

# St Peter the Great County Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall, St Peters.

**Present:** Chairman; Cllr. R. McFarlane; Cllrs. Mrs. B Wheeler, A. White-Bower, M. Johnson, P. Thorlby.

**Attending:** County Cllr. M. Bayliss, City Cllrs. R. Knight & A. Tarbuck, D, Edgerton, (Duckworth Trust), PC. A. Hall; 24 members of the public also attended

**Mr D.Sutton (City Council) attended and before the Parish Council began he outlined the reasons for the removal of old worn out play equipment from the Larkspur play area, and consulted the Council and members of the public present on the future use of this and the Falcon Close play area, where that equipment is scheduled for removal. Local residents asked a number of questions and put their views on a number of important issues. It became clear that any proposed use of play areas for affordable housing would be vigorously opposed. There was support for retaining these grassed areas with seating installed and there were suggestions that the land could be sold to adjoining property owners. Mr Sutton noted all the views expressed for consideration by the City Council and explained the restrictions imposed by the lack of City Council finance to install new equipment and/or provide on-going maintenance. The Chairman thanked Mr Sutton for attending and providing consultation direct to residents attending.**

**6513 Apologies:** Cllrs. G Rowe, K. Roberts, Mrs. E. Bullock, Mrs P. Clayton

**6613 Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations

**6713 Adoption of Minutes:** Council agreed and adopted the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

**6813 Planning Matters:** There were no consultations to which Council raised any objections. Council noted non-material changes to a previous consultation.

**6913 Administrative Matters & Correspondence:**

- (a) The Clerk presented correspondence, which was available to Members, including the draft Community Structure Levy.
- (b) A tentative proposal to provide badges to Parish Councillors for the purpose of corporate identity when visiting advising, and interviewing residents was not proceeded with..
- (c) The Clerk gave a Newslink update, confirming delivery of the current issue during next ten to 14 days.
- (d) The Chairman confirmed the completion of the Parish Survey and Cllr Thorlby, who had provide the successful survey, gave a brief resume' of his analysis of the results.
- (e) An update from the Working Party investigating the opportunities for a Village Green at Broomhall Green, St Peters, indicated that the expectations were not particularly hopeful. Council resolved to continue to pursue this objective,

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## **7013 Friends of Power Park & Festival:**

Cllr. M Johnson, Chairman of the Friends of Power Park, gave a report on the successful Festival Sports day held in August on Power Park. He reported that, in spite of poor weather, several hundred children and adults enjoyed the day and participating organizations made modest profits. It was clear that a much larger team of dedicated organisers would be necessary if the event was to be repeated and that any consideration of a future event would require the strong backing of the Parish Council. To this end it was unanimously agreed that a working party would be formed to provide a 'blue-print' on which to plan any future event. Council approved payment of items of expenditure (see payment of accounts) having received a breakdown of outstanding costs and takings.

## **7113 Accounts, Financial Matters:**

- (a) Council agreed payment of accounts as presented at the meeting as follows:
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| Creative Spaces; web site hosting.....      | £125.00 |
| Shaw Loos, toilets Festival sports day..... | £168.00 |
| C Lauriello, DJ Festival sports day.....    | £100.00 |
| DCK Beavers, PAYE accounting.....           | £ 24.00 |
| HMRC, Paye deductions.....                  | £379.12 |
| ABC Print; Newslink print.....              | £815.00 |
| S. Lloyd-Rumens; format/edit Newslink.....  | £250.00 |
| Grant Thompson, annual audit.....           | £240.00 |
| P Thorlby, refund Survey Monkey costs.....  | £ 72.00 |
- (b) The Clerk reported a successful annual audit, conducted by Grant Thornton, with two non-audit recommendations for future guidance.

**7213 Report** The Chairman gave a verbal report in respect of recent decisions made by the City Council in connection with matter of land transfer adjacent to the Ketch Traffic Island and the County Council proposals for a redesigned traffic flow. It was agreed to await firm proposals from County and the outcome of other local development proposals before considering these issues further.

## **7313 Survey and Budget Consideration:**

Council agreed to form a working party and agreed a meeting date of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013 (working party members, venue, and time to be confirmed), for the purpose of considering the recent survey results and to make recommendations to assist Council in setting an annual budget accordingly, as well as conducting an annual review.

**7413 Date of Next Meeting:** Agreed date of next meeting Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013..