

# St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 27th July 2009 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.

**Present: Chairman:** Cllr. R. MacFarlane, Cllrs. R. Fowler, R. Knight, P. Thorlby,

**Also Attending:** Police Officer K. Frankish, CSO. T. Harris, A. Haines (Warden) County Cllr. M. Cairns, A. Jarman (Newslink Team) D. Edgerton, (Duckworth Trust) ytR. Vernalls (Press).

## **5109 Apologies for Absence:**

(a) Cllrs. R. Ballard, A. White-Bower, G. Rowe, Mrs. J Chown, City Cllr. A. Tarbuck.

(b) The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Cllr. Mrs. S Winter regarding her intention to resign in the near future. Council were saddened, paying tribute to her valuable work as a Parish Councillor. Council asked the Clerk to speak with her to see if there was any way in which she might reconsider her intentions.

## **5209 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations.

## **5309 Adoption of Minutes:**

The minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 29th June 2009 were agreed and signed, after a minor amendment by Cllr Knight to add the word 'specific' to minute Number 4909 (g). The minutes were accordingly amended by the Chairman.

## **5409 Short Information Reports:**

(a) Council formally received a verbal report from the Police Officer PC Katie Frankish, and information regarding the recent reduction in anti social behaviour around the Multi Use Games Area. She also confirmed that the Batsford play area had been troublesome, but was receiving attention. She outlined a new initiative of bringing in a 'mobile Police station' occasionally and gave details of her next PACT 'surgery' at the Baptist Church.

(b) Council formally received a written and a verbal report from the St Peter's Warden.

(c) The Chairman reported on the walk-about meeting he had with City Cllr. S. Geraghty and Cllr. R. Knight, which he had found extremely helpful in identifying environmental areas of St Peter's requiring a forward plan of maintenance, including play areas.

## **5509 Planning Matters:**

(a) Council addressed one consultation regarding proposed signage at Lloyds Chemist, which was not objected to.

(b) Consultation documentation regarding the latest Gambling Act requirements was received.

## **5609 Administration:**

(a) All correspondence and administrative matters requiring attention were available to Council..

(b) Council agreed for arrangements for a Lengthsman under the County Council's scheme to continue to be pursued and the VAT and to have other legal requirements clarified. The Chairman reported on the walk about meeting with the County Council Officer responsible for the scheme.

(c) Cllr. Knight gave an update in respect of the Village Hall lease, indicating that, in the absence of information regarding the intentions of Tesco for the future of the lease, an alternative site for a 'new build' project would now have to be addressed.

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## **5709 Accounts, Financial Matters:**

(a) Payment of accounts as presented and displayed at the meeting was agreed as follows:

Pershore Print, print Newslink.....	£1500.00
Dor 2 Dor, distribute Newslink.....	£ 230.00
HMCR, PAYE deductions.....	£ 150.70

- (b) In view of the favorable quotation received from a local printer for the production of Newslink, Council requested the Chairman and Clerk to meet with the current printers to establish if they could provide an updated quote and a shorter production time. If this could not be achieved, it was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would then obtain a letter of intent from Pace Design & Print, the Company providing the more competitive quotation, in the interests of best value.
- (c) The Clerk confirmed that the arrangements for the St Peter's Festival were continuing and that there was support well in excess of initial expectations. Grants had been applied for and the outcome awaited.
- (d) Cllr Fowler informed Council that the progress of an application for a Playbuilder grant was now well documented and would meet the deadline for the application to be made.
- (e) Council resolved to authorise the Clerk to purchase and have planted, a quantity of wild flower seeds and bulbs in Power Park and in other suitable open spaces within St Peters, up to a maximum of £500, to reduce mowing requirements and improve the naturalised environmental areas.
- (f) It was agreed to obtain the cost and details of a hand held, suction operated, litter collection machine to enable Council consideration to be given to the viability of ownership and usage.

## **5809 Next Council Meeting:**

It was agreed that the date for the next meeting of the Parish Council would be Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Delegation of responsibility for any urgent decision during the summer recess was agreed to rest with the Chairman, Cllrs. R. Fowler, R. Knight, P. Thorlby and the Clerk.

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....