

# St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.

**Present:** Chairman, R. McFarlane, Cllrs. R. Fowler, G. Rowe, Rev D. Ballard, Cllr. Knight (arrived late as agreed prior to the meeting.)

**Attending:** City Cllr. A. Tarbuck, D. Edgerton (Duckworth Trust), PC. Frankish, CSO. Haines, A Booth (Warden), three members of the public and the Press.

**0111 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. A. White Bower, P. Thorlby.

The Clerk reported on the continued unavoidable absence of Councillor P. Snookes.

**The Clerk was authorized** to deal with this at his discretion and in due course.

**0211 Declarations of Interest:** Both Cllr Knight and the Chairman's continuing interest in the Play Builder scheme was confirmed **as previously declared and recorded in the Declaration of Interests Book.**

**0311 Adoption of Minutes:** Council **resolved to adopt the minutes** of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

**0411 Adjournment:** At this point, the Chairman adjourned the meeting to permit members of the public to address Council. Concern was expressed by two residents of St Peters regarding the consultation process of the Play Builder project in Power Park, including some concerns about the construction of the play area at the location, (already given planning consent, by the Worcester City Planning Committee) and about to begin.

One resident expressed his support for the project. **All comments were noted by the Chairman.**

**0511 Short Information Reports:**

- (a) Council formally received a report from a PC. Frankish confirming that two suspects had been arrested for the recent burglary at Messrs. Lloyds Pharmacy. She also outlined Police action being taken in respect of graffiti and updated Council in respect of recent dwelling-burglaries.
- (b) Council formally received a Warden and Lengthsman report from Worcester City Council Parks Dept and the Warden answered a number of questions from Members. He referred to a Tree Planting scheme for which a 'pot' of money was available and which he was currently pursuing for St Peter's. The clearing of gullies by the Lengthsman and locations were clarified by the Warden. **City Cllr. A Tarbuck** requested sight of the Lengthsman Scheme. The Warden went on to outline progress he was making in respect of the replacement of damaged and rotten fencing panels along St Peter's Drive.
- (d) The Chairman reported on a pilot scheme led by the County Council to provide a community based facility to support services for the elderly in St Peters. He explained that the Clerk had taken on the initiative on behalf of the Parish Council.

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## **0611 Planning Matters:**

There were **no consultations requiring written objections or responses.**

## **0711 Administrative Matters & Correspondence.**

- (a) The Clerk asked Council to address a few non urgent matters received. There were **no items requiring a decision.**

## **0811 St Peter's Community Hall Provision:**

- (a) There was no further updates in respect of a Community Hall provision.

## **0911 Accounts, Financial Matters:**

- (a) **Payment of accounts as presented were agreed as follows:**

Potterton Associates, Play Builder process.....£300.00

HHMRC, PAYE deductions.....£185.60

- (b) **Council ratified a delegated decision**, which authorised the Clerk to sign the Play Builder contract as circulated to Members, and were updated with the latest information.

- (c) The Clerk updated Council and reported record levels of advertising revenue. Council noted that advertising charges have not been increased since the introduction of Newslink. in 1994. This had resulted in continuing success, and current revenue had continued to cover all costs, as well as now providing a small but growing profit.

- 1011** It was agreed that a working party to address the Localism Bill would informally discuss the best process to be adopted and make recommendations accordingly. (A copy of the NALC Briefing document was circulated to members via e-mail).

**1111** Agreed date of next meeting Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

Signed.....Chairman

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