

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Thursday 10th October 2024 at 19:30** in St Peter's Village Hall Worcester, WR5 3TA.

Present: Chairman Cllr. Mr. J. Renshaw, Cllrs., Mr. P. James, Mr. D. Simmonds, Mrs. K. Evans, Mrs. A. Wytcherley, Mr. R. Knight, Mr. D. Saunders and Mrs. L. Hodges.

Also present: The Clerk.

12824 Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Mr. A. Tidy.

12924 Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Knight for matters relating to St Peter's Village Hall Association.

13024 Adoption of Minutes: Council agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 12th September 2024 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:

- None.

13124 Report from City Councillors: City Councillors Cockeram and Round were not in attendance.

13224 Report from County Councillor:

County Cllr. Mackay was not in attendance but had provided a written report which the Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting. Council noted the report, which included:

- a. The VAS on St Peter's Drive provided by Cllr. Mackay's divisional fund has been replaced following the theft of the previous unit.
- b. Pedway maintenance continues with work on the route between Sheringham Road and Aldersey Park and Framlingham Close (24 -29 October) and the pedway from St Peter's Drive by Eden Court leading to the children's play area by the Baptist Church (16-23 October), weather dependent.

13324 St Peter's Parish Festival: Cllr. Simmonds provided a verbal update:

- a. The Clerk, Chairman, and Cllr. Simmonds held a Festival planning meeting on 18th September, covering all Festival activities, including.
 - The essential event documentation has been reviewed for 2025.
 - The advertisement for the voluntary role of the Festival Organiser was published, two applications have been received thus far.
 - The Festival working party meeting dates are provisionally the last Tuesday of the month, except December, via Zoom.
- b. Council to confirm a date for volunteers and partners to present the donation to Acorns.
- c. Council suggested an approach be made to local businesses to sponsor the Festival in 2025.

13424 The City Plan: Council had been consulted on the latest review of the City Plan. Council agreed to a Parish response and requested the Clerk submit to the City Council before the deadline of 15th October.

13524 The Safety of Electric Powered Micromobility Vehicles and Lithium Batteries Bill:

St Peter's Parish Council resolves:

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- a. To authorise the Chairman to write to Lord Foster to express the Parish Council's support for his campaign to ensure greater safety in the use and disposal of lithium batteries by means of parliament passing as soon as possible the proposed "The Safety of Electric Powered Micromobility Vehicles and Lithium Batteries Bill."
- b. To authorise the Chairman to write to Jonathan Pryce, Chief Fire Officer of Hereford and Worcester Fire Brigade, informing him of the Parish Council's support for Lord Foster's bill and asking for any material the Fire Brigade may have to be made available on the dangers posed by lithium-ion batteries and how St Peter's residents may control the risk they pose.
- c. To include information on the Parish Council's website and in the next issue of Newslink aimed at raising residents' awareness of the issue.

13624 Matters arising and action sheet: Council reviewed the latest actions not covered elsewhere on the agenda, updates as follows:

- a. Strategic Principles to be review as soon as possible.
- b. Chairman to discuss with Cllr. Mackay the possibility of meeting a senior highways Officer instead of Cllr. Bayliss.
- c. The Chairman awaiting response from MHDC regarding a meeting to discuss St Peter's Parish Council consultation status.
- d. The continued absence of the City Councillors was noted. City Cllrs. Round and Cockeram have not been present at a Parish Council meeting since January 2024.

13724 Highways, Developments & Planning:

- a. No matters to report.

13824 Budget: The Chairman provided a verbal update following the first meeting of the budget working party on 3rd October. Council agreed to continue to explore budgetary options ahead of the next working party meeting.

13924 Finance:

- a. The Clerk presented a financial report and gave an update on the current 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
£848.03	HMRC	Deductions
£200.00	Timberdine Allotments	Grant donation
£45.60	DCK Accounting	Payroll
£378.00	PFK Littlejohn	External audit

14024 Clerks Report: To receive a report from the Clerk on correspondence to the Council and other pertinent administrative matters.

- a. Invitation from Mayor to the remembrance event at the Cathedral.
- b. A new newsletter from the Community Engagement Team at the City Council.
- c. An invitation to a Councillor Coffee Afternoon at Perdiswell Leisure Centre from the Healthy Communities Team at Freedom Leisure.
- d. A communication from a resident regarding parking issues on Arran Place and Tiree Avenue. Council to raise with the County Councillor.
- e. The annual IDIG trees application is open. Clerk to raise with Cllr. Tidy for parks consideration.
- f. A communication from a resident regarding the poor maintenance of properties.

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14124 Portfolio allocation: Council agreed to the latest portfolio allocation.

14224 Portfolio Holder Reports:

- a. **Street scene:** Cllr. Evans provided a verbal update, including:
 - i. Concern regarding the general appearance of the Pharmacy area.
 - ii. An update on graffiti on street cabinets.
- b. **PACT:** Next meeting agreed as Tuesday 3rd December at 7:30 in St Peter's Village Hall.
- c. **Website:** Clerk to circulate the latest link for Council to review.

14324 Date of Next Meeting: The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is proposed as Thursday 14th November 2024 at 19:30 at St Peter's Village Hall, Worcester WR5 3TA.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....