

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 29th October, 2012** at **7.45 pm** in the Village Hall, St Peters.

Present: Chairman; Cllr. R. McFarlane, Cllrs: M Johnson, G. Rowe, K. Roberts. A. White-Bower

Attending: City Cllrs. A. Tarbuck and R. Knight; St Peters Warden A, Booth, Mr. D. Edgerton, Mrs. B. Wheeler; ASP; a member of the public, and Press.

7812 Apologies for Absence: Council formally received an apology for absence from Cllrs: Mrs. P. Clayton, Mrs E. Bullock, Mr. P Thorlby; County Cllr. Mr. M/ Cairns.

7912 Declarations of Interest: No interests were declared.

8012 Adoption of Minutes: Council agreed and adopted the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 24th September 2012.

8112 Adjournment: At this point the Chairman adjourned the meeting to permit members of the public present to express their views and to ask questions. A number of issues were raised which Members noted for future consideration.

8212 Short Information Reports:

- (a) Members received a report from St. Peter's Warden outlining the routine maintenance carried out since the previous meeting. A report on the recent Friends of Power Park meeting from Vice Chairman Cllr. Johnson appraised Members of a satisfactory outcome, where he was appointed Chairman to the Group and A. Booth was appointed Vice Chairman. A number of initiatives envisaged for the Park were outlined to Council as well as two imminent events already planned. The next meeting of the Group was reported as being scheduled for Monday November 19th at the St Peters Village Hall at 7.30pm.
- (b) The Chairman updated Members; reporting that no further information had been received from 'Choose How You Move', particularly in respect of the Ketch Traffic Island refurbishment, and that there was nothing new to report in respect of the SWDP.

8312 Planning Matters: No new planning consultations had been received.

8412 Administrative Matters & Correspondence:

- (a) The Clerk presented all relevant correspondence and administrative matters, which were made available to all present. Cllr. K. Roberts kindly accepted the draft Minerals Extraction Plan consultation document to study and recommend any response.
- (b) Cllr. K. Roberts briefly reported on the City Council/Warndon/St Peters joint quarterly meeting confirming the date of the next meeting as Weds 6th February 2013 at St Peters Village Hall. Cllr. Roberts explained several issues discussed at the meeting, including the forthcoming governmental changes in respect of Council Tax administration at District Council level. In this respect there was no suggestion made that the Parish precept would be affected, although any further cuts in City Council budgets could result in a reduction in services provided.

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- (c) The Clerk confirmed that the latest issue of Newslink was currently being distributed and the deadline for the next issue would be 31st October 2012.
- (d) Council ratified the decision to adopt the new code of conduct as agreed at the July meeting with the modifications proposed. Copies were circulated to Members at the meeting with copies for absent Members being held by the Clerk for distribution at subsequent meetings.

8512 Accounts, Financial Matters:

- (a) Payment of accounts as presented at the meeting was agreed as follows:
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Pace Print, Newslink printing.....£1119.21
- (b) Council considered Power Park proposals for planting trees/shrubs seats, litter bins, plaques, and a May pole. It was agreed that the proposals be implemented at a cost within the budgeted sums provided in the current year for Community facilities and Environmental maintenance.
- (c) Council agreed to the transfer of funds from the current bankers to the providers of the new banking system. The Clerk to make arrangements and meet requirements of both Banks for the correct process.
- (d) Council resolved to pay normal hourly hire charges to the Village Hall Association, with effect from April 2012 on a permanent basis, unless/until other arrangements are made. The Clerk to obtain invoices on a monthly-in-arrears basis and to raise necessary cheques for payment, and formally book dates for the foreseeable future.

8612 Budgets: It was agreed that the Chairman would head a budget working group meeting to provide recommendations to full Council in respect of the next financial year, bearing in mind CALC advice to delay setting any precept until more reliable information on governmental changes became known. The Chairman indicated that the probable date for the meeting would be Monday 12th November 2012, but agreed to liaise with the working group in respect of final date/time/location. Members were invited to attend and/or submit their views.

8712 Date of Next Meeting: Proposed as Monday 26th November 2012

Signed.....Chairman

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