

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Thursday 9th September 2021 at 19:30** in St Peter's Village Hall Worcester, WR5 3TA.

Present: Chairman Cllr. Mr. A. Tucker, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Mr. A. Tidy, Cllrs. Mr. J. Renshaw, Mr. P. Walters, Mr. R. Knight, Mr. D. Saunders, Mrs. A. Wytcherley, Dr. D. Tibbutt, and Mr. M. Johnson.

Also present: The Clerk, three members of public and a member of the press.

8221 Apologies for Absence: None

8321 Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Knight declared an interest in matters relating to St Peter's Village Hall.

8421 Adoption of Minutes: Council agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th July 2021 as a true record of events. The Chairman duly signed the master copy, held within the minute book.

Public Participation:

A representative from Worcester Environmental Group (WEG) gave a verbal presentation following a meeting with Cllr. Tidy in St Peter's. The representative commented on the good work that had been done over the years in St Peter's, with the support of the Friends of St Peter's Parks and the Parish Council. Council recognised that the Group had expertise that could be used to improve biodiversity in the area and access to resources such as notice boards. Cllr Tidy as the Portfolio Holder indicated that he would utilise this resource. The Council thanked the group for attending the meeting

8521 BMX / Pump track / skate park: Two members of public were in attendance regarding a request for a community pump-track that dates back to 2019. Council noted the positive impact such a resource could bring to the Parish and south Worcester. Cllr. Mackay and Cllr. Tidy agreed to visit a known facility in Kidderminster to gain further knowledge and report back to Council in due course.

8621 Reports from District and County Councillors:

- a. City Cllr. Johnson gave a verbal report covering City Council activity, including:
 - i. A potential change in planning process.
 - ii. City Cllr. Mackay, Cllr. Tidy, Cllr. Johnson and a representative of the City Council had carried out a review of the 'any waste' bins proposal and how it would affect St Peter's, and had fed comments back for review.
- b. City and County Cllr. Mackay had submitted a written report prior to the meeting covering County issues. Council noted the report, including:
 - i. Here2help support.
 - ii. Confirmation of the declaration of a climate emergency at July's full Council meeting.
 - iii. Biodiversity funding to develop sites across the County.
 - iv. An update on ownership of the parks and green spaces in St Peter's. Confirmation has been provided regarding Power Park, Battenhall Park and Aldersley Park. The ownership of Grasshopper Park is still under investigation. Cllr. Mackay to continue to make enquiries.

8721 Highways, Developments & Planning:

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As there are several on-going issues relevant to highways, developments, and planning, the Chairman requested an agenda item to ensure that, where required, the Council can pursue relevant issues in a structured approach:

- a. Feedback has been received regarding the A38 Speed limit between Elm Green Close and St Peter's Drive roundabout. A County Council highways liaison officer has confirmed the reasons for the current speed restrictions.
- b. Broomhall Green. Bund works continue with the aim to deter unauthorised vehicular access. Council noted the height of the bund was not as high as anticipated.
- c. Lighting of new path in Power Park has been referred to the County street-lighting team. Cllr. Mackay to follow up with the team.
- d. A4440 Ketch car boot access. Confirmation has been received that this matter is being monitored by County Highways.
- e. Right-turn prohibition on A38 by retail outlet. County confirmed this is being investigated and further work is being considered. Cllr. Mackay has offered divisional funding to assist this work.
- f. Prohibition of heavy vehicles on St Peter's Drive. Council has received confirmation that for such measures to be put in place would require measured usage of over 5% by HGV's. County Highways have confirmed this will be monitored.
- g. Ketch Field development – No update following the deferral of the planning decision.

8821 Finance:

- a. The Clerk presented a verbal finance update and provided reconciled account balances to Council. Quarter 2 report due at October meeting.
- b. Council approved the following payments, including those made since the last meeting under delegated authority.

Amount	Payable To	Reason for Payment
£1035.00	Print Giants	Newslink
£300.00	Dor2dor	Newslink
£30.00	Creative Spaces	Website domain

8921 Clerks Report: To receive a report from the Clerk on correspondence to the Council and other pertinent administrative matters.

- a. Grant applications from Whittington Primary School and St Marks Church. Council approved both applications, subject to completed application forms and authorised the Clerk to make payment.
- b. Monthly publication from Clerks and Council's Direct.
- c. Notice of works from Worcestershire County Council relating to a temporary speed limit to be placed on the A4440.
- d. A communication from a local resident regarding the removal of a tree on Bicton Court.
- e. A communication from a resident regarding replacement fence panels.
- f. A communication from a resident regarding provision of dog and litter bins.

9021 Budget 2021 / 2022: The Chairman presented an introduction to the budget process for the coming financial year. The Chairman requested Councillors consider the precept and budget allocation in advance of a budget working party, and provide feedback by 1st October.

9121 Portfolio allocation: Council considered nominations for the current portfolio allocation. One vacancy remains unallocated for Community Engagement.

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9221 St Peter's Festival: Cllr. Renshaw gave a review of this year's project in lieu of St Peter's Festival; a heritage trail and a scarecrow trail. Council thanked the Festival Organiser and agreed, subject to receipt of the financial report, for the second instalment of the Organiser fee to be released. Council confirmed the reformation of the festival working party, and agreed that next year's event should be a return to a physical event to take place in Battenhall Park.

9321 Portfolio Holder Reports:

- a. Planning. Cllr. Saunders gave a verbal update regarding the submitted planning application to build a single storey side extension to a property on Farne Avenue.
- b. Environment. Cllr. Tidy presented the latest matters regarding overgrown trees and an instance of graffiti in Battenhall Park. The Friends of St Peter's Parks are to begin meeting again in the near future.
- c. Newslink. Next issue will be released in October in an online format. Cllr. Tidy requested copy for the next edition.
- d. PACT. Cllr. Walters confirmed the next PACT meeting will be on October 5th in St Peter's Baptist Church.
- e. City Council member allocation: Cllr. Johnson confirmed that funding is available as part of the Covid-19 recovery fund. Council agreed to discuss at the October meeting.

9421 Date of Next Meeting: The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was proposed as Thursday 14th October 2021 at 19:30, at St Peter's Village Hall, Worcester WR5 3TA.

9521 Confidential item: Press and public excluded from this item due to nature of discussion. Council discussed the potential implementation of a Neighbourhood Plan. Council agreed that the heavy requirements of a Neighbourhood Plan was not a practical way forward for a Parish lacking resources, that is not a planning authority, and is placed within a district authority that already has an adopted plan.

Signed.....

Chairman

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