

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 31st March 2014 at 7.45pm** in the **Village Hall, St Peters**.

Present: Chairman, Ross MacFarlane; Cllrs: M. Johnson, I. Done, A. White-Bower, P. Thorlby. Mrs B. Wheeler.

Attending: County Cllr. M. Bayliss, City Cllrs. R. Knight, Aubrey Tarbuck, D, Edgerton (Duckworth Trust), a member of the public and the Press.

1814 Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs. P. Clayton, Mrs. E. Bullock. Mr. G. Rowe.

1914 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

2014 Adoption of Minutes: Council agreed and adopted the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24th February 2014.

2114 Planning Matters:

- (a) There were no consultations.
- (b) The Chairman and Vice Chairman provided a brief update in respect of the Ketch traffic island, the widening of Broomhall Way, and recent traffic congestion. The Vice Chairman had not been able to obtain any detailed
- (c) The St Modwen planning application for a cycle-way/footbridge over Broomhall Way and terminating in Power Park, raised concern in respect of the proposed position at the St Peters end of the bridge. Members received a verbal report from the Vice-Chairman who had been involved in on-site discussions with others looking at alternative design proposals.
- (d) Miller Homes had submitted a planning application in respect of Middle Battenhall Farm. Members agreed to consider the consultation details provided on the Web and to liaise with the Chairman by email to enable him to co-ordinate the Parish Council response for the Clerk to submit.
- (e) MHDC, had requested a local response to the Wellbeck Land proposals outlined in the previous SDWP consultation. Members generally agreed that the previous response that had been submitted was adequate and there were no further issues to raise.

2214 Administrative Matters & Correspondence:

- (a) The Clerk presented relevant correspondence which was available to Members, together with minor administrative matters.
- (b) It was agreed to invite two or three speakers to attend the Annual Parish Meeting. and that the Chairman and Members would liaise on selection before asking the Clerk to formally invite and confirm the arrangements
- (c) A brief Newslink update was provided by the Clerk.....**continued**

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- (d) Consideration of the current state of Parish signage raised concerns. Cllr. I. Done agreed to draft two letters. One letter to the owners of Abbotsbury Court in respect of the signage in and around Abbotsbury Court, and one letter to 'First Bus' in respect of the bad state of signage on the bus stops at Broomhall Green and Abbotsbury Court. The Clerk was asked to format e-mail letters and ensure delivery to the Companies concerned.

2314 Warden's Report and Friends of Power Park ;

Council received a report from the Warden, together with an update from Cllr Johnson, (Chairman of Friends of Power Park). This included a proposal to re-instate Litter Picking events which was agreed nem com. A litter picking event had been organised by the Parish Warden for Monday 14th April 2014. The Warden reported fly tipping and litter problems which were time consuming, but were being dealt with. The Vice-Chairman confirmed that the 19th July 2014 had been provisionally set for the Annual Festival, but this would be entirely dependent on volunteer input and adequate funding. He also stated that further consideration would be given to this at the next meeting of FOPP on April 14th to which all were invited to attend.

2414 Accounts, Financial Matters:

- (a) Council agreed payment of accounts presented to the meeting as follows:
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| Worcester City Council; Power Park Plaques..... | £1108.80 |
| Rumservice, Newslink format..... | £ 250.00 |
| Clerk, refund refreshment provision for A Coleman visit..... | £ 7.50 |
| Worcester Commnity Trust, Hall hire..... | £ 30.00 |
| ABC Print; Newslink printing..... | £ 815.00 |
| DCK Beavers, PAYE Admin..... | £ 24.00 |
- (b) The Chairman confirmed that he was currently progressing a new Parish Council banking account because of the risk to the Council's current account from the Co-operative Bank crisis. This could not be done by the Clerk because Parish Clerks are barred from being a signatory to Parish Council cheques by Government edict. More recently Banks had begun to refuse to allow a non-signatories to open a new account. St Peters Parish Council signatory Members had provided the necessary information, but further requirements by the Bank were awaited.
- (c) The Clerk informed Council that he had received notification that the District Audit date had been set for June 16th 2014 and that End of Year Accounts were almost ready for submission to the Internal Auditor, prior to being made available to Council for final approval.

2514 Date of Next Meeting: The Council agreed the date of next meeting to be 28th April 2014.

Signed.....Chairman

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