

# St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014 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. P. Thorlby, I. Done, G. Rowe.

**In Attendance:** County Cllr. M. Bayliss, City Cllr. R. Knight, Warden. A. Booth, D.Edgerton, (Duckworth Trust). One member of the public and the Press.

## **2614 Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. M. Johnson and A. White-Bower.

## **2714 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations.

## **2814 Adoption of Minutes:**

Council unanimously agreed and adopted the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

## **2914 Planning Matters:**

- (a) Members resolved to register objections against a TESCO planning application for a 'pod' extension at the St Peter's store. The proposal being to provide a Dry Cleaning and Key Cutting service shop, Cllr. Mrs. Clayton agreed to draft objections for the Clerk to submit to the City Council planners. The Clerk had not received any formal consultation documentation and had only recently become aware of the proposal from City Councillor R. Knight.
- (b) The Chairman provided a brief update in respect of Local Development Planning issues including local road alterations.
- (c) There were no further updates available in respect of Rights of Way (Pedways), the proposed St Modwen pedestrian/cycle-way bridge, the Village Green, Larkspur Play area or Falcon Play area. County Cllr. M. Bayliss confirmed that he would be taking up Parish Council queries regarding Pedways and the status thereof...

## **3014 Administrative Matters & Correspondence:**

- (a) The Clerk presented all relevant correspondence, which was available to Members.
- (b) Newslink update indicated that the current issue had been delivered. The Clerk confirmed that he would be meeting with the Newslink editor (Mrs. .S. Lloyd-Rumens) on Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> and invited Members to attend.
- (c) Local signage and bus shelter issues at Abbotsbury Court were currently being addressed by the City Council (Mrs. S. Wood) and Council agreed to accept the option provided to remove the dilapidated notice board and litter sign. Councillors noted that the City Council had already begun a process of refurbishing the bus shelter. The Clerk confirmed that Paul White Associates were currently planning a refurbishment of their frontage.

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## **3114 Warden's Report and Friends of Power Park;**

Council received a full verbal report from the Warden and written details of the preceding month's work carried out, together with an update on Friends of Power Park activities. It was emphasised that a Festival could only be provided by the provision of funding and an active team of volunteer. Currently the response had been very disappointing.

## **3214 Accounts, Financial Matters:**

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

CALC, training fee.....	£ 30.00
CALC, annual membership subscriptions.....	£854.62
Dor 2 Dor, Newslink distribution.....	£275.00
Worcester Community Trust, Hall hire.....	£ 82.50

(b) Festival proposals were received from the Warden.

(c) The Chairman confirmed that he was progressing the provision of additional banking arrangements.

(d) Confirmation of submission of End of Year Accounts to Internal Auditor was provided by the Clerk..

(e) Members agreed to consider giving a grant to the Duckworth Trust in the near future (amount to be decided), to enable replacement clothing suitable for summer time use to be obtained by Mr. D. Edgerton,

(f) Council was fully updated in respect of the confusion regarding the recent precept and the Parish Council share of the Council Tax Support Grant provided by Central Government to the City Council and passed on to the Parish Council by the City Council. It was agreed that in future the precept could be set at a lower level, always providing such grants were notified and confirmed by the City Council prior to budget and precept setting. Members unanimously agreed to transfer the current year Parish Council share of the Council Tax Support Grant provided by Central Government to the City Council and passed on to the Parish Council by the City Council into Parish Council reserves.

(g) Council resolved to adopt the revised Financial Regulations. Council appreciated the work of Councillor P. Thorlby for his work in producing the revised document.

**3314 Date of Next Meeting:** Council agreed to invite speakers for the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings to be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7pm. A proposal from the Chairman to obtain a banner at best value to publicise the meetings was agreed nem. com. The Clerk was asked to facilitate the provision and arrange for display in liaison with the Chairman.

Signed.....Chairman

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