

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Thursday 13th January 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, and Mr. J. Renshaw.

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

0122 Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Mr. A. Tidy, Dr. D. Tibbutt.

0222 Declarations of Interest: None

0322 Adoption of Minutes: Council agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th November 2022 as a true record of events. The Chairman duly signed the master copy, held within the minute book.

Public Participation: One member of the public was in attendance and reported a perceived increase in the rat population around the Grasshopper Park area.

0422 St Peter's Festival: Cllr. Renshaw presented a verbal update regarding a recent festival working party.

- a. At the last Parish Council meeting, Council delegated authority to the Clerk and Cllr. Renshaw via the festival working party to agree the venue for the festival in 2022. Following written confirmation from the County Council regarding the suitability of the site following groundworks, and a site meeting to confirm the requirements for a safe and successful event between Parish representatives and the City Council, the venue for St Peter's Parish Festival is to be Power Park on the 17th of July 2022. Further meetings, including an additional site meeting and a planning meeting with the Community Engagement Team from the City Council were noted.
- b. Council agreed to the proposed pricing structure for stallholders and commercial attractions. This was confirmed as a four-tier system with a discount for local produce, suppliers, and businesses.

0522 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. Following a recent incident in December at the Ketch roundabout where a vehicle reportedly left the carriageway and crossed a footpath, Cllr. Mackay has arranged a meeting with County Highways to discuss the issue. the Parish Council requested if it would be possible to investigate the option of installing a pedestrian barrier.
 - ii. The A38 pedestrian crossing works are due to be completed in Spring 2022.
 - iii. Lighting in Power Park along a new section of footpath is due to be installed once ordered parts are received.
 - iv. 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 landlord permission.
 - v. The project to install CCTV on the Carrington Bridge underpass is progressing with officers obtaining quotes for installation works.
- b. City Cllr. Johnson presented a verbal report regarding City issues:
 - i. An update on planning matters including a change in management at the City Council.

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- ii. An update on healthcare provision in Worcestershire.

0622 Matters arising and action sheet:

- a. Complaint procedure – The Clerk has drafted a policy for review at a future meeting.
- b. VAS – The Clerk has completed a data download and will circulate appropriate data in due course.
- c. Outdoor gym equipment – the Clerk has written confirmation from City Council Operations that CDM compliant paperwork regarding the gym equipment has been accepted and permission has been granted to proceed with installation works. Clerk to confirm arrangements for installation in February.

0722 Highways, Developments & Planning: As covered under 0522.

0822 Finance:

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

Amount	Payable To	Reason for Payment
£43.17	Clerk	3 months Zoom
£1039.24	HMRC	Deductions
£105.00	Clerk	Paperturn subscription

- c. A proposal to add a Zoom annual subscription was agreed by Council, Council duly authorised the Clerk to confirm arrangements.

0922 Clerks Report: To receive a report from the Clerk on correspondence to the Council and other pertinent administrative matters.

- a. Notification from County Council that Foxglove pedway will be closed for Openreach works for a period of approximately six days. A diversion route is in operation.
- b. Notification from County Council that Broomhall Way is to have a temporary speed limit of 50mph to enable works to take place.
- c. Notification from City Council regarding installation of replacement signage on four roundabouts in St Peter's.
- d. Contact from three residents regarding a lack of lighting provision in Power Park on the newly installed section of footpath.
- e. Contact from two residents regarding the installation of a new section of footpath on Deer pedway linking up with an existing bridleway.
- f. Details regarding a consultation on a new secondary school in Worcester.
- g. A reminder regarding the Here2Help community directory.
- h. Guidance from WCALC regarding Covid-19 measures to ensure safe Parish meetings.
- i. Confirmation regarding the formal adoption of the Norton-Juxta-Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan.

1022 Budget 2021 / 2022 and precept request:

- a. The Clerk has received formal notification of the taxbase in the Parish from the City Council.
- b. The Chairman presented a verbal report following recommendations from a recent budget working party to consider the budget and precept request. It was requested to be noted that Cllr. Tibbutt opposed the working party proposal. Council agreed a precept request of £41000,

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an increase of £1432 or 65p per month on a band D property, and requested the Clerk confirm with the City Council.

1122 Portfolio Holder Reports:

- a. Planning. Cllr. Saunders confirmed a planning application has been received regarding a change of land use for land adjacent to Broomhall Way A4440. Council has responded formally via the planning portal.
- b. PACT. Cllr. Walters presented a verbal update regarding the recently received Parish contact contract.
- c. Environment. Cllr. Tidy is planning to restart activities with the Friends of St Peter's Parks group. The first event will be a community litter pick, with future dates and events to be confirmed in due course.
- d. Community Engagement. Cllr. Wytcherly gave an update on a recent visit to St Marks church.

1222 Date of Next Meeting: The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was proposed as Thursday 10th February 2022 at 19:30, at St Peter's Village Hall, Worcester WR5 3TA.

1322 Confidential Item: SPVHA: Press and public excluded from this agenda item. Cllr Knight presented a verbal update on the Village Hall Association plans for a potential new community facility to be sited in St Peter's.

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Chairman

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