

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 26th January 2009** at **7.45 pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.**

Present: Chairman; Cllr. R. McFarlane, Cllrs. Mrs. S. Winter, Mr R. Knight, Mr. G. Rowe,

Also attending; PC. K. Frankish, County Cllr. Mr M. Cairns, Mr D. Edgerton (Duckworth Trust), Mr Alex Haines, St Peter's Warden. Press Reporter. Two members of the public. Mr Adam Whitebower.

0109 Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Mr. P. Thorlby, City Councillor A. Tarbuck. Cllr R. Fowler, Cllr. Rev . D. Ballard, Cllr. Mrs. J. Chown.

0209 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations.

0309 Casual Vacancy: There being a long standing casual vacancy, which Council had been unable to fill by the election or co-option process, Councillor Knight nominated Mr Adam Whitebower of 46 Tiree Avenue St Peter's, for co-option. The Chairman invited Mr Whitebower, who was present, to introduce himself to Council and the Clerk confirmed that Mr Whitebower was qualified to be co-opted. There being no other nominations Mr Whitebower was duly co-opted and signed the obligatory declaration of acceptance of office. He then joined the Council 'table' and was formally welcomed by the Chairman.

0409 Adoption of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th December 2008 were adopted and signed.

0509 Short Information Reports:

- (a) The Chairman formally welcomed PC. K. Frankish as the new Beat Manager for St Peter's. Following a brief introduction, she gave a verbal report on her work thus far. Emphasis was placed upon the need to prevent the prevalent theft from unattended cars, especially the satellite navigation systems which, being a prime target for thieves, needed to be removed from vehicles when unattended. The consumption of alcohol by young people late at night would be one of the priorities she would be setting, as well as other youth related problems. The Chairman thanked her for her report.
- (b) Council received a written and a verbal report from the St Peter's Warden, in respect of which, considerable concern was expressed by Council about the 'boy racers, reported by the Warden to be driving their cars up and over the grassed bunds at the Toposcope site. The Clerk was asked to convey the Council's serious concern to County Councillor D. Prodger OBE, for his intervention. The Warden agreed to give local residents adequate notice of any hedgecutting or tree pruning well before the work is due to begin. He also reported that the 4,000 daffodil bulbs had been planted along the pedway from Tesco's to Farne Avenue. A number of other mundane issues were addressed. The Chairman thanked Mr Haines for his work and support.
- (c) A report received from Mr D. Edgerton, at the discretion of the Chairman., regarding the dumping of bundles of Newspapers, fly tipping, litter, brambles overgrowing one end of Power Park etc, was received and noted by the Clerk for attention. The Chairman thanked Mr Edgerton for his report.

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0609 A38 Timberdine Footway

Cllr. R. Knight in responding to the concerns of a member of the public, said that "the foot way along the eastern side of Bath Road, the A38, terminated at the boundary fence of the Timberdine Pub. At one time pedestrians could pass over a style like section of fencing and walk through the car park either to the Pub or beyond.

The owners of the pub, removed the facility and pathway on their side of the boundary and when they were asked to reinstate the facility they refused stating that there was no public right of way".

County Cllr. M. Cairns undertook to look at the issue of the lack of a footpath around the pub grounds from the A38 into St Peter's Drive.

0709 Planning Matters:

There were no planning consultations requiring objections.

0809 Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:

(a) The following accounts were presented and agreed for payment:

Dor 2 Dor, Newslink distribution.....	£200.00
HMCR, PAYE deductions December.....	£143.29
HMCR, PAYE deductions January.....	£244.11
Cornerstone Catering, Festival expense.....	£ 67.50

(b) The Clerk made all urgent correspondence and administrative items available to Councillors.

(c) The Clerk gave a full update in respect of Newslink.

0909 St Peter's Festival:

The Clerk gave a verbal report on progress to date and latest information in respect of plans for an October 2009 St Peter's Festival. This report was to comply with the decision contained in Minute No.8508. He reminded Councillors of the first public consultation meeting to be held next evening at St Peter's Baptist Church, when commitments were expected from various sectors of the community. It was also expected that from there onwards the construction of a formal management committee, with a constitution written specifically for the Festival, would begin.

1009 Date of Next Council Meeting:

Proposed Monday 23rd February 2009, at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, St Peter's.

Signed.....Chairman

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