

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Draft Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th December 2008 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.

Present: Chair: Chairman, Cllr. R. McFarlane Cllrs. Mr R. Fowler, Mrs. S. Winter, Rev D. Ballard, Mr. G. Rowe.

Also attending; Mr D. Edgerton (Duckworth Trust), Mr Alex Haines, St Peter's Warden. Press Reporter.

9308 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Mr. P. Thorlby, Mr. R. Knight, Mrs. J. Chown, PC. A. Chuter, City Councillor A. Tarbuck. County Cllr. Mr M. Cairns

9408 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations.

9508 Adoption of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 24th November 2008 were adopted and signed.

9608 Short Information Reports:

- (a) Council received a written and a verbal report from the St Peter's Warden in respect of local maintenance.
- (c) Council received a report from Cllr. Mrs S. Winter in respect of a local ten member Dance Group's application for a grant. The details of the Group's constitution, aims and objectives were considered, together with a full set of the Group's accounts. In the light of this and other information provided, together with guidance provided by the Clerk in respect of remaining grant budget available and per capita proportionality, Council declined to give a grant at this time, but with the proviso that the grant should be re-submitted in September 2009.

9708 Planning Matters:

Council addressed consultation in respect of proposed alterations to the main entrance of the Tesco store. No objections were raised.

9808 Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:

- (a) The following accounts were agreed for payment:
Duckworth Trust, grant D. Edgerton safety eqpt.....£ 70.00
Pershore Print, print Newslink.....£1625.00
- (b) The Clerk presented all urgent correspondence and administrative items. The Chairman and Vice Chairman agreed to attend a Police consultative meeting at Hindlip on January 13th 2009
- (c) The Clerk also gave a brief update on Newslink, explaining that the current edition was not intended for distribution before Christmas but would be delivered immediately after. This would provide a better emphasis on the publicity for the planned meeting of the Festival Committee on January 27th 2009.
- (d) Recommendations from a working party in respect of outstanding objectives, as well as a proposed review of current reserves and deposits, were presented by the Chairman. He confirmed that the already agreed nil increase in the 2009/2010 precept had been achieved as a result of a re-adjustment of
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9808 (d) continued:

priorities, following a review of changes in current financial commitments. Council unanimously resolved that the proposals, previously circulated to Members by the Clerk, be formally adopted and that a copy be attached to the minute book.

- (e) The Chairman proposed that areas of land between Tescos and Farne Avenue, including the Farne play area, could be enhanced by planting mixed daffodil bulbs. Mr Alex Haines, St Peter's Warden, agreed that the planting could be undertaken during the first two weeks of January 2009. The Clerk had established that bags of 500 bulbs could be purchased for this purpose at £25.00 per bag. Council unanimously resolved to purchase and plant eight bags of mixed daffodils at a cost not exceeding £200 excluding VAT and transport. Authorisation for the payment of £220 including VAT for this proposal was unanimously agreed and a cheque drawn accordingly..

9908 Staff Review; Confidential Session:

As an exempt item, the Press and public were excluded in accordance with current requirements. The Clerk then declared a crucial interest and left the meeting for the whole of this item. Following a brief discussion, Councillors agreed with a proposed 3% pay increase for the Clerk with effect from 1st April 2008, in recognition of the rise in the cost of living and the additional time required to produce Newslink to the higher standards of quality, reduced lead time and relevant content expected by the Council in the coming year.

Councillors expressed their gratitude for the contribution made by the Clerk to the effective running of the Council and noted the excellent relationship between the Councillors and the Clerk.

10008 Date of Next Council Meeting:

Proposed Monday 26th January 2009, at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, St Peter's.

Signed.....Chairman

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