

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Thursday 10th February 2022 at 19:30** in St Peter's Village Hall Worcester, WR5 3TA.

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

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

1422 Apologies for Absence: None

1522 Declarations of Interest: None

1622 Adoption of Minutes: Council agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th January 2022 as a true record of events. The Chairman duly signed the master copy, held within the minute book.

Public Participation: Two members of the public were in attendance and made the following comments:

- a. The issue of speeding and noisy vehicles on the A4440. It was noted the efforts the Parish Council have taken in this field over many years.
- b. Works have commenced on Grasshopper play area, and while this is positive, it was noted that it was unfortunate that no prior notification was offered to community or members.

1722 Police Safer Neighbourhood Team: A new member of the local police team was in attendance:

- a. Cllr. Walters introduced the new local Police Officer, PC Prew, covering St Peter's and beyond. Council offered a warm welcome and thanked the Officer for taking the time to attend.
- b. The officer presented a verbal update regarding reports in St Peter's. There were 13 reports of ASB and 10 reports of criminal damage in St Peter's since November 2021. The Officer in attendance requested anyone in the community aware of a potential crime to log the issue via the appropriate channels rather than on social media. The local police team can be reached by calling 101 for non-urgent enquiries, with 999 calls being reserved for serious or urgent issues.
- c. Some of the culprits from recent instances of ASB affecting groups in the Village Hall have been caught thanks to CCTV footage.

1822 St Peter's Festival: Cllr. Renshaw and the festival organiser presented a verbal update.

- a. Cllr. Renshaw gave a verbal update following a recent site visit and working party. Plans are advancing well regarding the placement of stalls and activities on the site and also preparations for the creation of the traffic and safety management of the site via the City Council, the festival organiser and the Clerk.
- b. The Clerk met with staff from Lyppard Hub with a view to sharing resources and has linked the festival organiser to confirm arrangements.
- c. Acorns Hospice was proposed as the chosen charity that would benefit from charity fundraising at this year's Festival. Council accepted this proposal.

1922 Reports from District and County Councillors:

- a. City and County Cllr. Mackay had submitted a written report prior to the meeting covering County issues. Council noted the report:
 - i. Details of the 'Be well in Worcestershire' campaign.

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- ii. Progress regarding Ketch pedestrian crossing, with works due to be completed in Spring 2022.
 - iii. The Policy and Resources Committee passed a £60000 proposal for a pump track in St Peter's, and a £12000 play area investment for Power Park play area.
 - iv. A site meeting is planned with County Highways to discuss an incident at the Ketch roundabout where a vehicle reportedly left the carriageway and crossed a footpath, and the subsequent request from the Parish Council to install a protective pedestrian barrier.
- b. City Cllr. Johnson presented a verbal report regarding City issues:
- i. An update on planning applications at the City Council.
 - ii. A report regarding the successful social cohesion project to enhance the immigrant integration services in Worcester during the Brexit transition period, financed via a Brexit fund, and delivered via City Council Community Engagement.
 - iii. An update regarding the status of the proposed traveller site planning application on the A4440. This application is listed for decision at Planning Committee rather than delegated to an Officer.

2022 Matters arising and action sheet:

- a. Outdoor gym equipment – The grant application to the City Council was submitted in January, with the installation planned for February.
- b. The project to install a “right-turn prohibition” from the exit of the Aldi carpark is currently under consideration due to the technical nature of the junction and the requirement for landowner permission. It was noted there is a possibility that vehicles forced to turn right, might then proceed down St Peter's Drive instead of returning to the A38 and this has potentially negative consequences. Cllr. Mackay to seek professional guidance from County Officers.
- c. The project to install CCTV on the Carrington Bridge underpass is progressing with officers obtaining quotes for installation works
- d. Cllr. Knight gave an update regarding a recent meeting with the Tesco store manager to discuss potential plans to repair the wooden planters between Tesco and the play area.

2122 Highways, Developments & Planning: As covered

2222 Finance:

- a. The Clerk presented a verbal finance update and provided reconciled account balances to Council.
- b. The Clerk presented a grant application update including one new application during February from Acorns hospice for essential items. Council agreed to the application and requested the Clerk action the payment.
- c. Council approved the following payments, including those made since the last meeting under delegated authority.

Amount	Payable To	Reason for Payment
£119.90	Clerk	Annual Zoom subscription
£1412.22	Glasdon	Benches x2
£390.00	Glasdon	Litter pickers
£200	Acorns Hospice	Grant payment

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2322 Clerks Report: To receive a report from the Clerk on correspondence to the Council and other pertinent administrative matters.

- a. The latest publications and updates from Clerks and Councils Direct.
- b. A letter from the Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons to encourage involvement in celebrations.
- c. An invitation to join Worcester Environment Group (WEG) at the Guildhall on 3rd March at 4pm in the Guildhall to be involved in a consultation regarding the project 'Wild about Worcester Way'.
- d. Notification that potentially noisy overnight works will be taking place on the Southern Link Road for five evenings commencing on the 14th of February.
- e. Notification from National Highways that the central safety barrier on the M5 is planned to be replaced between junction 6 to 7 from 21st February, with works likely to continue until Spring 2023. This will likely have an impact upon traffic flow in and around St Peter's.
- f. Confirmation that Cllr. Walters and Cllr. Mackay have raised a service request with the County Council regarding the poor surface condition of a section of Starling Pedway.

2422 Budget: The Clerk has submitted the budget request to the City Council as agreed at the January Parish Council meeting.

2522 Portfolio Holder Reports:

- a. Council Liaison. Cllr. Tucker reported regarding a recent meeting with the Managing Director and the Director of Communities for Worcester City Council. During the meeting, Cllr. Tucker talked through the Parish Council strategic principles including, protection of green spaces, the Warden scheme, and other matters. Council noted the positive nature of the discussion and welcomed the development of the working relationship with the City Council.
- b. Environment. Cllr. Tucker reported on the future of the Warden scheme. Council are currently reviewing the warden scheme, having now received a long awaited report detailing Warden activities in St Peter's. The Chairman and Cllr. Tidy to report back at the next meeting.
- c. PACT. Cllr. Walters presented a verbal update. A proposal was raised and agreed to defer the PACT meeting due for March until April due to Covid concerns.
- d. Community Engagement. Cllr. Wytcherly gave an update on a recent visit to community meetings and confirmation regarding the Acorns hospice grant application.
- e. Newslink. Publication date of 14th March. The last edition in the current format and timescale of this publication.

2622 Date of Next Meeting: The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was proposed as Thursday 10th March 2022 at 19:30, at St Peter's Village Hall, Worcester WR5 3TA.

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Chairman

Date.....