited questions, to which members of the public and Cllrs raised a number of issues, not least their concern regarding the proposed provision of 3,000 new homes between St Peter's and Kempsey under the Government's requirements. The Mayor stressed the importance of continuing to make their voice heard at all times. There was support for the concerns expressed regarding the apparent abandonment of a ring road to the West and North of the City and the sheer folly of proposing to route all through traffic along the Broomhall Way.

The Chairman closed the meeting after a further period of questions and thanked the Mayor for her attendance and interest in St Peter's.

7108 Adoption of Minutes: Council adopted the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 28th July 2008. (There was no meeting in August 2008). The minutes were signed.

7208 Casual Vacancies: Nominations for the co-option of two Councillors were invited by the Chairman. There being only one nomination, Mr G. D. Rowe of 47 Timberdine Avenue, Cherry Orchard, Worcester, was unanimously co-opted to fill one of the existing vacancies. The obligatory acceptance of office declaration was then signed by Mr Rowe and he joined the Council table. The Chairman welcomed him on behalf of the Council.

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7308 Short Information Reports:

(a) Members received a very favourable verbal report from the Internal Auditor, Mr. P. Middlebrough, who paid tribute to the well managed financial administration, and gave the latest accounts (2007/2008) a clean bill of health. He reported that there were no matters for concern. The Chairman thanked him for his report and attendance.

(c) A report from Mr. M. Harrison of Worcester City Council in respect of proposals for the provision and upgrading children's play areas and facilities, was deferred pending his arrival .

(d) Members formally received a written and verbal report from the St Peter's Warden, Mr A. Haines, who updated Council on the continued routine maintenance, including re-instatement of the recent drainage works in Power Park and the winter hedge cutting programme.

7408 Planning Matters:

Council addressed two consultations, neither of which attracted any objections.

7508 Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:

(a) Payment of the following accounts as presented was agreed:

Dor 2 Dor, Newslink distribution.....	£200.00
Creative Spaces, Web Site hosting services.....	£110.00
Clerks & Councils Direct, annual subscription two copies..	£ 20.00
HMRC, PAYE deductions.....	£143.00
Wendy Roberts,. Hall facilities for training.....	£ 30.00

(b) The Clerk provided Members with all relevant correspondence and administrative items. Cllr Re. D. Ballard updated Council regarding the St Peter's Festival.

(c) Cllr. R. Knight updated Council on the current position in respect of the Multi Use Games Area and CCTV cameras installed on the Baptist Church overlooking the MUGA

(d) The Clerk reported a record level of advertising in the current issue of Newslink and a full provision of articles. It was noted that there may be an increase in the number of pages at slightly extra cost.

(e) Mr. M. Harrison, of Worcester City Council Parks and Cemeteries, arrived at this point and provided Members with current relevant information regarding Play Areas and explained the availability of a 'Playbuilder' grant opportunity, where a local group could apply for a substantial grant. Council went on to discuss a proposal for the provision of a £2,000 grant from the Parish Council to a local St Peter's children's facilities applicant group, to finance the application to obtain a substantial grant from the County Council's Playbuilder initiative. The substantive grant to be used to provide new and refurbished Play Area facilities at Trefoil Close and Power Park.

7608 Decision: Council agreed in principle to provide finance up to a maximum of £2000.00 to this project and, to comply with Standing Orders, the Chairman deferred the detailed decision to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

7708 Date of Next Council Meeting:

Proposed Monday 27th October 2008, at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, St Peter's.

Signed.....Chairman

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