

# St Peter the Great County Parish Council

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

**Present:** Vice Chairman Cllr G. Rowe presiding. Cllrs. Mrs E. Bullock, Mrs P. Clayton, Mr. M. Johnson, Mr. Alex. White.

**Attending:** County Cllr. Mr. M. Cairns, City Cllrs. Mr. R. Knight, Mr A . Tarbuck, Mr. D. Edgerton, (Duckworth Trust). The Press.

## **11511 Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies from: Chairman Cllr.R. Mc Farlane; Cllrs. Mr.A.White-Bower. Mr. P. Thorlby. Mr. K. Roberts and Mr. A, Booth (Warden),

**11611 Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations made.

**11711 Adoption of Minutes:** Council agreed and adopted the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011.

## **11811 Short Information Reports:**

- (a) Council formally received a brief verbal report from The Community Safety Officer.
- (b) Council formally received a written report from St. Peter's Warden (previously circulated to Members by e-mail). Council was informed by the Clerk that 40 fruit trees and 62 bushes, plus 125 kilos mixed daffodil bulbs had been purchased for a total of £520.00, plus VAT. The current theme was fruit, i.e. Apples, Pears, Plums, Damsons, Cherry, Crab Apple, Nuts, Red Currants, Gooseberries, Quince, and bulbs, to be planted in or near hedges around the estate as a whole.. The Wardens had liaised with the Scout and Guide Leaders, to enable each Scout and Guide to plant six bulbs in a spot on the estate which they personally would choose, and record in a book for posterity. They could then agree to plant six bulbs of different flower varieties in future years. The Scouts were also liaising with the Wardens to help with the planting of trees and bushes.

## **11911 Planning Matters:**

- (a) There were no consultations or planning matters available. Councillor Knight agreed to check with the City Planners ensure that no consultations had been missed or gone astray..
- (b) The SWDP consultation period was reported as closed. No response was made.

## **12011 Administrative Matters & Correspondence:**

- (a) The Clerk provided all relevant correspondence and administrative matters to bring the Council up to date since the previous meeting.
- (b) Council unanimously agreed proposals to make the 100<sup>th</sup> issue of Newslink in January 2012 a Souvenir Edition and the enthusiasm of all Councillors was welcomed. Mr D. Edgerton agreed to make photos from the Parish photo album available. Cllr White agreed to liaise with local voluntary organizations. It was agreed that the number of issues in the coming year could be reduced to provide additional funds for this larger edition.

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## **12111 St Peter's Community Hall Provision:**

Council received an update from City Cllr. R. Knight in respect of the re-negotiated lease of the Village Hall for 20 years from Tesco's, and that only the annual maintenance and repair arrangements remained to be settled.

## **12211 Pedway Surface Conditions:**

County Councillor M. Cairns reported that certain areas of defects had been repaired and that further areas were under investigation. He re-iterated that it was not possible to deal with the full network of pedways in any single year because of financial constraints. Two faulty street lighting columns were noted by Cllr Cairns, for the purpose of notifying County Council lighting engineers to effect repairs.

## **12311 Accounts, Financial Matters:**

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

HMRC, PAYE deductions.....	£ 172.12
Wyevale Nurseries, trees shrubs.....	£ 458.50
Oaklands Garden Supplies.....	£ 120.00
Dor 2 Dor, Newlink distribution.....	£ 275.00
Pace Print, Newlink.....	£1193.67
D Edgerton, protective gloves litter picking.....	£ 9.98

(b) Members were asked to ratify the amended detailed budget figures and give authority to the Clerk to notify the City Council to set a precept at thirty four thousand one hundred and one pounds for the financial year 2012/2013. Members were provided with written amended figures and agreed the ratification nem com. City Cllr. Knight expressed his serious dissatisfaction with the precept agreed and queried items within the budget and provisions. The Clerk explained certain of the provisions made in previous years, but declined to discuss the budget figures in detail, with the reminder that it was the Parish Councillors who had set the budget; and, having done so, further debate was not advisable or even admissible.

**12411 Annual Review:** Outstanding recommendations from a Working Party meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011 to review procedures and responsibilities were deferred to a future meeting.

**12511 Standing Orders:** Councillors were asked to consider approval of the revised Model Standing Orders as circulated previously by e-mail. Some Members voiced their concerns regarding working groups as opposed to committees or sub-committees. The Clerk explained the lawful acceptability of Councillors conferring with one another in groups, with public participation if necessary, to produce recommendations for the full Council to consider. He explained that Cllr Thorlby, with input from the Chairman and Clerk, had done a great deal of donkey work to produce a draft for consideration, and possibly adoption, together with any continued.....

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amendments Council might decide. Some Members expressed a concern that any floppy process must not be acceptable. Council deferred the consideration of Standing Orders to the next meeting, to give time for proper consideration by Councillors and, after reading through the 'Model', to prepare a final draft for approval.

**12611 Additional Item : Safe Crossings & Grit Bin Provision:**

Councillor Cairns raised a question regarding the provision of pedestrian crossings on St Peter's Drive. The Clerk informed the meeting that no further progress had been made and that Council was still awaiting input from the County Council, Wychavon District Council, and the City Council, in respect of firmer cost analysis and confirmation of any supportive contributions. Councillor Cairns also raised a question in respect of the provision of grit/salt bins which had not been pursued by the Parish Council. He agreed to investigate the possibilities of progressing this initiative

**12711 Confirmed Date of Next Meeting:**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2011

Signed.....Chairman

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