

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Thursday 6th October 2022 at 19:30** in St Peter's Village Hall Worcester, WR5 3TA.

Present: Chairman Cllr. Mr. A. Tucker, Cllrs. Mr. P. Walters, , Mr. J. Renshaw, Mr. D. Saunders, and Mr. R. Knight.

Also present: Three members of public, City and County Councillor Mr. S. Mackay, City Councillor Mr. S. Cockerham, and the Clerk.

9522 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Mr A. Tidy, Mrs. A. Wycherley & Dr. D. Tibbutt.

9622 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

9722 Adoption of Minutes: Council agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th July and 8th September. The Chairman duly signed the master copy which would be held within the minute book.

Public Participation: Three members of public were in attendance. The following issues were raised:

- A question presented by a local resident was regarding the protection status of Battenhall Park. The Chairman recalled recent action the Parish Council has taken to attempt to protect this green space by requesting the park be recognised as a Field in Trust, thus offering a higher level of protection.
- Another question from a resident was regarding the Parish Council position on the proposed Traveller site on the A4440. The Chairman and planning portfolio holder explained the various limitations of the site due to suitability of services, unsafe access to a 60mph road, flood risk and pollution levels, all of which are documented in the Parish Council response to the planning application available to view on the City Council planning portal. The Parish Council are strongly opposed to this proposed development.

9822 Casual vacancy: No prospective applicants were present.

9922 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. A series of new skills workshop for young people.
 - ii. The surplus soil is being removed from the A4440 and utilised elsewhere for the benefit of the Environment Agency.
 - iii. Details of an apprentice conference at County Hall in November.
 - iv. The pedestrian crossing is planned to be repainted in the coming weeks. The Parish Council has also previously requested improved signage, this is being considered.
 - v. Two streetlights for Power Park and one for Tesco / St Peter's Drive pedway are on order and an installation date is yet to be confirmed. Cllr. Mackay to update Council on any developments.
- b. City Cllr. Cockerham reported the cost-of-living pages have been updated on the City Council website.
- c. Other matters: There was lengthy discussion over the proposed pump track to be located on the edge of St Peter's. Council discussed the project with Cllr. Cockerham who had raised issues with the proposed location. Council attempted to aid a deeper understanding of the

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project for Cllr. Cockerham following several years of campaigning for the installation of this community facility for the physical and mental well-being of users.

10022 Matters arising and action sheet: The Chairman covered the latest actions that have been completed from September 2022.

- a. Bus route 32. There has been no further response following a letter to Highways and First Bus.
- b. A Highways meeting is still awaited following a Council request for the safety audit on the A4440.
- c. Path surfacing issues. It appears Highways are looking at planning a list of priorities for path works. The Parish Council had last reviewed the quality of pedway surfaces during a 2013 survey completed by the Warden at the time. The Clerk was asked to review this document and assess any actions to be taken to request improvements to the worst paths in the Parish. Council also requested the Clerk collate requests from Councillors.
- d. Tesco planters. It has been confirmed for some time that the contractor for Tesco will carry out work once preparatory work has been completed. It was noted no date has been confirmed as yet.

10122 Highways, Developments & Planning:

- a. Covered above.

10222 St Peter's Festival: A verbal update was provided regarding preparations for the festival.

- a. Cllr. Renshaw confirmed the reformation of the festival working party on Monday 7th November via Zoom at 8pm.
- b. Cllr. Renshaw proposed that Council donate £750 to Acorns Hospice from funds raised at the 2022 Festival via the tombola, BBQ (hosted by Tesco) and the raffle.
- c. Cllr. Renshaw confirmed the appointment of the Festival Organiser for 2023.
- d. The Clerk reviewed the financial position of the 2022 event.

10322 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
£678.80	HMRC	Deductions
£45.60	DCK accounting	Payroll

10422 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 Matters Arising & Action Sheet Agenda item.
- b. Work to remove a tree stump at Torridon Walk has been completed.
- c. A local resident has offered to donate trees to the Parish Council to be planted in the local parks and green spaces.
- d. Cllr. Mackay has agreed to fund five trees to be planted in Power Park and Torridon Walk to commemorate the Queens Jubilee. These trees will be planted by volunteers during the winter planting season. The Clerk has secured an additional 150 native trees to supplement the winter planting programme to be completed by volunteers.
- e. AGE UK are offering to assist and provide digital equipment to elderly residents.

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- f. Flood resilience training for residents and volunteers is available during October and November.
- g. Any grit bin requests for County Council to be coordinated by the Clerk.

10522 Budget: The Chairman confirmed the reformation of the budget working party on the 18th of October via Zoom and a supplementary meeting on 1st November if required. Clerk to circulate the invitation.

10622 Code of Conduct: The Chairman proposed the adoption of a new version of the Code of Conduct. Council duly adopted the document.

10722 Portfolio Holder Reports:

- a. **Local Planning:** Cllr. Saunders gave a verbal update including details regarding the proposed Traveller site. There is an upcoming meeting with the head of planning at the City Council.
- b. **Police and Communities:** Cllr. Walters presented a verbal update regarding the approaching PACT meeting on Monday 10th October. The Chairman has written to the new Police Super Intendent regarding road safety and speeding vehicles in and around St Peter's to highlight the major issues with the Southern Link Road as the extended development nears completion.
- c. **Community Engagement:** The Chairman gave a report on behalf of Cllr. Wytcherley regarding a recent visit to Acorns Children's Hospice. Cllr. Wytcherley has also requested a badge to enable easier identification as a Councillor in the local area. Clerk to progress.
- d. **Environment:** The Chairman gave a verbal update in the absence of Cllr. Tidy. Works are in place to make visible enhancements and purchase of benches.
- e. **Community Facility:** Cllr. Knight gave a verbal update on plans to build a new community facility. Plans are well underway.

10822 Date of Next Meeting: The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was proposed as Thursday 10th November 2022 at 19:30, at St Peter's Village Hall, Worcester WR5 3TA.

10922 Confidential item: Community Facility. Members of the public excluded from this agenda item due to commercial confidentiality.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....