

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 24th November 2008** at **7.45 pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.**

Prior to the meeting the Chairman invited representatives of St Modwen, one of the tentative developers, to address Council on proposals for a new Worcester City Football Club stadium and associated commercial development at Nunnery Way, near Whittington. Proposed plans were provided and the outline development proposals were explained. Councillors raised a number of questions but expressed no opinions or support for the proposals. The Chairman thanked the three representatives (Messrs. J Essex, R Barnes and Julie Rossiter), for their visit and courteous consultation.

Present: Chair: Chairman, Cllr. R. McFarlane Cllrs. Mr R. Fowler, Mrs J. Chown, Mrs. S. Winter, Rev D. Ballard. Mr R. Knight, Mr. G. Rowe,
Also attending; PC. A. Chuter, County Cllr. Mr M. Cairns Mr. Ian Yates (Worcester City Council Parks and Cemeteries), Mr D. Edgerton (Duckworth Trust), Mr Alex Haines, St Peter's Warden. Press Reporter. One member of the public.

8608 Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Mr. P. Thorlby, City Councillor A. Tarbuck.

8708 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations.

8808 Adoption of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 27th October 2008 were adopted and signed.

8908 Short Information Report:

- (a) PC A. Chuter presented a report on the product known as Smartwater. This included methods of application to property and the way in which property so marked could be readily identified, in particular by Police officers when arrests had been made and when property had been retrieved. The long lasting clear, almost invisible substance, has a unique individual DNA characteristic relating to the person registered and identifiable as the 'owner' of that particular sample. Cost and other relevant information was provided. Council expressed their appreciation to PC Chuter for the information provided. Cllr Knight asked for CSOs to be instructed to issue fixed penalty notices in respect of litter offences At St Peter's when appropriate.
- (b) As in previous months, Council received a written and a verbal report from the St Peter's Warden, detailing maintenance work carried out during November. Serious concern was expressed regarding damage caused by tree roots in Larkspur Close, especially so because it had taken a resident over a year to get any satisfactory response to his continuous complaints to the City and County Councils. The St Peter's Warden agreed to keep a close watch on any potential tree root problems on the estate and to report any serious problems to the Clerk immediately.

City Cllr. Mr. R. Knight updated Council in respect of drainage issues affecting Power Park. He also outlined the financial problems facing the City Council and the current implications of the concessionary bus pass scheme which had seriously contributed to the current financial situation.

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- (c) Mr Ian Yates addressed the play area issues in detail and gave Council a brief explanation of the difficulties in providing the level of maintenance expected. It was generally recognised that increased funding by the Parish Council would go a long way in enabling the maintenance of the play areas at acceptable levels at a time when cuts in City Council maintenance were inevitable.
- He also gave assurances that the Batsford play area refurbishment had begun and that the Heather Close play area was to be refurbished at the same time and that in any event both would be completed before the end of this financial year. The Chairman also requested the re-use of serviceable equipment coming out of Batsford play area to be relocated elsewhere at St Peter's. Mr Yates also confirmed that the recent bid by St Peters Youth Group 'SPARK' for a substantial grant from the County Council's Play-builder scheme had been approved at City Council level and had been passed to the County Council for consideration. The Chairman thanked Ian Yates for his efforts in respect of St Peter's and for attending the meeting.

9008 Planning Matters:

There were no consultations or communications received.

9108 Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:

- (a) Payment of the following accounts was agreed:
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| HMCR, PAYE..... | £ 143.29 |
| Worcester City Council Warden scheme..... | £3525.00 |
- (b) The Clerk reported all urgent correspondence and administrative items.
- (c) The Clerk updated Members on the current arrangements for Newslink..
- (d) Following recommendations from the Chairman and budget proposals, Council resolved to set a nil increase precept for the financial year 2009/2010 of £33300.00.
- (e) It was agreed that a Chairman's working party would meet to review all outstanding objectives, including an in-depth review and re-allocation of current reserves and deposits. The Chairman confirmed the arrangements for the meeting to take place on Thursday 4th December.

9208 Date of Next Council Meeting:

Proposed Monday 15th of December 2008, 7.45pm in the Village Hall, St Peter's. County Cllr. Mr. M. Cairns presented his apologies in advance.

Signed.....Chairman

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