

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 26th January 2015 at 7.45pm** in the **Village Hall, St Peters.**

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

In Attendance; A member of the public and the Press.

0915 Apologies for Absence: Council formally received apologies for absence from Cllrs. M. Johnson, Mrs. E. Bullock, I. Done, R. McFarlane, City Cllr. R. Knight, County Cllr. M. Bayliss.

1015 Declarations of Interest: Members did not declare any interests. The Clerk confirmed that dispensations in respect of setting a budget and precept were extant for all Members of this Council resident within the Parish boundary. Copies attached to the Minute book

1115 Adoption of Minutes: Council agreed and adopted the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th January 2015.

1215 Planning Matters:

- (a) Council resolved to ratify the consultation response already submitted by the Clerk in respect of Middle Battenhall Farm (Application Number P13B0632), which had already been circulated to Members by e-mail.
- (b) Consultation in respect P14L0519 - 7 Foxglove Road had been agreed by Members previously via e-mail as requiring no objections.
- (c) There was no further information available in respect of the proposed St Modwen pedestrian/cycle-way bridge or development.
- (d) 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. A response from Whittington Parish Council in reply to a recent invitation from this Council for joint consultation had been received, confirming that they had already agreed to make no objection. Members agreed nem com to raise no objection at this stage but to emphasise the need to downgrade the length of existing bridleway to be diverted and the relevant lengths of the existing footpath to be upgraded accordingly. A copy of the map clearly showing the changes to be requested.

1315 Administrative Matters & Correspondence:

- (a) The Clerk presented all relevant correspondence and a Newslink update was provided by the Chairman.
- (b) The Clerk provided an update in respect of Area 51, as well as the inspection/repair process provided by Worcester City Council. Members noted that the replacement of some rotting timber was about to be carried out.

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1315 continued:

- (c) Councillor Mrs. Wheeler proposed that Council should consider responding to residents' concerns about the use of double-decker buses along St. Peter's Drive, due to the unique layout of properties on St. Peter's, by writing to the bus operating company to request that double-decker buses are not scheduled for this bus route Details had already been circulated. Members agreed that a letter be sent to 'First Bus' seeking their consideration in respect of the loss of privacy by residents along St Peters Drive. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Cllr. Mrs Wheeler in submitting a suitable letter.

1415 Accounts, Financial Matters:

- (a) Payment of an account received and presented was agreed for payment:
Rumservice, Newslink formatting.....£250.00
- (b) Council unanimously approved a budget of £44,214. The detail sheet accordingly attached to the minute book. The budget proposal by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr G. Rowe, was agreed to form the basis for the setting of the annual precept for the financial year 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 at £35,507: supported by a transfer from current reserves of £7,714 and 'parish council grant' from Worcester City Council (related to central government arrangements for payment of Council Tax benefit) of £993 as confirmed by the City Council in their letter of 26th January 2015, reference: LMCTB2015-16.
- (c) Following the Chairman's proposal, seconded by Cllr. G. Rowe, Council resolved to set the Annual Precept for 2015/2016 at £35,507.
- (d) Following a proposal by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Mrs Wheeler, Council approved the vacancy for the post of Assistant Clerk advertisement & recruitment timetable as previously circulated to all Councillors via e-mail. The closing date for applications was agreed as 28th February 2015, with an anticipated April start date for the post of the Assistant Clerk if possible. A cost effective advertising process, to be effected forthwith by the Clerk, was agreed

1515 Friends of Power Park and Warden's Report:

Cllr. Mrs Wheeler (FOPP) reported the progress on proposed activities, together with outline projected costs and arrangements for St Peter's Festival 2015. The Clerk provided Members with the monthly Warden report. Minor details were briefly discussed and the report was formally received

1615 Date of Next Meeting:

- (a) Confirmed date: Monday February 23rd 2015 at 7.45pm.
- (b) Members agreed to give thought to the forthcoming elections and the Annual Meetings.

Signed.....Chairman

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