

# St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 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, Mr. R. Fowler, Rev D. Ballard, Mr. P. Thorlby.

**Also attending;** County Cllr. Mr. M Cairns, City Cllr. A. Tarbuck, Mr Alex Haines, St Peter's Warden. Press Reporter. One member of the public.

**1809 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. A. White-Bower, Police Beat Manager & CSO.

**1909 Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations.

**2009 Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 were approved and signed..

**2109 Chairman Report:**

The Chairman gave a brief report of the latest situation regarding the plans produced for the extensions proposed for the Village Hall, subject to a new lease or purchase being achieved. An update on the Youth Group was not possible because the Youth Group Leader was currently on holiday. The Chairman then reported on the latest situation regarding Play Areas and the consultation already undertaken with the local children. The completion of the refurbishment of the Batsford play area was noted with appreciation and the Chairman explained the meeting he had attended with City Parks and Cemeteries Officers regarding the switch of Heather Close play equipment to Power Park. He understood this to be an immediate first stage of the bid to the Playbuilder Grant scheme, and that it would form part of the City Council contribution to the partnership grant application, subject to confirmation.

**2209 Short Information Reports:**

- (a) Council formally received a written and a verbal report from the St Peter's Warden, detailing the work carried out in the preceding month.
- (b) Cllr R. Knight reported that the problems experienced with the new multi use games area had begun to settle down and explained the new arrangements to provide free lighting for two hours on three evenings per week in an effort to further reduce problems caused by a few young people under cover of darkness. He expressed concern regarding graffiti, stone throwing and damage to fencing at Kingfisher play park. It was noted that the next Youth Pact meeting was scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

**2309 Adjournment:**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at this point to enable a local resident to express serious concerns regarding the Tesco planning application for a wind turbine at its St Peter's store. Council noted the points raised, particularly the environmental concerns, including noise and visual intrusion.

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## **2409 Planning Matters:**

Council addressed the consultation in respect of the Tesco application for a wind Turbine at their St Peter's store. Although Council resolved not to formally object to the proposal, serious concern was expressed regarding the potential for noise. Members regarded the stated generated power benefits as so minimal that they anticipate that the proposed turbine could be the first in a forest of turbines which may ultimately create an unacceptable visual intrusion into the residential area. The Clerk was asked to respond accordingly to the planning authority, and to write to Tesco regarding an apparent lack of community communication, input and goodwill.

Council resolved to make no objection or comment in respect of an application for an extension to a property in Lobelia Close and no representations were received from members of the public.

## **2509 Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:**

- (a) Council resolved by a majority to award a grant of £410.00 to the St Peter's 1<sup>st</sup> Guide Group, after receiving a detailed report from Cllr Mrs Winter, who had been delegated to establish the need for the grant and to ensure compliance with the Council's policy in respect of grants.
- (b) Payment of the following accounts presented and displayed, was agreed:
  - Willow Print, Festival meeting leaflet printing.....£ 10.80
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Worcester Guides grant as above.....£410.00
  - HMCR, PAYE.....£153.58
  - Dor 2 Dor, Newslink distribution.....£200.00
- (c) The Clerk provided Members with all correspondence and administrative items.
- (d) The Clerk gave detailed verbal updates on Newslink and the Festival.
- (e) The Clerk tabled a revised Freedom of Information Act and a revised set of Financial Standing Orders which he had prepared and circulated to Members a week prior to the meeting for agreement. This proved unacceptable and the Chairman agreed to be responsible for the finalisation of these overdue documents in consultation with Cllr. Thorlby and Cllr Fowler at a meeting..
- (f) The Chairman agreed to review the allocation of Councillors portfolios and responsibilities in line with the budget heads agreed for 2009/2010..

## **2609 Next Council Meeting:**

It was agreed that the next meeting could not now be a training meeting for Councillors on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009 (previously agreed (Minute 1609 b), therefore it was agreed to revert to the normal Parish Council meeting on that date at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

Signed.....Chairman

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