

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 27th June 2016 at 8:15pm** in the **Village Hall, St Peters**. Prior to the Parish Council meeting, Worcestershire County Council representatives attended an open public session, as organised by St Peter's Parish Council, to provide up-to-date information regarding the on-going roadworks on the A4440. Members joined the Chairman in thanking the County Council representatives for taking the time to attend and for providing valuable advice and information.

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

Attending: City Cllrs. Mr. M. Johnson, Mr. R. Knight, County Cllr. Mr. M. Bayliss, members of the public and the press.

3016 Apologies for Absence: Council received an apology from Cllrs; Mr. P. Thorlby and Mr. T. Widdows.

3116 Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Mr. J. Kemp declared an interest in planning application P16L0316, the relevant detail was duly recorded in the declaration book.

3216 Adoption of Minutes: Council agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th May 2016.

3316 Public Participation: By invitation of the Chairman, a member of the public addressed Council with concerns regarding overgrown vegetation in several of the Pedways around St Peter's. In reply, the Chairman suggested all concerns raised would be followed up with the City Council and in liaison with the Parish Warden where appropriate. Frustration was also expressed by a member of the public at the level of loose road surface dressing on several of the recently dressed roads in St Peter's. County Cllr. Mr. M. Bayliss arranged for a site visit to assess the problem.

3416 Reports from District and County Councillors: County Cllr. Mr. M. Bayliss updated Council regarding several pressing issues, including: i) the substantial financial pressures surrounding children in care in the County, ii) a new £12m 'Driving Home Initiative' to get roads in the County up to standard, and iii) gave a brief review of plans for a new Primary School that could potentially draw from St Peter's. Cllr. Bayliss also confirmed to Council that the SWDP was in the 'Master Planning' stages.

City Cllr. Mr. R. Knight suggested it may be beneficial for the Parish Council to resurrect requests for both developers and County Council to implement essential infrastructure within St Peter's on the back of new developments across the A4440. These range from the previously agreed leveling of the football pitch on Power Park to rectification of flood management issues on the path network through the park.

City Cllr. Mr. M. Johnson updated Council on the change of the political landscape within Worcester and gave a brief update of City affairs.

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3516 Financial Report:

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

Came & Company, Parish Insurance.....	£687.56
Dor2Dor, Newslink distribution 123.....	£330.00
Dor2Dor, Newslink distribution 124.....	£330.00
Modus Print, Banner modification for Festival.....	£18.00
ABC Print, Newslink 124.....	£815.00
St Peter's Baptist church, room hire.....	£42.00
Mr. P. Middlebrough, Internal Audit.....	£220.00
HMRC deductions.....	£120.80
DCK Beavers, Payroll.....	£30.00
HMRC deductions.....	£200.80
Ratified payments: Cllr. Mrs. B. Wheeler Festival Float.....	£380.00
Miss. A. Donaldson, Newslink Advertising Manager 124....	£250.00
Miss. A. Donaldson, Newslink Advertising Manager 125.....	£245.03
Mr. G. Walker, Newslink editing 124.....	£250.00
Worcester City Council, Festival TEN License.....	£21.00

(b) Council approved the 2015/16 draft accounts and authorised the Clerk to submit the relevant items to the external auditor.

3616 Correspondence and Administrative Matters: The Clerk updated members regarding recent correspondence from i) Came & Company, to confirm the implementation of the Parish Council Insurance policy and ii) notification from Worcestershire County Council of a public notice to limit the speed on the A4440 to 40mph during the on-going roadworks because of safety concerns.

3716 Planning Matters: Members considered planning application P16L0316, Orchid Close, St Peter's (previously circulated via email). No objections were raised.

3816 Highways: Cllr. Walker (portfolio holder for Highways) updated Council on the on-going request for Worcestershire County Council to install a barrier to protect pedestrians on the A4440 between Norton and Whittington roundabout. Cllr. Walker summarised the contents of a letter received from Worcestershire County Council dated 26th May 2016 confirming that once the final design of the new road layout is complete, it will be subject to a Road Safety Audit to determine if a barrier is required. The audit will take account of government guidance and the relative risks to road and footpath users represented by the installation of a barrier.

Council resolved to maintain close communication links with the County Council and update members once a decision had been reached. At the invitation of the Chairman, City Cllr. Mr. R. Knight and County Cllr. Mr. M. Bayliss confirmed their support for the Parish Council's approach.

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3916 Warden's Report and Friends of Power Park:

(a) Council received a report from the Worcester City Community Engagement Team (previously circulated via email), together with a verbal update from the Chairman in respect of recent completed and planned Warden work. This included prioritisation of Parish Warden workload, the on-going litter situation around the MUGA and potential future work to create a fruit tree orchard in Battenhall Park.

(b) The Chairman also updated Council on the continuing work at Area 51 play area to bring the park in line with a recent independent play inspection, due for completion in July 2016.

4016 St Peter's Festival 2016: Council received an update regarding the 2016 Festival planned for 3rd July in Power Park. Council unanimously agreed to accept Cllr. Wheeler's request for £190 to enable cash payments to performers 'All Sorts Performing Arts' and 'DJ Chris'.

4116 Strategic Matters: Cllr. Tucker gave an in-depth review of recent discussions with St Peter's Village Hall Association representatives regarding the future provision of community facilities in St Peter's. Several key points were raised: i) Both SPVHA and the Parish Council are united in the desire not to lose community facilities ii) Any facility must compliment, not compete, with existing services such as the Baptist Church iii) There may be potential to develop the existing St Peter's Village Hall building in the future iv) Both regard the Village Hall as the hub of the community.

Cllr. Tucker also confirmed that the Parish Council is in negotiations with SPVHA with regard to a permanent office within the Village Hall and to sharing the services offered on the SPVHA website. Both the Chairman and Cllr. Tucker thanked SPVHA for the dialogue so far and resolved to report back to members when an update was available.

4216 Portfolio Holders: Council reviewed the current Councillor Portfolio allocation and discussed and agreed amendments, save for the financial related activities which were provisionally allocated to Cllr Rowe with confirmation deferred until the next meeting, pending his further consideration of his overall personal workload.

4316 Date of Next Meeting:

Confirmed as Monday 25th July 2016 at 7:45pm in St Peter's Village Hall.

Signed..... Chairman

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