

# St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.45pm** in the **Village Hall, St Peters**.

**Present;** Chairman, Cllr. P. Thorlby, Cllrs; Mrs. B. Wheeler, M. Johnson.

**Attending;** County Cllr. M. Bayliss, City Cllr. R. Knight. Member of the Press.  
Mr. A. Jarman (Newslink Advertising Agent).

**6514 Apologies for Absence:** Council formally received apologies for absence from Cllrs. R. McFarlane, I. Done, G Rowe, Mrs. P. Clayton. A, White-Bower Mrs. E. Bullock.

**6614 Declarations of Interest:** No interests were declared.

**6714 Adoption of Minutes:** Council agreed and adopted the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

**6814 Planning Matters:**

- (a) No new consultations had been received.
- (b) There was no relevant update in respect of the SWDP or road alterations.
- (c) Councillor I. Done agreed to prepare a draft response to the current SWDP (modifications) consultation and submit to the Clerk for Council approval.
- (d) No further information of any substance was available in respect of the proposed St Modwen pedestrian/cycle-way bridge or development, or in respect of the proposed bridleway bridge on Crookbarrow Way.

**6914 Administrative Matters & Correspondence:**

- (a) The Clerk presented all relevant correspondence, and provided a brief Newslink update. At this point the Chairman invited Mr. Jarman (Newslink Team Advertising Agent) to address Council in respect of the current advertising demand and rates as well as a downturn in revenue. The current process and difficulties were explained and several options currently being considered by the Newslink team to improve the financial balance was outlined. The Chairman thanked Mr. Jarman for his attendance and his work.
- (b) The Clerk provided Council with the latest position in respect of rot appearing in some of the timber of Play Area 51. He confirmed that rectification was being negotiated via the Architect Charles Potterton under the warranty terms and had reason to believe that an acceptable process would be found.
- (c) It was confirmed that the process of planning for the recruitment of an Assistant Clerk during the next financial year (April 2015) would continue.

**7014 Estate Maintenance Report and Friends of Power Park Report:**

- (a) Cllr. Johnson, (Chairman of Friends of Power Park) updated Members on progress including the resignation of the Warndon Warden, (Trevor Pond). A temporary replacement had already been made subject to a full replacement for April 2015. Bulb planting activities were explained as well as the increased bund height and hedge planting yet to be agreed. **Continued.....**

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## 7014 (a) continued:

Duck Brook and the proposed Environmental Agency enhancement works were explained by Cllr. Johnson and briefly discussed.

- (b) Various activities and projected costs for a St Peter's Festival were updated by Councilor Mrs. Wheeler. Council were aware that the involvement of the Parish Warden was vital to the event and that Cllr. Mrs. Wheeler would be away for the month preceding the Festival.

## 7114 Accounts, Financial Matters:

- (a) There were no accounts received for payment. A single payment of £6.38 refund to the Clerk in respect of refreshments purchased for a tri-partite meeting was agreed.
- (b) Council received tentative recommendations and tentative figures from a Budget Working Group which met on 16th October 2014. After consideration of the half year budget report and forecast and to acknowledge carry forward from previous years relating to support for St Peters Parks, the Council decided to adopt the proposed revised budget headings for the remainder of the current financial year. Planned expenditure against the original budget has decreased slightly and the new total planned expenditure has increased slightly to reflect the carry forward. The Chairman agreed to post the updated budget headings on the web site.
- (c) Council considered a provisional broad-brush outline budget based on an extensive 'wish-list' of items to be finally considered for funding during the next financial year 2015/2016 (so far as financial restrictions would permit). The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs. Wheeler, that the recommended headings and allocations be adopted as a basis for further consideration at the December 2014 meeting and final consideration at the January 2015 meeting. Decisions in respect of these proposals were agreed to be made to accommodate Government guidance on any 'capping' process proposals as well as City Council grant information when made available.
- (d) The Clerk presented a response from County Highways in respect of a Parish Council proposal to obtain additional warning signs for the pedestrian crossing beacon at Old Norton Road on St Peters Drive, confirming that any installation of signage would require the specific consent of County Highways Officers. There was no proposal made to pursue this matter further.  
The Abbotsbury Court signage removal was now about to proceed now that the electric supply source problems had been solved.

7214 Date of Next Meeting: Council agreed the date of next meeting to be Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.45pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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