

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 29th September 2014 at 8.15pm** in the **Village Hall, St Peters**.

Present: Chairman; Cllr, P. Thorlby; Cllrs: Mrs B. Wheeler, Mrs P. Clayton, Mrs. E. Bullock, Cllrs; Messrs. G. Rowe, A. White-Bower, I. Done, M. Johnson.

Attending: City Cllr. R. Knight; Press Reporter.

At this point the Chairman called for a minute of silence to reflect on the death of Mr. Donald Anderton, first Chairman of St Peters Parish Council (previously St Peters Residents Association) and first Chairman of the St Peters Village Hall Association. The meeting began after one minute.

5714 Apologies for Absence: County Cllr. M. Bayliss apologies were noted.

A request for leave of absence was received from Cllr. R. McFarlane. Members agreed to accept the request as apologies for the September, October, November meetings following a proposal from Cllr. Mrs Wheeler, seconded by Cllr. Rowe. The Clerk explained to Members that Cllr MacFarlane would be automatically disqualified as a Councillor if he had not attended any meetings, up to and including the November 2014 meeting, in compliance with the six months absence rule. Council requested the Clerk to inform Cllr McFarlane accordingly.

5814 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

5914 Adoption of Minutes: Council agreed and adopted the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 28th July 2014.

6014 Planning Matters:

- (a) No new consultations had been received, other than the County Council's bridleway bridge proposals as per item (c) below. The Chairman distributed copies of the first brochure in respect of a proposed 'Parkway Station' at Norton to all present. Surplus copies were passed to the Clerk for distribution.
- (b) There was an unofficial update in respect of the SWDP that a number of homes were now proposed for the land within the Parish on the Southern side of Broomhall Way, adjacent to the Ketch traffic island. Members were aware that consultation in respect of the proposed modifications to the SWDP would begin on 6th October 2014 and responses were necessary. **Nb.** Details of a briefing at the City Council had only this day been received and circulated to all Members by the Clerk via e-mail.
- (c) There was no further update available in respect of the proposed St Modwen pedestrian/cycle-way bridge or development, However, the Chairman and Vice Chairman had drafted a letter of response in respect of the recently proposed bridleway bridge on Crookbarrow Way which the Clerk had submitted to County on 25th September by e-mail and this had been acknowledged.

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6114 Administrative Matters & Correspondence:

- (a) The Clerk presented a letter of caution regarding the signing-in process by authorised Councillors to the Council's Co-operative Bank account.
- (b) The current issue of Newslink was reported as almost ready for distribution.
- (c) Council addressed representation on SPVHA, following Cllr. Johnson reporting that he had been invited by SPVHA to join the management committee. Members raised no objection to Cllr Johnson accepting the invitation as a resident of St Peters, but it was implicit in that it would not constitute any 'Parish Council elected representative' position, requiring declarations of interest from time to time and whenever necessary.
- (d) Initial consideration of the recruitment of an Assistant Clerk was confirmed as being prepared for by the Chairman, and would receive more consideration in the Budget setting process.
- (e) Consideration of an enhanced Warden scheme for year 2015/2016 was briefly confirmed by the Chairman to be included in the Budget setting process.
- (f) Council considered and adopted the pre-circulated proposed amendment to the Standing Orders in respect of the recent Government legalisation of recording and filming of Council meetings and as reviewed by the Chairman..

6214 Warden's Report and Friends of Power Park:

- (a) Cllr. Johnson, (Chairman of Friends of Power Park) gave an update on recent Power Park maintenance, together with a report in respect of St Peters warden estate maintenance including FOPP proposed activities and projected costs. Cllr Mrs. B, Wheeler outlined initial proposals for a St Peters Festival in the summer of 2015 and confirmed that she was obtaining participation interest from several sources, as well as beginning to project likely costs.

6314 Accounts, Financial Matters:

- (a) Payment of accounts presented at the meeting were agreed for payment as follows:

Creative Spaces, web site maintenance.....	£ 110.00
Dor 2 Dor, Newslink distribution pvs issue.....	£ 275.00
HMRC, PAYE deductions 2 nd Qtr.....	£ 371.41
DCK Beavers, PAYE admin.....	£ 24.00
Dor 2 Dor, Newslink distribution, current issue.....	£ 275.00
Worcester City Council Warden, 1 st half year.....	£3,600.00
Rumservice, print Newslink.....	£ 250.00
ABC Print, Newslink.....	£ 815.00
Clerks & Councils Direct, subscriptions.....	£ 24.00
- (b) Consideration of Council banking arrangements was deferred to a future meeting.
- (c) Progress on a proposal to pursue the need for LED lighting at the pedestrian crossing beacon at Old Norton Road on St Peters Drive was provided by Cllr Mrs Wheeler who presented several alternatives to the LED lighting as well as costs. The Clerk was asked to obtain advice and and likely support from County Highways to enable the Parish Council to provide such alternatives.
- (d) It was reported that Abbotsbury signage had been officially confirmed as being on City Council land and removal arrangements by the City Council were in hand.

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This process was held up temporarily because the source of the underground electricity supply was yet to be established.

6414 Date of Next Meeting: Confirmed as Monday 27th October 2014 at 7.45pm.
Prior to this a Budget Working Group Meeting was agreed for Wednesday 16th October 2014 at 7.30pm at the Ketch.

Signed.....Chairman

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