St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5th January 2014 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.

Present: Chairman; Cllr. P. Thorlby, Cllrs M. Johnson, Mrs. P Clayton.

Mrs. B. Wheeler, G. Rowe, I. Done.

Attending: Press.

- **O115** <u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr. E Bullock. R. McFarlane, A. White-Bower. County Cllr. M. Bayliss, City Cllr. R. Knight.
- **O215** <u>Declarations of Interest:</u> Cllr M. Johnson declared an interest in respect of his position as a member of the City Council Planning committee, although there were no planning consultation items requiring a decision under agenda items 0415a and 0415d.
- **O315** Adoption of Minutes: Council agreed and adopted the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24th November 2014.

0415 Planning Matters:

- (a) There were no new consultations received. Council ratified the consultation response already submitted in respect of 103 new dwellings proposed for the Ketch Field (Application Number: P14L0266)
- (b) There was no update in respect of SWDP planning issues. Cllr Johnson gave a brief update in respect of the current local road alterations.
- (c) No further information was available in respect of the pedestrian/cycle-way bridge proposed for Broomhall Way or the St Modwen development.
- (d) Members agreed to delegate providing a response in respect of Middle Battenhall Farm (Application Number P13B0632) to the Clerk in consultation and liaison with the Chairman. It was noted that the response would be late but agreed as acceptable by the City Council.
- (e) A consultative letter from the County Council in respect of changes to the existing bridleway as a result of the agreed new bridleway bridge over Crookbarrow Way was considered. In view of the fact that a substantial part of this bridleway is within the Whittington Parish, the Clerk was asked to invite Whittington Parish Council to meet and exchange views and maybe agree a common response.

0515 Administrative Matters & Correspondence:

- (a) The Clerk presented all relevant correspondence.
- (b) No further information or update was available in respect of Area 51 repairs or the inspection/repair processes. It was unanimously agreed to address this item further at the next meeting.
- (c) The Clerk agreed to convene a meeting of the Chairman and Rumservice in respect of Newslink advertising and future sustainability because of the imminent retirement of Mr A. Jarman, the current advertising agent.

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0615 Accounts, Financial Matters:

- (a) Council agreed payment of an account presented as follows:

 Worcester Community Trust, Hall hire....£37.50
- (b) The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr. Mrs Wheeler, that the Internal Auditor's advice regarding the Parish Council reserves/provisions and carry-forward of underspends/over-spends be adopted and followed from the finalisation of the annual accounts for the year 2014/15.
- (c) Councillors addressed a Draft Budget (previously circulated to Members by E-mail) and provisionally agreed a precept of circa 2% for the financial year 2015/2016 subject to a final decision at the next meeting (January 26th 2013) when details of the City Council Housing Benefit award, base rate and the latest Central Government guidance on precept increases would be available.

0715 Friends of Power Park Report;

(a) Council received verbal updates in respect of Power Park and the 2015 Festival proposed activities, together with the latest projected costs and arrangements with the City Council's Sixways staff. An initial estimate of one man/day per month at £14 per hour, up to and including the day of the Festival, had been received from Warwick Neil. This was unanimously agreed to be acceptable following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs Wheeler, seconded by Cllr. Johnson.

The Clerk was asked to make arrangements for a separate banking facility for the Festival event, and to confirm with County Cllr. M. Bayliss the likely amount of supportive funding he would provide from his allowance.

0815	Date of Next Meeting :	Agreed date: Monday 26	oth January 2015 at 7.45pm.
	Signed	Chairman	Date