

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 25th November 2013 at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall, St Peters.

Present: Chairman; Cllr. R. McFarlane; **Cllrs;** Mrs. B. Wheeler, Mrs. P. Clayton, Mrs. E. Bullock, Messrs. M. Johnson, P. Thorlby,

In attendance; A. Booth, (Warden) City Cllr. R. Knight, Mr. D. McBride (SVHA)

8413 Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Cllrs Rowe, K. Roberts A. White- Bower, County Cllr. M. Bayliss.

8513 Declarations of Interest: No interests were declared. Cllr Mrs Wheeler submitted an application for dispensation because of a disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of future precept setting. This was retained for consideration at the next meeting.

8613 Adoption of Minutes: Council agreed and adopted the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 28th October 2013, having agreed to add words recording a declaration of interest made by Cllr.Thorlby in respect of the payment of accounts item dealt with at that meeting.

8713 Planning Matters: Council had received no new consultations requiring consideration, and no other planning matters arose.

8813 Administrative Matters & Correspondence:

- (a) The Clerk presented relevant correspondence which was available to Members, There were no outstanding administrative matters requiring attention.
- (b) Notice from County Council of a proposal to withdraw rural bus service grants which could seriously affect vital bus services serving St Peters was addressed by Council. Members ratified the urgent process already taken to deal with this issue which was the printing and production of 5000 flyer/leaflets, for delivery by the Newslink distributors, to the residents of St Peters and beyond. This would incur a cost of circa £165.00 to be funded from the Newslink budget.
- (c) Council received correspondence from St Peters Village Hall Association, and in view of the legal issues involved, Members unanimously resolved, following a formal proposal from Cllr Johnson and seconded the Chairman, to deal with this as an exempt item, and to defer the item to the end of the meeting, when the exclusion of the press and public would be more convenient..
- (d) The Clerk updated Council on the current issue of Newslink having to be increased in size to 48 pages, and explained the growing need to establish some maximum parameters for the growing size of the magazine. This was accepted by Council as a necessary measure to be taken in the coming year to prevent the production size and content becoming unmanageable
- (e) It was noted that the Parish Council survey results were included in the current issue of Newslink which would be taken fully into account in future budget and precept settings.

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8913 Warden's Report and Friends of Power Park :

Council received an environmental and maintenance report from the Warden and an update from the Friends of Power Park Chairman. Council noted the forthcoming FOPP meeting to ostensibly to consider any process by which more support for future events and development requirements could be met.

9013 Accounts, Financial Matters:

(a) Council agreed payment of accounts as presented at the meeting:

HMRC, PAYE deductions.....	£ 379.12
Dor 2 Dor, Newlink distribution.....	£ 550.00
Worcester City Council, Warden scheme.....	£3,600.00
ABC; print Newlink.....	£ 924.00
Rumservice, format Newlink.....	£ 325.00
DCK Beavers, PAYE admin.....	£ 24.00

(b) The Clerk reported that Parish Councils are advised by the County Association to defer formally setting any precept until the Minister's official statement on precepts is made known later in the year. No information had yet been received from the City Council in respect of any 'Benefits Grant' award to St Peters.

9113 Deferred Exempt Item; SPVHA:

In view of the correspondence received from St Peters Village Hall Association Members resolved to authorize the Chairman to respond with a letter, clearly setting out the Parish Council position. The Chairman immediately prepared a draft which Members agreed that he should send to the SPVHA by e-mail forthwith.

9213 Date of Next Meeting: Provisionally Monday 16th December 2013.

Signed.....Chairman

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