

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 30th November 2015 at 8.15 pm** in the **Village Hall, St Peters**, following a training session prior to the Council Meeting.

Present: Chairman Cllr. Mr. P. Thorlby, Cllrs. Mrs. B. Wheeler, Mr. R. Walker, Mr. J. Kemp, Mr. A. Tidy,

Attending: Members of the public and a Press reporter.

9115 Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:

Council received an apology from Cllr. Mrs. P. Clayton, Mr. A. Tucker, Mr. G. Rowe, and Mr. T. Widdows.

9215 Adoption of Minutes:

Council **agreed** and adopted the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26th October 2015.

The meeting was then adjourned for **Public Participation**, during which time there was a presentation by the management team for the Poo Watch campaign to demonstrate how to use the recently launched Poo Watch web app.

9315 Planning Matters:

(a) No new consultations had been received.

(b) Council had not received any updated information in respect of SWDP.

9415 Administrative Matters & Correspondence:

(a) The Clerk presented recent correspondence including:

(i) Reported delays to the proposed Bridleway crossing of the A4440 Crookbarrow Way due to objections received.

(ii) A review of proceedings at the recent Worcestershire CALC AGM.

(iii) News that a price has been received from the County Council for alterations to the lighting at the Norton Pedway pedestrian crossing on St Peter's Drive.

(b) The Clerk gave an update regarding the December edition of Newslink soon to be distributed. The Chairman reported that there was no change to the Newslink situation. The current issue was on track for publication according to plan. The trial arrangement with the current editor would be reviewed in the New Year and a vacancy still exists to replace the advertising manager who intends to step down in March 2016.

(c) Council unanimously agreed to **accept** the proposal by the Chairman to update the Cllr portfolio to include the recently co-opted Cllr. Mr. J. Kemp.

9515 Warden's Report, Friends of St Peter's Parks and Enhancement work:

(a) An e-mail report from St. Peter's Warden had been previously circulated to Members. Cllr. Mr. A. Tidy gave a brief update of recent Warden/volunteer activities in the parks including installation of QE2 signage in Power Park, planting of Oak and Hazel trees in Battenhall Park and the creation of a Facebook page for the Friends of St Peter's Parks Group.

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(b) Cllr. Mr. A. Tidy updated members on the ongoing issues at the Area 51 Play Area. Council had received a quote for £595 to complete an 'investigative excavation'. Although this was more than the approximate figure of £250 as referenced by the City Council play park inspector's recommendation, due to immediate safety concerns, Cllr. Mr. A. Tidy proposed that Council fund this work as soon as possible. Council duly voted and **agreed** to Cllr. Mr. A. Tidy's proposal.

9615 St Peter's Festival 2016:

Council received an update from Cllr. Mrs. B. Wheeler including information from the recent Festival working party meeting and plans for attractions at the 2016 Festival.

9715 Accounts and Financial Matters:

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

HMRC deductions.....	£120.60
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WCALC Training for Councillors.....	£318.90
Mr. G. Walker, Newslink.....	£250.00
DCK Beavers, Payroll Admin.....	£ 24.00

(b) No Update was available regarding City Council proposals for the Housing Benefits Grant.

(c) Council considered and unanimously **accepted** the Chairman's motion to provide £100 to enable the Clerks to seek Foundation Status for St Peter's Parish Council as per the previously circulated Foundation Status Scheme document.

9815 Councillor Reports and items for future agenda:

Council requested an agenda item for the next meeting regarding the Precept to be submitted to the City Council.

9915 Date of Next Meeting:

Confirmed as Monday 4th January 2016 at 7:45pm, St Peter's Village Hall.