

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes

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

Present: Chairman Cllr. Mr. A. Tucker, Cllrs. Mr. M. Johnson, 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.

At the start of the meeting the Chairman suggested, and Council agreed, to observe a minute's silence in recognition of those lost during both Covid-19 and the ongoing war in Ukraine.

2722 Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Mr. D. Saunders.

2822 Declarations of Interest: Cllrs. Johnson and Knight for matters in relation to SPVHA.

2922 Adoption of Minutes: Council agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th February 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 comment: Collections are ongoing to assist people suffering as a result of the war in Ukraine. Check for updates on social media.

3022 St Peter's Festival: Cllr. Renshaw and the Festival Organiser gave a verbal update. Plans are advancing well. The Festival Organiser called for tombola and raffle prizes. A volunteer rota has been drawn up, with roles to be defined.

3122 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
£38.02	Clerk	Paid promotion for Heritage trail

3222 Clerks Report: To receive a report from the Clerk on correspondence to the Council and other pertinent administrative matters.

- a. The Worcester Show is due to take place on 14th August 2022.
- b. The National Flood Forum are planning to hold drop-in sessions during March following recent flooding along the river Severn.
- c. A communication from a resident regarding park maintenance and muddy paths.
- d. Notification of overnight road closures affecting the Ketch roundabout between the 15th of March and the 4th of April.
- e. A communication from a resident regarding parking of vehicles on footpaths.
- f. The latest communication from Clerks and Council's Direct.

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- g. A policy note communication from the County Council regarding guidance around hanging bunting on street lighting during the Queens Jubilee.
- h. The results from a consultation by Worcestershire Children's First regarding the proposed new secondary School in Worcester.

3322 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 on the flooding relief scheme.
 - ii. No right turn proposal at Aldi junction. Cllr. Mackay has discussed at length with officers. It was reluctantly agreed that this piece of work would not be a priority in the short-term due to issues with landownership and the potential to adversely affect traffic flow along St Peter's Drive.
 - iii. Lighting. Cllr. Mackay confirmed that 3 light columns with solar lighting have been secured and a meeting with an engineer is imminent. 2 units are for Power Park and one for an area between Tesco and St Peter's Drive.
 - iv. Grasshopper Park. Refurbishment of park equipment is underway.
 - v. Underpass CCTV, 3 cameras are to be fitted. Quotes are being obtained.
 - vi. Graffiti has been reported across the Battenhall Park area and removed by the Warden over the last month.

- b. City Cllr. Johnson presented a verbal report regarding City issues:
 - i. A new charity has been set up to support the Museum and Art Gallery.
 - ii. Knife Angel is in Cathedral Square throughout March.
 - iii. Brief details on the latest planning applications within the city that have been before the planning committee.
 - iv. Proposed changes to the Election regime and Boundary Commission review.

3422 Matters arising and action sheet:

- a. The Traveller site proposal has not been submitted to planning committee yet.
- b. A suggestion to install a crash barrier to protect pedestrians from vehicles on the Power Park side of the Ketch roundabout has been requested to highways, and a site meeting is expected.

3522 Complaints procedure: Council agreed to adopt the complaints procedure. Clerk to contact the Monitoring Officer for a copy of the code of contact.

3622 Portfolio Holder Reports:

- a. Environment.
 - i. Next community litter pick 10am 29th March meeting at the MUGA near Tesco. Looking at dates for practical events.
 - ii. Request for Clerk to formally write to the City Council to request Battenhall Park become a QE2 park.
 - iii. Cllr. Tidy proposed to renew the Parish Warden services subject to price increase.
 - iv. Council agreed to the Chairman's proposal to formally request the City Council consider the designation of Battenhall Park as a Field's in Trust site.
 - v. Council agreed to Cllr. Tidy's resolution to renew the Parish Warden Service Level Agreement (SLA) subject to confirmation of the cost from the City Council, and delegated authority for the Clerk and Chairman to complete this action.

- b. Newslink. The last publication in present format is to be published during March.
- c. Community Engagement. Cllr. Wytcherly reported on recent communications with community members.

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- d. Police and Communities. Cllr. Walters reported on a recent meeting with the assistant Police and Crime Commissioner. Cllr. Walters and the Chairman attended the meeting, and raised local policing concerns including speeding on the A4440. The rearranged PACT meeting is 25th April.

3722 Date of Next Meeting: The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was proposed as Thursday 14th April 2022 at 19:30, at St Peter's Village Hall, Worcester WR5 3TA.

3822 Confidential item: St Peter's Village Hall. Press and public excluded from this Agenda item. Following an initial briefing, the Chairman proposed the expenditure of £2500 to be paid to St Peter's Village Hall Association to assist with initial design costs of a proposed new community facility. The Chairman to formally write to the project manager within the City Council to confirm the availability of Parish Council capital support for the community facility proposal as directed in the Strategic Principles document.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....