

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 26th October 2015 at 8.15 pm** in the **Village Hall, St Peters**, following a training session prior to the Council Meeting.

Present: Acting Chairman Cllr. Mrs. P. Clayton, Cllrs. Mrs. B. Wheeler, Mr. R. Walker, Mr. A. Tucker, Mr. G. Rowe, Mr. T. Widdows, Mr. J. Kemp.

Attending: City Cllr. Mr. R. Knight, County Cllr. Mr. M. Bayliss, Mr. D. Edgerton (Duckworth Worcestershire Trust) and a Press reporter.

8215 Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest: Council received an apology from Chairman Cllr Mr. P. Thorlby and Cllr. Mr. A. Tidy.

8315 Adoption of Minutes: Council **agreed** and adopted the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 28th September 2015.

8415 Public Session

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow for public participation. County Cllr. Mr. M. Bayliss updated members on current County Council matters, including potential resurfacing of essential parts of St Peter's Drive in 2016 and the next phase of the dualing of the A4440. City Councillor Mr. R. Knight reported on a recent successful Mayoral visit to Worcester's twinned Town, Kleve, Germany. Mr. Alan Jarman, current Newslink advertising manager, expressed concerns regarding the future of the publication if no suitable replacement is found following his imminent retirement in the New Year.

8515 Planning Matters:

(a) Council **considered** planning application P15L0355, alteration to Western Power Distribution Electricity Substation. No concerns were raised.

(b) The Clerk presented an SWDP flier and reminded Members of the current consultation opportunity on the Main Modifications to the Submitted South Worcestershire Development Plan (2006-2030). It was stressed that the period for responses was from Friday 9th October 2014 to Friday 20th November 2015 and any responses could be made via the Clerk.

8615 Administrative Matters & Correspondence:

(a) Council **noted** the Annual General Meeting of Worcestershire CALC to be held in the Council chamber at County Hall, Worcester, on Wednesday 25th November 2015 at 7pm.

(b) Council **agreed** unanimously to accept the Chairman's proposal to accept the offer from Glenn Walker to produce the next 2 issues of Newslink on the same basis as Sarah Lloyd-Rumens. The Parish Council noted that Glenn works for ABC Print who currently print Newslink. Glenn would undertake this assignment on a personal basis, unconnected to ABC Print, and using his own private facilities (he has verbally confirmed that he has all the necessary computer facilities). He will have no say in who prints the magazine,

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which remains for the Parish Council to decide, and in taking on this role the Parish Council is making no comment or commitment regarding any future choice of a Printing Facilities provider. The Chairman also thanked Sarah Lloyd-Rumens for her tenure editing and producing the magazine and wished her well in the future.

(c) No update was available regarding community facilities.

8715 Warden's Report and Friends of St Peter's Parks:

(a) Council had not received a report from Worcester City Cleaner and Greener. In respect of the local environment and St Peter's parks issues, the Assistant Clerk briefed members on latest developments including the newly launched 'Poo Watch' campaign aiming to reduce dog foul in Worcester.

(b) With regard to Area 51, Council unanimously **agreed** to accept the proposal of the Chairman to accept Cllr. Mr. A. Tidy's recommendation (previously circulated to members via email) to fund an 'investigative excavation' at a cost of approximately £250, following the City Council play park inspector's recommendation.

8815 Accounts, Financial Matters:

(a) Council **agreed** payment of accounts received and presented as follows:

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| HMRC deductions..... | £120.80 |
| WCALC..... | £82.00 |
| ABC Print, Newslink..... | £815.00 |
| Creative Spaces..... | £125.00 |
| Rum Service, Newslink..... | £250.00 |

(b) Council formally received the St Peter's Festival amended final financial statement and **agreed** the statement for inclusion in the Parish Council accounts and audit process.

(c) Council unanimously **agreed** to put the £1.5k festival surplus aside to fund future community events and create a new provision in the budget for this purpose.

(d) Council **noted** the recommendation of the budget working party, (Cllr Kemp, Cllr Tidy and the Chairman) held on 15th October, in respect of a budget for the financial year 2016/2017, including provisional precept level.

8915 Improvement and Enhancement (St Peter's Parks).

(a) Council unanimously **agreed** to support Cllr. Mr. A. Tidy's request (previously circulated via email) for Council's full support for enhancement of St Peter's Parks in conjunction with the Parish Warden, details as follows:

1. Edging Boards for beds round Park Signs = £50
2. Wildflower Seeds (for Hedgerow and Woodlands) = £100 (500g of seeds)
3. Other Wild Seed Planting = £85 (400g of seeds)
4. Replacement Eyes Daisies for verges opposite Ketch pub = £45 (400g of seeds)
5. Fruit Trees for Community Orchard in Power Park (8 trees) = £150

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6. Bulb Planting (Crocus and Daffodils – 4000 bulbs) = £200
7. Gabion Basket and associated works for the raised Power Park Manhole cover = £180 Grand Total: £810

(b) Council unanimously **agreed** the expenditure of £160 for the renovation of an old bin to be used as a parish-badged litter bin and authorised Cllr. Mr. A. Tidy (Chairman of Friends of St Peters Parks Advisory Group) to make these purchases in conjunction with the Parish Warden.

9015 Date of Next Meeting:

Confirmed as Monday 30th November 2015 at 8:15pm, preceded by the fourth WCALC provided training session commencing at 7.00 pm

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