

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 7th November 2005** at **7.45pm** in the **Village Hall, St Peters.**

Present: Chairman; Cllr. Mr R. McFarlane, Cllrs. Mr P. Thorlby, Mr D. Edgerton, Mrs. S. Mills, Mrs. P. Bunney, Mr. C. Mills, Mr. R. Knight, Clerk R.O. Jenkins.

Attending: County Cllr. Mr. M. Cairns, PC. A. Hall.

75/05 Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Mrs. J. Knott.

76/05 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

77/05 Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of the 26th September 2005 were adopted and signed.

78/05 Reports from Invited Representatives:

- (a) County Councillor Mr. M. Cairns reported that the progress of a traffic order prohibiting the parking of vehicles on the verge on Broomhall Way was ongoing and would probably become effective from March 2006. Clarification of the exact date to be notified to the Parish Council in due course.
- (b) City Councillor Mr. R. Knight gave a detailed update in respect of the distribution of the new Wheelie Bins, and two copies of the new strategy initiated in conjunction with the Duckworth Trust. The request for two volunteers to join the initiative and the need for feedback was noted. Cllr. Knight reminded Council that the Clean Neighbourhoods Act about to come into force provided a new approach to litter and other problems. He also informed Council that the 'Planning Road-Show' held on November 3rd at the Scout Hut was poorly attended. The removal of large quantities of Bramble growth adjacent to Bicton Court at the rear of the Tesco car park was welcomed by Council and it was agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Ian Yates at the City Council for facilitating this work.
- (c) PC. A. Hall, Beat Manager for St Peter's confirmed that the Section 30 ASBO order at St Peter's, which had significantly reduced the previous reported youth crime problems at Abbotsbury Court, had been lifted. This was not, however, the cause of the slight increase in reported crime on the estate for the current period. It was noted that the Community Support Officer would not necessarily attend all Parish Council meetings, particularly if and when PC Hall was already attending.
- (d) The Chairman adjourned the meeting for 10 minutes to allow members of the public to speak. Cllr. R. Knight introduced Ms Helen Dean from the Red Hill Baptist Church, who informed Members that it was likely that work on the new Baptist Church would begin in a few weeks time.

79/05 Planning Matters: There were no planning consultations to consider.

80/05 Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:

- (a) Mr. P. Ironside of creative spaces updated Council on the progress of the Web Site design. He produced a header for the Home Page and various requirements were identified by Council, providing Mr Ironside with sufficient information to progress further with the design and construction work. Councillors were informed that work would progress at £40 per hour. Mr Ironside agreed to contact Ms Ann Perry at the City Council to liaise in respect of links, as she had specifically requested.

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80/05 continued: Cllr. Knight agreed to provide an electronic colour copy of the City Council logo for Mr Ironside to use in the site: Cllr. Thorlby and Cllr. Mrs. Mills agreed to assist in the development of the site.

- (b) The Clerk updated Council on current administrative matters and all relevant correspondence. Payment of the following accounts was agreed:
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| dupliKate, printing Newslink..... | £809.19 |
| CALC, publications..... | £ 2.37 |
| D Edgerton, Tree Warden expenses..... | £ 11.50 |
- Ratification agreed:
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| Clement Keys, annual audit..... | £ 141.00 |
| Dor 2 Dor Newslink distribution..... | £ 116.00 |
- (c) The Clerk again advised Council that his understanding was that payment of ‘out of pocket’ expenses for Councillors was not currently within the powers of the Council and that any such payment would be not be acceptable by the District Auditor. In view of the differing opinions the Clerk said that he would have to obtain further advice from
CALC.
- (d) The Clerk provided Members with an update of the list of items in respect of matters agreed with Mr. Ian Yates, of City Council Parks Department, in respect of his latest inspection of St Peter’s. Satisfaction was expressed for the progress made and noted the anticipated completion dates for the outstanding items.
- (e) The Clerk again drew attention to the Freedom of Information Act requirements and re-iterated the legal obligations which had become mandatory in January 2005. It was agreed that the Clerk would provide the Chairman with further information.
- (f) Members resolved to adopt the Parish Council Charter.
- (g) It was resolved that Cllr. Mills and the Chairman would undertake the review annual staff review, and the Clerk agreed to provide any further information required.
- (h) It was resolved that the Clerk be authorised to obtain prices for the acquisition of two additional litter bins particularly for the new play park, and two additional dog fouling bins for the Battenhall Rise area..
- (i) It was not considered necessary to open a separate bank account for underwriting Newslink.

81/05 Local Environment and Amenities.

- (a) Cllr. Mrs Bunney updated Council on the arrangements for a competition in respect of the Litter on Routes to Schools initiative, including the involvement of the Chairman of the County Council, Mr D, Prodger, MBE. and the Police. On the 21st November a full day devoted to litter problems and a litter pick had been arranged. It was agreed in principle to provide a perpetual Challenge Cup or Shield, circa £40.00, for children’s competitions in providing innovative ideas for litter prevention and solutions
- (b) The Tesco Community Notice Board information was not available.
- (c) Cllr. Mrs Mills gave a full report on the way forward for the Parish Plan and agreed to take the next step in the progression of the formation of a suitable working group.

82/05 Parish Warden and Budget:

This item involved confidential staff matters and (under current regulations) was dealt with as an exempt item (addressed in confidential session with the Press and members the public excluded) Council resolved to exclude the press and public in the public interest from the whole of this item. Continued.....

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82/05 continued:

- (a) A decision in respect of the post of Parish Warden was recorded in a **confidential note** attached to the minute book.
- (b) Budget proposals included items concerning the remuneration of staff and administrative arrangements for 2006/2007 and was therefore dealt with in confidential session.. **It was resolved to set the budget at £32,500 and, accordingly a £32,500 precept for the year 2006/2007**
- (9) **Agreed** date for the next meeting 12/12/05.

Signed.....Chairman

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