



St Peter the Great County
Parish

Parish Council's Chairman's Annual Parish Report 2021-22

Introduction

Welcome to the review of the last twelve months in the life of your parish. This report summarises the principal activities of your council and the key developments in the parish during that time.

The last 12 months

Last year's report was written at the end of April going into May. At that time, I wrote about coming out of the first lockdown. It has been another difficult year since then, with lockdowns and restrictions either imposed or self-imposed as we tried to learn to carry on during the covid pandemic. However there now does appear to be a better period coming. The vaccine campaign along with new treatments meant that in February the Government relaxed restrictions.

After two years of the pandemic are thoughts are always with those who have been affected by the loss of a loved one or friend; to those who have had covid 19, and those who are still suffering with long covid.

St Peters Friends of Worcester Food Bank

The Group still continues to collect donations in support of the Worcester Food Bank. Our thanks go to the volunteers who carry out this service.

Coronavirus Vaccination Centre

Since 2021 December 2021 St Peters Baptist has been a Worcester Coronavirus Vaccination centre. Although activity has scaled down the centre is still open 4 days during the week.

We thank everyone involved in the centre for their work.

Council Matters

The Parish Council like the rest of the UK started to work within the Covid restrictions. The 2020 Covid Regulations gave the authority for Parish Councils to carry out their business remotely using video conferencing technology and meetings were held using zoom. In June 2021 the Covid Regulations withdrew this requirement and Parish Council meetings were required to be held in person. The Council returned to meeting in the Village Hall within requirements of social distancing and mask wearing.

In June 2021 the casual vacancy for Councillor on the Parish Council was filled by the co-option of local resident Angie Wycherley.

In late March 2022, Cllr Mike Johnson resigned from the Parish Council. Mike was also one of the 2 City Councillors representing St Peter's. Mike had also indicated that he would not be standing for re-election as a City Councillor in the May 2022 elections. Mike was at the time of his resignation the longest concurrent serving Councillor who had been a Parish Councillor for 10 years. The Council recognised Mike's diligent and active service over that period. It is appropriate that such a long serving Parish Councillor who also served as a City Councillor is recognised in this Annual Parish Report for his service in representing the residents of the Parish and his contribution in resolving issues to benefit of the Parish. The vacancy for a Councillor on the Parish Council will be filled via the co-option mechanism.

Covid regulations led to the cancellation of the Annual Parish meeting and the Parish Council Annual Meeting in 2020. In May 2021 the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting were held using zoom. Councillors elected myself as Chairman for the year, and Councillor Alan Tidy was elected as Vice Chairman.

The Council invites our City and County Councillor Steve Mackay to our Parish Council Meeting. The arrangement with Steve allows us to work more as a partnership to solve and progress issues.

I have had the privilege of working closely with Councillor Alan Tidy since 2016 first as his Vice Chairman and then in the last few years as my Vice Chairman. Alan is always available to give advice and guidance to assist in the functioning of the Parish Council. I value his counsel.

I have also worked closely with our Clerk, Alex Booth, for a number of years. He is always professional, enthusiastic, diligent and gives a level headed approach to issues. He is personally committed and makes a positive contribution to parish life. I thank him for his support and record that it has been a pleasure to work with him.

Strategic Principles

The Council uses its Strategic Principles to guide it in its activities. The Annual review required of the Principles gives Councillors the opportunity to review where the Parish Council priorities should be. Since their inception in 2017 at every annual review there is normally wide ranging discussion. In October the Council reviewed and confirmed the Strategic Principles as:

Council Objective

To ensure that local residents' views are communicated and represented and that services are effectively delivered. To ensure that the parish, in terms of aesthetics, green spaces and community facilities, providing a pleasant, safe and socially cohesive environment for our residents.

Principles to be followed:

- The Council will, on an annual basis, consider whether it is fulfilling its objectives and if it considers it is not, review whether the continuation of the Parish Council is to the benefit of the community and Parishioners of St Peters.
- The Council will continue to provide a warden style service, whilst recognising that the cost of this service will rise due to financial pressures on the City Council. The Council will not pay more than a maximum of 35% of the annual precept on the service and as such may need to modify what is provided or seek ways of providing the service via other means.
- The Council will seek to maintain and where possible enhance the environment and the aesthetics of the area. The Council will therefore generally not support any planning application that the Council considers does not fit into the general environment of the Parish and/or is not considered as neighbour friendly.
- The Council will continue to support the long-term provision of a village/community hall facility within the Parish but recognises that this needs to include facilities for our local secondary school age youth which are currently lacking. To achieve this the Council will continue to work closely with the Village Hall Association, the City Council and any other appropriate community group to ensure the objective is achieved. To assist in this the Council will look to maintain a healthy level of reserves of a minimum of £100k.
- The Council with the assistance of the Friends of St Peters Park advisory group will develop and maintains a rolling 4-year plan for the Parishes Parks and Green Spaces. The Plan will identify the role and future requirements for each green space and will identify varied green environments required.
- The Council recognises that the current Area 51 play area equipment in Power Park is at the end of its economic life and will work with the City Council on a replacement plan to ensure that a suitable facility is maintained in this location.
- The Council will continue to seek ways to improve the drainage within power park, and improve the sports pitch for the benefit of the local community.
- The Council will closely monitor the activity coming from the South Worcestershire Development Plan and seek to maximise any benefits that could come to the Parish in terms of facilities or funding, as well as identifying, commenting on and trying to minimise any adverse effects on the Parish
- The Council will continually review whether Newslink is the most effective way in terms of communicating and financing of communications with residents in the Parish.
- The Council will look to encourage community and group activities within the Parish across all age ranges. The Council will do this by facilitating arrangements as required and by providing access to Council grants and such other means as it considers suitable.

- The Council will provide an annual parish festival to celebrate and bring together our community.
- The Council recognises the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and that the health and well-being of our residents is a key component of a resilient and thriving community. As a result, it will endeavour to influence and support the policies, initiatives, and information campaigns of the principal local authorities and other local public health bodies that benefit the parish
- The Council will maintain a Council Office facility within the Parish.
- The Council will be financially prudent and will seek to minimise any increase in the level of annual precept.

Some of the principles have been updated, and there is a new one relating to well-being.

The Council refers to the Strategic Principles on a regular basis.

In January myself and our Clerk Alex Booth held a meeting with the Managing Director of Worcester City Council, David Blake and the Director of Operations, Homes and Communities Lloyd Jones. The Strategic Principles were used as the basis of the conversations to ensure that the city was aware of the Parish Council objectives for the benefit of the residents of St Peters. The meeting was wide ranging and very constructive as well as being open and to the point.

St. Peter's Village Hall

Our Village Hall continues to be an important facility for our parish and as always, we thank the Village Hall Association Board (VHA) for the voluntary work they do to run this community facility.

Conversations are on-going with Tesco's in relation to the extension of the lease on the existing facility beyond 2027. These discussions are being tied in by the VHA to progression of an extension to the Village Hall which it was hoped would be funded through Worcester City's application to the Government's Town Improvement Fund. Good news was heard in the autumn of last year 2021, that funding had been awarded to Worcester, but regrettably not for the full amount asked for.

This has meant that Worcester City has had to review all the projects that formed the original bid, and decide what should be progressed. The Village Hall extension is within the City's review process.

The Village Hall Association and in particular Roger Knight its chairman has worked hard to finalise a viable project, with reduced central funding. The proposal is for a new annex to be built by the MUGA on land owned by the VHA. The project is proposed to be funded by money from the Town Improvement Fund, funding from the Village Hall Association and also funding

from the Parish Council with revenues it has built over a large number of years. The Parish Council has recently provided a letter of support to the Village Hall Association and to the City Council showing its support to this St Peter's based improvement project.

It is understood that the project is proceeding well and hopefully very soon a positive result will be achieved with the final approval of the project. Once it is approved it is hoped that the annex will be built and up and running in 2023. At that point progression can also be made with Tesco on the extension to the existing facility.

St Peter's will then have a community facility that can satisfy all demands for use.

Green Spaces and the Friends of St. Peter's Parks

2021 was relatively quiet in terms of activities in our parks, thanks to the on-going effects of the Covid Lockdowns. The parish enjoyed the first full year of the services of the City Council's new Area Team structure for their Operations Teams. In our case this involved the Worcester South Team who look after not only the parks and open spaces in St. Peter's but also those in Battenhall and Diglis. Our overall assessment is that this new structure has worked well with operatives getting to know their specific areas rather than being deployed ad-hoc across the entire city. This has ensured they get to know the problem areas and are quicker to respond when issues arise.

Our long-standing Parish Warden, Luke Capolongo was absent for much of the year and he subsequently moved on to a Civil Enforcement role within the City Council. Mike Lomax became our new Parish Warden. We thank Luke for his work in the parish over the last few years, particularly with the Friends of the Parks and we wish him well in his new post. We welcome Mike to the parish, an area he previously lived in and knows well. He has already made an impact by being pro-active in dealing with resident's issues, be they graffiti, tree and shrub issues or littering. The parish council have renewed the warden scheme for 2022/23 with the city council with a particular view to progressing a number of projects in our parks. The scheme will be kept under review.

In terms of our parish parks over the last twelve months then we have seen:

- Completion of the Broomhall Bridge works and landscaping in Power Park and the replacement of the park benches in the immediate surroundings.
- Replacement of the Play Equipment in Grasshopper Park
- Completion of the agreed additional security measures to restrict unauthorised vehicle entry to all our parks

Unfortunately, due to several factors, we were unable to get the outdoor gym equipment installed in Power Park. The equipment has been purchased by the Parish Council and the installation plan is now fully signed off by the city council with the expectation that this will now be undertaken during early summer.

Similarly, new benches for Aldersey Park and Grasshopper Park have also been purchased by the Parish Council but delivery was delayed due to pandemic disruption to distribution chains. The benches have now finally arrived and will be installed during May. Further benches are being acquired this year for Battenhall Park.

Other good news received during the year was City Council agreement to fund a new BMX pump track in St. Peter's with a recommended site in Battenhall Park currently being assessed by officers. This has been a long-sought project by the Parish Council. At the same time the City council also agreed to provide funds for replacement play equipment to be installed near the former Area 51 site in Power Park, given that the previous timber play equipment has all but gone. All this is in addition to the previously agreed funding for the replacement of the play equipment in Aldersey Park which is due to happen in 2023.

The Friends of St Peter's Parks operate as an Advisory Group to the Council led by their Chairman, Councillor Alan Tidy who is the Green Spaces portfolio holder for the Parish Council. The Friends work with the Parish Clerk and the Parish Warden to establish priorities for improvement works in our parks with requisite funding provided by the Parish Council. The pandemic and associated lockdowns forced our volunteers at the Friends of St. Peter's Parks into temporary "hibernation" from which they emerged in January following the lifting of the government's restrictions. The regular Community Litter-picks have already recommenced and as soon as materials arrive, there is a list of outstanding projects to get cracking on – including support for the Queen's Green Canopy Initiative as part of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and plans to create a parish centre.

Police Liaison

Councillor Paul Walters is the lead on this area of activity, and is committed to growing the relationship between the Police and the Parish. The Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings recommenced in October and a further meeting was held in April. The Safer Neighbourhood Team has been strengthened with the appointment of a new PC. The team now consists of 2 PC's and 2 PCSO's. Representatives of the Safer Neighbourhood Team attended meetings of the Parish Council in July and in February. Members of the Police Team attending Parish Council meetings used to happen in the past, but had not happened for a number of years. These were extremely useful meetings for all parties. It was agreed that the Police will attend a Parish Council meeting 2 times a year.

The Police have adopted a process known as the Local Policing Charter, which builds on the Parish Contract already in place. The areas of concern are highlighted by the local community. This is useful as in our case Parish Councillors can ensure that the Police are aware of issues that are happening to/cause concern for residents. For St Peters the Parish Council has set the following community issues:

- Anti-Social Behaviour – Including Drug and Traveller issues

- Speeding – primarily on the Southern Link Road and also includes high levels of disruptive vehicle noise possibly from modified motor vehicles
- More Visible Presence

There have been some reports of Anti-Social Behaviour. One incident involved a number of people causing a disturbance outside the Village Hall. These individuals were identified by CCTV and Police action was taken. A further recent incident occurred by Bicton Avenue, and was dealt with quickly by the Police.

Overall reported incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour in the Parish are low, and in fact are reported as being the lowest in the city. Issues can be seen being posted on Facebook, but residents do not always report the incident/crime. If it is not reported the Police will not know about it, and do nothing. Then the Police think St Peter's has low incidents. So please report issues. Phone 101.

Again, unfortunately we have to report that there is little evidence of Police increasing vigilance in relation to speeding Motor Vehicles particularly on the Southern Link Road. Except there was one incident where it was reported by people in St Peters on 101 that there was a gathering of motor vehicles one evening in the area. This group had moved on from Warndon. The Police responded and impounded one vehicle and gave notices to several other drivers. The Parish Council with your local City and County Councillor Steve Mackay will continue to push for increased Police presence on the Southern Link Road and deployment of speed cameras. We are also raising the issue of having fixed average speed cameras and potentially noise cameras.

The increase of Police numbers within the Safer Neighbourhood Team, along with support from the City Councils Detached Youth Team should see an increase in Police presence within St Peters.

Early in 2020 Councillor Walters and myself had the pleasure of meeting the Assistant Police Crime Commissioner Paul Middleborough. This was a useful meeting where we were able to put the above points on our Parish priority issues to a senior official, emphasising the need for effective speed controls on the Southern Link Road.

Remember if you have an issue relating to Anti-Social Behaviour or Speeding, please contact 101 as it happens, or if it is a serious crime 999.

Planning and Highways

The Parish Council is not a Planning Authority. The Principal Planning Authority is Worcester City Council. However, there are complications. The Parish of St Peter the Great County is on the southern boundary of the City of Worcester. Along the Parish's southern boundary is Norton Juxta Kempsey and Kempsey Parish Councils. Neither of the Parishes of Norton Juxta or Kempsey are Planning Authority's. However, there are Districts above them. Wychavon District Council boundary is Crookbarrow way down to just beyond the new pedestrian Bridge. In fact, there are a couple of streets in St Peters that are covered by Wychavon, and

hence they have different bin collectors as an example. The boundary then runs down past the St Peters roundabout and cross Broomhall Way and cuts along the southern boundary of the two Ketch Fields. Where Wychavon's Boundary ends, Malvern Hills District Council takes over. This is important as the fields running down Crookbarrow way are designated as being available for commercial development under the South Worcestershire Development Plan and any planning for that will be dealt with by Wychavon District Council as the lead in liaison with Worcester City Council and Malvern Hills District Council, the area to the south of St Peters roundabout is where Malvern District Council is the lead and the planning permission for the Warehouse Development was dealt with by them as the land use was defined under the South Worcestershire Development Plan. Both the Ketch Fields are in St Peter's Parish and the Worcester City Council boundary and the City will deal with Planning permission there.

Complex. But it is important to note that with developments such as the Warehouse development by St Peter's roundabout, what the land would be used for had been agreed some time ago.

In all cases St Peter the Great County Parish Council has the right to be consulted and make representations on any planning applications that would affect the Parish.

Most of the Parish Councils dialogue has been with Worcester City Council over planning applications relating to submissions within the Parish and Worcestershire County Highways in relation to all works associated with the Southern Link Road.

Cllr David Saunders leads on planning and oversees our response to planning applications and issues. He supported by the Parish Council Clerk Alex Booth. In the last 12 months David has been quite busy. The Parish Council along with many residents raised objections to aspects of the Housing Association development of 92 dwellings on the Ketch roundabout Field. David led the Councils objections at the Planning Committee meeting. The main issue in the end was the location of the seven proposed 3 storey (4 with a roof) Apartment Blocks which are proposed as being on the boundary of the Southern Link Road at the front of the development. This is an eyesore. Disappointingly the Planning Committee agreed the application. Of the City Councillors on the Planning Committee, 4 voted for the application, 1 against and the rest abstained. It is likely that this decision will for many years be remembered as being a poor decision as the Apartments dominate the landscape.

In the first few months of 2022, a lot of work has been done in objecting to a new application for a Travellers site on the second Ketch Field. Many residents have objected to this application. As it stands as this report is written the application had presently been deferred by the Landowner although the recommendation from the Planning Case Manager to the Worcester City Planning Committee is to reject the application on good grounds.

In relation to general planning applications relating to The Parish the Parish Council has as one of its principles: 'The Council will seek to maintain and where possible enhance the environment and the aesthetics of the area. The Council will therefore generally not support any planning application that the Council considers does not fit into the general environment of the Parish and/or is not considered as neighbour friendly'.

David looks at all these applications to see that they meet the principle view the Parish Council wants to uphold. David's biggest frustration shared by his fellow Councillors is that there are quite a few applications where the standard of the information provided on what is proposed is poor. This does not seem to matter to the Worcester City Planning Department. It is noted that there has been in the first few months of 2022 a turnover of staff within that Department. It is hoped that the level of communication and dialogue with them improves.

In relation to the Southern Link Road Development, Cllr Roger Knight is the Parish Council's liaison with Worcestershire Highways Department. Roger is fully supported by his fellow Parish Councillors. In the period this report covers works was completed on the pedestrian bridge on Crookbarrow Way. The second pedestrian bridge which goes from Power Park over the SLR has also been completed. This second bridge necessitated a considerable amount of work in Power Park and half the Park has been re landscaped. Some of the work has been undertaken to alleviate the historical issues we have had in the park with flooding.

Now that the second pedestrian bridge has been completed the temporary pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Crookbarrow way at the entrance to the St Peters roundabout has been removed and the road altered to include a third lane to allow an easier left turn into Norton Road.

A series of works has been undertaken during April and May 2022, which includes the Carrington Bridge, changes to the road flows around the Ketch roundabout and approach roads including the A38 by the Ketch with the reinstatement of the Pedestrian Crossing. Works are also being undertaken outside the Parish at the Powick Roundabout

The work on the Southern Link Road is programmed to be completed by the summer of 2022. The work has been going on for a long time.

The Parish Council recognises that it has not always been easy for the main contractor Griffiths and the scope of the work has at times called disruptions. The Parish Councils recognises that Griffiths have done their best and have always been helpful and have contributed with improvements and support to the Parish. We thank them for their partnership and in some ways will miss them.

The Parish Council also recognises that in relation to the Southern Link Road Worcestershire County Council Highways Department have always been approachable and communicative on issues, looking to resolve and mitigate issues where possible.

One final issue that the Parish Council is looking to get a copy of and scrutinise in depth will be the final safety report in relation to the Southern Link Road. The Parish Council has throughout the period of the development raised issues in relation to the lack of safety barriers particularly on the footpath on Crookbarrow way and the adequacy of bunds to alleviate traffic noise.

Thanks goes to Cllr David Saunders, Cllr Roger Knight and the Parish Clerk Alex Booth for their efforts in overseeing all these issues.

Traffic

The Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) is still in place on St Peters drive. The VAS does appear to remind drivers of their speed and observations would indicate is a deterrent. The information we receive from the VAS tells us that although there are some incidents of speeding on St Peter's Drive, it does not appear to be excessive.

However now that the Southern Link Road has been dualled from the Whittington Roundabout to the Ketch Roundabout there has been a considerable increase in incidents of noisy vehicles quite often at anti-social times (early Sunday mornings), and also indications of increase in speeding incidents. It is known that the new SLR is on websites indicating routes where motor vehicles can group together and speed. The completion of the SLR is likely to increase these incidents further. Please read the passage on Police Liaison above for further information

St Peter's Festival

The St Peter's Festival has over the years been delivered by the format of a Festival park based day, hosted in Power Park. The Festival takes a lot of organising and planning which starts over 6 months before the actual event.

Regrettably the park based Festival for 2020 and 2021 had to be cancelled primarily due to the uncertainty of the Covid pandemic restrictions and also works being carried out in Power Park associated with the creation of the Broomhall Way Pedway over the Southern Link Road.

The Parish Council Festival Team of the Parish Clerk Alex Booth, Festival Organiser Georgina Hopkinson and Portfolio Holder Councillor John Renshaw set about looking at options for alternative ways of having a Festival within probable Covid restrictions that were likely to be applicable. In 2021 Worcester celebrated its 400 Anniversary. It was recognised that St Peter's had a significant amount of Worcester History including its proximity to the Civil War Battlefield. The team, especially Georgina created a Heritage Trail which took residents all around the parish providing interest, knowledge and a few surprises in relation to St Peters locations and history. The Trail traversed the Parish with signs adorned with QR codes at locations with interesting information. By scanning the QR code the information related to that location was revealed. The trail proved popular and is still in place. Many thanks to Griffiths the Southern Link Road contractor whose support for the Heritage Trail made it work,

As well as the Heritage Trail, St Peters had its first Scarecrow Festival. Scarecrow Festivals have grown in popularity all over the Country over the last few years. A considerable amount of interest in the Festival was seen through Facebook. The final number of entries was a little disappointing, although the standard was high and the scarecrows were innovative. The winning scarecrow was Lion-el Messi

Planning started Early for the 2022 Festival, with a determination that a Park Based Festival would take place. Assurances have been given by Worcestershire Highways that the work carried out in Power Park is completed and that the Park will be ready for a Festival to take place in July. Considerable work has been carried out with Worcester City's Community Engagement to ensure planning of the event and issues management are in place.

Georgina, Alex and John are working away to ensure the success of the event supported by all the Parish Councillors. The Festival Date is set for Sunday 17th July 2022 between midday and 4pm. Come along, bring your families and friends and enjoy a great afternoon in your parish.

Community Engagement

There are a number of community groups and activities that take place in the Parish, although activity diminished in the last two years due to the pandemic restrictions. Thankfully these groups are getting going again. The Parish Council wants to encourage these activities, but in the past has not always been proactive in that aim.

The Parish Council champion of this portfolio is our newest Councillor Angie Wycherley. The Parish Council has also in the last few years restored a grants process to deserving causes required by Community Groups.

Angie has gone about her task proactively, seeking out and making contacts with groups who serve the community. St Marks Church benefitted from her contact when they received a grant for chair moving equipment that has helped out the Brownies meetings in particular.

Acorns received a grant to go towards the purchase of equipment. The Knit and Knatter group which meets at Eden's Cafe in St Peter's Baptist Church saw Angie introduce herself and find out more about the group which includes knitting for charities.

Angie recognises that there is a lot to do to get around all the groups that are active, but is determined to find out what is happening and how the Parish Council could help.

Communication

The Parish Council try's hard to communicate as much information as it can. However, it is difficult for an organisation such as the Parish Council to provide up to date information in the fast moving social media environment we all now operate in.

In the past the Parish Council has used its own magazine Newslink published on a quarterly basis to communicate with residents. However, Newslink had by this year become an inadequate way of carrying out that communication. Why was this? Newslink was a good publication up to about 5 years ago. Communication is so fast moving now that a quarterly magazine is inadequate and very out date by the time it is published. A publication such as Newslink requires a large amount of time to ensure that the editorial content is interesting

and appropriate. This is time that the Parish Council have not got, along with editorial skills. Costs of printing circulation etc of such a publication have gone up considerably, whereas print advertising revenue is difficult to find. The result is costs rise and get to a level where the publication is just not viable. Regrettably the quarterly Newslink publications have now ceased. There will be an annual publication circulated to residents.

The Parish Council will be working harder at communicating. We presently use the following communication channels:

- Parish Council Meetings held 10 times a year on the second Thursday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30p. All residents are entitled and encouraged to attend and have your say.
- On Facebook or Twitter @stpetersparishcouncil
- We also feed comments and information of interest into the St Peters Community Group Facebook page
- Email us at stpetersparishcouncilworcester@gmail.com
- Contact the clerk on email at Alexbooth45@gmail.com
- Come along and talk to your Parish Councillors at this year's St Peters Festival on Sunday 17th July in Power Park. Councillors will be available in the Information Tent or can be found walking around the site.
- Minutes, agenda's, policies and other records are available on the Parish Councils static website at e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/My Parish

Articles relating to the parish are regularly published in the South Worcestershire Voice which continues to be a welcome source of local news and information.

Council Finance

The Parish Council spent a long time discussing the sensitive issue of parish precept for 2022/2023. Costs incurred were increasing and although savings were made these were not seen to be sufficient enough to meet the income required. The budget includes the on-going costs of the Parish Warden service, continued funding for the Parish Office which supports the Village Hall and the St. Peter's Festival. Provision remains to support local groups. The Council recognises the importance of maintaining the environment in our parks and green spaces and the contribution they make to community life, residents' enjoyment and wellbeing, and therefore has made budgetary arrangements to support the parks and green spaces. The Council agreed an annual increase of £1432 in the precept which equates or 65p per month on a band D property,

Parish Meetings

Parish Meetings are open to all Parish residents to attend. Parish Councillors look forward to meeting residents listening to and understanding their views on what the parish needs, so that the majority view is known and worked towards as much as practically possible.

Conclusion

The last two years have been difficult ones for all of us during the pandemic. Never has the freedoms of the population of the country had to be so curtailed to protect everybody from the consequences of an event. It now, hopefully, looks like that we are getting to the stage where we can learn to live with the effects of Covid going forward, thanks to the work of many people, the vaccination programme, and the common sense approach of the majority of the Country's population.

I believe the Council has a role to play on behalf of the parish and parishioners, by representing the parish/parishioners' views, seeking to resolve community issues, partnering with volunteers, looking to make physical improvements to the parks and green spaces, by its support of the Village Hall Association with the aim of securing facilities for the community beyond February 2027, its running of the annual festival, its use of community grants and its communications with parishioners. There is always a lot to be done and I am always grateful for the support of my colleagues.

St Peter's is an attractive and safe area of the City of Worcester. Please continue to do your bit to keep it that way. Let the Parish Council know your views, report anti-social behaviour by phoning 101 rather than just telling Facebook, support the collection of food etc for the Worcester Food Bank, pick up the poo of your dog, put it in a bag and deposit it in a provided bin, talk to your neighbours, and enjoy our Parish. I am sure that with the spirit and approach that I see generally in the community St. Peter's will continue to be a safe and enjoyable Place to live.

Cllr Alan Tucker
Chairman of the Parish Council