

# St Peter the Great County Parish Council

## Minutes

**Minutes** of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 19:30** in St Peter's Village Hall Worcester, WR5 3TA.

**Present:** Chairman Cllr. Mr. A. Tucker. Cllrs. Mr. P. Walters, , Mr. D. Saunders, , Mr A. Tidy.

Also present: One member of public, City & County Cllr. Mr. S. Mackay , City Cllr. Dr. S. Cockerham and the Clerk.

**2323 Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Mr. J. Woolgar, Mr. J. Renshaw, Mrs. A. Wytcherley, Mr. R. Knight.

**2423 Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Public Participation:** None.

**2523 Adoption of Minutes:** Council agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The Chairman duly signed the master copy which would be held within the minute book.

**2623 Reports from District and County Councillors:**

- a. City Cllr. Cockerham provided a verbal report covering:
  - i. Confirmation that the proposed traveller site planning application will be considered on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
  - ii. Plans are underway to mark the Kings Coronation.
  - iii. The City Council have cancelled a contract with the provider of the payment machines at all the city centre car parks due to payment issues during 2022.
  - iv. Air quality monitors have been approved within the city and county, including a mobile unit.
    - b. 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. Details over promotion of Voter ID requirements for the upcoming election.
      - ii. Several complaints raised in St Peter's regarding dog foul left in public areas. Civil Enforcement Officers were in St Peter's following up on these concerns, monitoring the area, and providing advisory information.
      - iii. Noise monitoring has taken place in St Peter's at multiple locations by the County Council. Results reportedly indicate that that current noise levels are lower than prior to the new road works.
      - iv. New street lighting will be installed on Leven Pedway in March.
      - v. Several objections have been raised in relation to the installation of the proposed 5G phone mast on land near to the Baptist Church.
      - vi. Comments from residents have suggested the pedestrian refuge opposite Kestrel Drive on St Peter's Drive is too narrow for practical use.

**2723 Matters arising and action sheet:** Council received updates on the latest actions:

- a. Council has tried over many months to communicate with County Highways representatives to highlight long-term issues of concern in the Parish. With this in mind, the Chairman reviewed the prolonged lack of communication from Highways and proposed to write to the Director of Planning to address the matter, Council duly agreed. The Chairman offered thanks to Cllr. Mackay for ongoing assistance in this matter.
- b. New graffiti has been seen on Broomhall footbridge. Cllr Tidy has requested its removal.

# St Peter the Great County Parish Council

- c. Election cycle. The Clerk and Cllr. Walters had recently met with Warndon Parish Council to confirm a joint approach to proposed changes in the election cycle. Council agreed to the proposed preferences for changes to the election cycle and requested the Clerk confirm with the City Council in collaboration with Warndon Parish Council.
- d. Biodiversity enhancements. Cllr. Mackay has funded collaborative working with the Worcester Environmental Group to install new bat and bird boxes. The Warden has been trained to install these boxes in the future.
- e. Path surfaces. The Clerk has compiled a list of pedway issues in the Parish. Councillors to report further path issues to the Clerk to be added to the document.
- f. The Ketch viewpoint notice board has still not been replaced. Cllr. Knight has requested confirmation of provision for signage in the new viewpoint area.
- g. Clerk, Chairman and the Vice-Chairman are awaiting a future meeting date in the bank to update signatories.
- h. Repairs to wooden planters at Tesco have not been completed yet.
- i. Grass matting around gym equipment. The City Council are reportedly providing grass matting with the Warden to install it.
- j. Liaison with Warndon Parish Council regarding the shared Warden scheme. Council has requested for St Peter's Warden provision to go to one day per week, with the remaining day being offered to Warndon PC. The Clerk is awaiting confirmation from the Clerk at Warndon Parish Council and the City Council.
- k. PACT. Cllr. Walters has written to the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Paul Middlebrough, expressing concerns of residents attending the February PACT meeting at the changes in which crime data is now reported, via the police.uk website, and the crime definitions. Violent and Sexual Crime was a particular concern because of the difficulty establishing the seriousness of the crimes committed.

## **2823 Highways, Developments & Planning:**

- a. As above 2723 (a).

## **2923 Finance:**

- a. The Clerk presented a written report and confirmed the latest financial position of Council.
- b. Council approved the following payments, including those made since the last meeting under delegated authority.

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payable To</b>	<b>Reason for Payment</b>
£3600.00	Herlig Architecture	New community facility preparation for RIBA stage 4. Invoice 1291
£3600.00	Herlig Architecture	New community facility preparation for RIBA stage 4. Invoice 1290
£1920.00	Greenwood Projects	New community facility – Quantity surveying services, RIBA stage 3 & stage 4.
£200.00	St Peter's Over 60's Club	Grant donation

**3023 Clerks Report:** To receive a report from the Clerk on correspondence to the Council and other pertinent administrative matters:

# St Peter the Great County Parish Council

- a. A local resident has reported an increase in graffiti tagging in the area and across the city. Council noted the increase. Cllr. Tidy gave an update and detailed the Parish response to such instances and how to report to the district authorities.
- b. A local resident has planted a Silver Birch Tree provided by the Parish Council on the corner of Bath Road and Norton Road.
- c. Latest update from Clerks and Councils Direct.

**3123 Community Facility:** It was confirmed that the planning application for the new facility has been approved. The project is now preparing for the new build to start. To date, St Peter's Parish Council has expended £34,450 on the new community facility project.

## **3223 Portfolio Holder Reports:**

- a. **Parish Festival:** The Festival Organiser was present and proved a verbal update on recent actions.
- b. **Environment:** Cllr. Tidy provided a verbal update including an update on tree planting plans. 16<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March are the next tree planting events meeting in Battenhall Park at 10am.
- c. **Local Planning:** Cllr. Saunders gave a verbal update including details of the proposed date for the next City Council planning committee meeting at which the application for the traveller site on the A4440 will be considered.
- d. **Police Liaison:** Cllr. Walters gave an update on local Policing matters. Complaints have been made to the Police regarding a group of youths ringing resident's doorbells and then running away, sometimes abusing the householder and kicking doors and fencing. The Safer Neighbourhood Policing team have apprehended three of the youths, who are from St Peter's, and they have been spoken to with their parents and received Anti-Social Behaviour letters. The Police will remain vigilant and asked that any anti-social behaviour be reported to them.
- e. **AOB:** Cllr. Tidy requests that at the next meeting, two people be nominated for the Freedom of the Parish for continued service to the community. Roger Knight and Helen Daniel both of whom are dedicated members of the community.

**3323 Date of Next Meeting:** The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was proposed as Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 19:30, at St Peter's Village Hall, Worcester WR5 3TA.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....