

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Thursday 14th July 2022 at 19:30** in St Peter's Village Hall Worcester, WR5 3TA.

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

Also present: one member of public and the Clerk.

8122 Apologies for Absence: None.

8222 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

8322 Adoption of Minutes: Council agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th June 2022 as a true record of events. The Chairman duly signed the master copy which would be held within the minute book.

Public Participation: The Chairman suspended the meeting for public participation.

- A member of the public had written to the Clerk to raise the issue of the proposed cancellation of the 32-bus service running from St Peter's towards town. Council agreed to write a letter to the bus operator to raise concerns regarding maintenance of critical services for the well-being of residents.

8422 Reports from District and County Councillors:

- a. City and County Cllr. Mackay had submitted a written report prior to the meeting covering County and City issues. Council noted the report which included:
 - i. The new Discover Worcester App
 - ii. Ward boundary review update
 - iii. Queens baton relay
 - iv. Roads and paths resurfacing
 - v. Road crossing amendments on St Peter's Drive

8522 Casual vacancy: No prospective applicants were present.

8622 St Peter's Festival: A verbal update was provided regarding preparations for the festival on 17th July.

- a. St John's Ambulance have pulled out of first aid provision at late notice. A new provider has been sourced at increased cost. Council requested the Clerk write to St John's Ambulance to express concern.
- b. The dog agility performance has been cancelled due to Covid and the Owl sanctuary due to expected warm weather forecast.
- c. Confirmation of arrangements for morning briefing and volunteer tasks.
- d. High temperatures are predicted, and appropriate measures have been taken to ensure a safe event.

8722 Matters arising and action sheet: The Chairman covered the latest actions that have been completed from May 2022.

- a. Clerk to contact neighbouring Parish Councils regarding joint approach to St. Modwen development.
- b. A4440 safety audit has been requested.

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- c. Following a request for a joint meeting with Warndon Parish Council regarding planning matters, the Clerk has made contact and is awaiting confirmation of a meeting date.
- d. Signage issue on land adjacent to A4440.
- e. Tesco have committed to replace the wooden planters adjacent to the play area.

8822 Highways, Developments & Planning: No updates.

8922 Finance:

- a. The Clerk presented a verbal quarter 1 update and the latest financial position of Council.
- b. Council approved the following payments, including those made since the last meeting under delegated authority.

Amount	Payable To	Reason for Payment
£761.03	Event Furniture LTD	BBQ hire for festival (£500 returnable deposit included)
£737.66	HMRC	Deductions
£45.60	DCK Accounting	Payroll
£75.00	Mr R Gurney	Internal Audit
£1278.82	Hiscox Insurance	Parish insurance cover

9022 Clerks Report: To receive a report from the Clerk on correspondence to the Council and other pertinent administrative matters.

- a. A request from a local resident regarding the proposed cancellation of the 32-bus service. Also covered in public participation.
- b. An update regarding the Fields in Trust status for Battenhall Park. Council formally confirmed that an application is to be made to the City Council to request that Battenhall Park be confirmed as a Field in Trust and agreed to delegate the required authority for the Clerk to progress with the City Council.
- c. A response from MP Robin Walker regarding a Parish Council application for a noise monitoring device to combat antisocial vehicles on the A4440. The closing date for applications has passed.

9122 Portfolio Holder Reports:

- a. **Green Spaces:** Cllr Tidy presented a verbal update:
 - i. An update from a recent meeting with the Head of City Services.
 - ii. The Parish Warden and Lengthsman report has been received.
 - iii. The Warden has been proactive following reports of graffiti.
 - iv. The next litter pick is the 28th of July 10am – 11am meeting at Tesco play area.
- b. **Local Planning:** Cllr. Saunders gave a verbal update on two applications received this month, both of which were of minimal concern.
- c. **Police and Communities:** Cllr. Walters presented a verbal update regarding a recent PACT meeting:
 - i. It was confirmed that the Police will be in attendance at the Festival on Sunday 17th July.
 - ii. A recent meeting with the local police team and the Design Out Crime Officer regarding the proposed pump track planned for installation in the Parish. The Officer had no concerns about the project.
 - iii. The next PACT meeting is scheduled for 11th October.

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- d. **Community Engagement:** Cllr. Wytcherley gave a verbal update regarding recent discussion with the Brownies regarding potential grant application. Cllr. Wytcherley has also coordinated a visit the local Acorns Hospice with other Council members.
- e. **Newslink:** Council confirmed that the latest edition of Newslink 152 has been delivered and well received by residents. It was noted that due to a capacity issue with the distributor, an alternative provider was sourced by the Clerk and supplemented by several Parish Councillors who successfully delivered over 1200 copies. Council thanked the Councillors involved for their contribution.

9222 Date of Next Meeting: The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was proposed as Thursday 8th September 2022 at 19:30, at St Peter's Village Hall, Worcester WR5 3TA.

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Chairman

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