

# St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall, St Peters.

**Present:** Chairman; Cllrs. R. MacFarlane; Cllrs. M. Johnson, Mrs. B. Wheeler.

**Attending:** County Cllrs. M. Bayliss, City Cllr. R. Knight, A. Booth, (City Council Warden); D. Edgerton (Duckworth Trust),

**9313 Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs.

P. Thorlby, A. White-Bower, G. Rowe, Mrs. P. Clayton.

The Chairman, Councillors, and those attending, observed a full minute of silence to reflect on the death of Cllr. Ken Roberts and to mark the sad loss of a highly respected Councillor and a much loved friend.

**9413 Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest. Council approved a dispensation for Cllr. Mrs. Wheeler in respect of a disclosable pecuniary interest in future budget and precept setting. Request form attached to Minute Book.

**9513 Adoption of Minutes:** Council agreed and adopted the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

**9613 Planning Matters:**

There were no planning consultations.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman reported on a meeting they had attended, (together with the Clerk), with County Officers in respect of the Ketch traffic island plans, as well as the plans for the partial widening of Broomhall Way. The following was noted:

- (a) No plans or accurate dimensions had thus far been provided, making consultation with local residents and FOPP impracticable, if not impossible.
- (b) It was confirmed that the widening of Broomhall Way would stop short of the Norton traffic island.
- (c) County Highways had agreed to a request from the Clerk that all valuable trees and shrubs removed in the execution of the works would be carefully lifted and immediately replanted elsewhere on Power Park by the Contractors with their machinery, in close liaison with the Clerk and Wardens.
- (d) It had also been agreed that a child-deterrent fence would be installed along the Power Park boundary with Broomhall Way upon completion of the works for road safety reasons.
- (e) Further information and consultation in these respects would be provided by County Highways in due course.
- (f) The proposed Ketch traffic island drawings confirmed the re-aligned carriageways to be disappointingly near to the housing at that point. Promises of consultation and mitigation proposals with the affected property owners were received.
- (g) Acoustic fencing would include consultation with affected residents.
- (h) Flooding problems at Broomhall Green were drawn to the attention of County Highways, especially in respect of the culvert under Broomhall way at this point
- (i) It was noted that the Vice-Chairman was still attempting to deal with associated flooding problems near the Electricity sub-station on Power Park.

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## **9713 Administrative Matters & Correspondence:**

- (a) The Clerk presented all relevant correspondence which was freely available to Members, together with outstanding administrative matters requiring attention.
- (b) No further update on the County Council proposal to withdraw rural bus service grants had been received or any feed back in respect of local protests.
- (c) Council received and approved the final total of all the outstanding invoices owing to St Peters Village Hall Association. It was agreed that this must be subject to a SPVHA agreement for this to be in full and final settlement of the outstanding payment dispute. The Chairman agreed to liaise with SPVHA on this matter.
- (d) The Clerk updated Council in respect of the current issue of Newlink. No feedback from the Parish Survey report contained therein had been received.

## **9813 Warden's Report and Friends of Power Park :**

Members received a report from the Warden, together with an update from Cllr Johnson on the latest meeting of FOPP. The latest planting of trees had been completed. It was agreed advisable to defer any further planting until the dualling of Broomhall Way had been carried out. Playing Fields in trust plaques remained an outstanding item, but was continuing to be progressed. It was noted that the £3,000 allocation of funds remained unused. It was noted that a 'Festival Fun Day' had been provisionally planned for 19/20<sup>th</sup> of July 2014.

## **9913 Accounts, Financial Matters:**

- (a) Payment of one account received was agreed as follows:  
SPVHA; room hire charges to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013.....£762.00  
The Clerk informed Members that Councils are still 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. Members deferred setting the precept until all necessary information and Benefit Grant details are received from the City Council in respect of the anticipated 'Benefits Grant' award to St Peters.

**10013 Date of Next Meeting:** Date of the next meeting, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Signed.....Chairman

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