

# St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday June 29th 2015 at 8.15pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.

**Present:** Chairman Cllr Mr. P. Thorlby, Cllrs. Mrs. B. Wheeler, Mr. R. Walker, Mr. M. Johnson, Mrs. P. Clayton. Mr. A. Tidy,

**Attending:** City Cllr. Mr. R. Knight, Mr. D. Edgerton (Duckworth Trust) and a press representative.

## **5615 Apologies for Absence:**

Council received an apology from County Cllr. Mr. M. Bayliss.

## **5715 Declarations of Interest:**

(a) There were no declarations of interest.

(b) Council were asked to consider co-opting two new Councillors. Two self-nominated co-optees, who had already notified the Clerk of their willingness to serve as a Councillor for the current electoral period, were in attendance. Details of the nominees were provided and Council unanimously resolved to co-opt the following qualified electors as Councillors:

Mr Alan Tucker, 27 Tiree Avenue, St Peters.

Mr Terry Widdows, 8 Roach Close, St Peters.

Both co-opted Councillors then signed the obligatory Acceptance of Office. In addition, informative books and publications were provided to the new Councillors. The Chairman and Council welcomed them to the Council table. The Clerk informed them that the Register of Declarable Interests forms would be sent to them for completion.

## **5815 Adoption of Minutes:**

The Council agreed and the Chairman duly signed the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18th May 2015.

## **5915 Planning Matters:**

- (a) Council agreed to address issues arising as a result of meeting with Mr. D. Rudge of MHDC Planning Section at the July 2015 Parish Council meeting.
- (b) Council had been updated regarding the proposed St Modwen pedestrian/cycle-way bridge and development, prior to the meeting by Mr. D. Rudge of MHDC Planning Section.
- (c) City Cllr. Mr. R. Knight updated Councillors on latest developments regarding the SWDP, including a communication with the City Council Community Engagement Team Manager (Warwick Neale) regarding the Broomhall Way improvements and the on-going development of the road bund.
- (d) Council were informed that the previously notified Crookbarrow Way Bridleway changes had been declared void, pending preparation of new proposals.

## **5915 Administrative Matters & Correspondence:**

- (a) Council were informed that the insurance policy for St Peter's Parish Council had been renewed and was now active incorporating a new clause to permit fortnightly inspections of the Area 51 play equipment.
- (b) Council noted receipt of the latest Area 51 report. It was agreed this report would also be circulated to all new members.

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## **5915 Continued:**

- (c) The Chairman sought and received approval to form a working group meeting to agree recommendations for appointing portfolio holders for the current year and to submit those recommendations to the next meeting of the Council
- (d) Council confirmed training arrangements already made for the last Monday in July, September, October and November at 7pm prior to the start of the Parish Council meeting.

## **6015 Adjournment for Public Participation:**

Mr. D. Edgerton of the Duckworth Trust informed Council of some matters of concern in respect of litter overflowing litter bins and related matters. These were noted for action by the Assistant Clerk.

## **6115 Accounts, Financial Matters:**

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

Wave Form festival PA hire.....	£ 275.00
Big Bash Ltd, festival Amusements.....	£450.00
Crazy Golf festival.....	£160.00
DCK Beavers, payroll admin.....	£ 30.00
HMRC, PAYE deductions.....	£474.43
P.Middlebrough, internal audit fee.....	£325.00
CALC, publications for new Members.....	£ 39.00
Dor 2 Dor, Newslink distribution.....	£275.00
ABC Print, Newslink, production.....	£815.00
S. Lloyd-Rumens, Newslink format.....	£250.00
Buston Avelanche, festival.....	£235.00
Jedd the Jester, festival.....	£325.00
Daisy Face Painting, festival.....	£160.00
CALC, publications new Members.....	£ 13.00
Shaw Loos, festival.....	£222.00
- (b) The Chairman received and signed the Annual Return for the year 2014/2015, which was subsequently co-signed by the Responsible Financial Officer. The document was then agreed for return to the District Auditor. The Chairman thanked the Responsible Financial Officer for another successful Return.
- (c) Council formally received a letter from St Peters Village Hall Association requesting financial assistance. Council duly agreed that the Chairman should write to Worcester City Council to obtain relevant information, so that the Parish Council would be properly informed when considering the issues raised. The Chairman requested the Clerk respond accordingly to SPVHA.

## **6215 Friends of Power Park and Local Environmental Report:**

- (a) An e-mail report from St. Peter's Warden had been previously circulated to Members. The Chairman requested that the recent good work of the Wardens be recognised and that such formal appreciations from the Council be recorded.
- (b) An initial report on the St Peter's Festival 2015 was presented by Cllr. Mrs. B. Wheeler and the Assistant Clerk. The initial report concluded that the event had been a success, attracting over 700 people to Power Park on the day.

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**6215 (b) Continued:**

The Chairman formally thanked event organisers Cllrs. Mrs. B. Wheeler, Mr. M. Johnson, and Worcester City Council staff, Parish Warden Mr. A. Booth and Mrs. M. Newell. A full report to be prepared and delivered to Councillors at the July Parish Council meeting.

**6315 Date of Next Meeting:**

- (a) Proposed date, Monday 27th July 2015.
- (b) A Working Group of all Councillors to meet and make recommendations to full Council in respect of Portfolios was agreed.
  
- (b) At this point Cllr.M Johnson reminded the Council of his intent to resign as a Parish Councillor because his workload as a City Councillor was becoming increasingly demanding, thus preventing him from giving his full commitment to the Parish Council. The Chairman and Councillors expressed their sadness and paid tribute to his constant hard work on behalf of the community and Friends of St Peters Parks. Cllr. Johnson to submit a written declaration of resignation in due course, when the Clerk would begin a Casual Vacancy process.

Signed.....Chairman

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