

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 28th February 2011 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.

Present: Chairman, R. McFarlane, Cllrs. R. Fowler, G. Rowe, A. White Bower
Cllr. Knight

Attending: City Cllr. A. Tarbuck; County Cllr. M. Cairns; Mr. M. Cox (City Council Parks and Cemeteries); Mr. D. Edgerton (Duckworth Trust), members of the public and the Press.

1211 Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Revd. D. Ballard, Cllr P. Thorlby.

1311 Declarations of Interest: Both Cllr. Knight and the Chairman's continuing interest in the Play Builder scheme as **previously declared and recorded** in the Declaration of Interests Book. Cllr. R. Fowler declared an interest in any Play Builder complaint issue because of his current membership of the Standards Committee.

1411 Adoption of Minutes: Council **resolved to adopt the minutes** of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 31st January 2011.

1511 Information Reports:

- (a) **Adjournment:** At this point the Chairman **adjourned the meeting** to informally receive a presentation by Mr M. Cox, Service Manager of Worcester City Parks and Cemeteries Dept, who explained the proposed new system of the 'Neighbourhood Working' initiative in respect of estate maintenance for the coming year. Having provided an excellent presentation and answered several questions, Mr. Cox was thanked by the Chairman on behalf of the Council. The usual monthly report on current estate maintenance was not available, other than a verbal update by the Warden.
- (b) The Chairman invited members of the public to address Council on matters of concern already received in writing and circulated to Members. Serious concerns were expressed, specifically registering a grievance regarding a perceived lack of consultation and information provided in respect of the Play Builder project.

Reconvening the meeting the Chairman immediately proposed that "The Clerk be instructed to pass the grievances to the appropriate City Council Officer, as the charges relate to City Council responsibilities". This was seconded by Cllr Knight and unanimously agreed.

1611 Planning Matters: Council addressed two consultations; one of which attracted no objections. In respect of a two storey extension at 2 Stoneleigh Close (P11L0046), concern was expressed regarding the proximity of the proposed development directly adjoining the boundary of the neighbouring property. Council were of the firm opinion that the new development should comply with the one metre regulation and asked the Clerk to respond to the Planning Officer accordingly.

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1711 Administrative Matters & Correspondence:

- (a) The Clerk made available all relevant correspondence and administrative matters to bring the Council up to date since the previous meeting, as well as the items of correspondence already circulated regarding complaints and a “grievance” received in respect of the Play Builder project process as stated by members of the public during the adjournment

1811 St Peter’s Community Hall Provision:

- (a) No further progress in respect of Community Hall provision had been possible.

1911 Accounts, Financial Matters:

- (a) Payment of the following account as presented was agreed;
HMRC, paye deductions.....£185.60
- (b) Council received an update in respect of Newslink.

2011 Localism Bill:

Councillors agreed to have informal discussions before formulating any future strategy. The Chairman and Clerk agreed to confirm a date for a brief study of the document.

(A copy of the NALC Briefing document was circulated to members via e-mail).

2111 Agreed Date of Next Meeting: Provisionally Monday 28th March 2011.

Signed.....Chairman Date.....