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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 31st July 2006 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.

- (1) **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence were received from:
Cllrs. Mrs S. Mills, Mrs P. Bunney, City Cllr Mr A. Tarbuck, County Cllr Mr M. Cairns
- (2) **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations.
- (3) **Adoption of Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting 26th June 2006 were adopted and signed.
- (4) **Short Information Reports:**
 - (a) The Internal Auditor, Mr. P. Middlebrough, reported that the annual accounts for the financial year ending 31/03/06 were correct in detail and presentation, with no outstanding issues. In reply to a question, Mr Middlebrough advised that any surplus funds at the end of a financial year should be transferred to the Reserve Account, and subsequently used for other projects only after a formally considered decision of the Council.
 - (b) City Councillor Mr. R. Knight updated Council in respect of Power Park youth problems, the maintenance of an area of land in Heather Close where ball games had been a problem, the Tesco traffic island planting scheme, and the current grant application to Awards for All to enable a new planting scheme for Power Park.
 - (c) PC. A. Hall reported a virtually crime free period at St Peter's. One complaint had been received regarding an alleged under age motor cyclist using Power Park.
 - (d) During an adjournment of the meeting at this point, a report on the local Neighbourhood Watch scheme was received. Members of the public expressed concerns in respect of several issues including; Old Oil Depot development, overgrown walkways, visibility at the new traffic island near Rainthorpe, traffic speeds on St Peter's Drive, and obstructive local parking. Councillors noted these matters.
- (5) **The Finance Group Recommendations.**
 - (a) The Chairman provided a form of words outlining the procedure to be followed by local Groups and/or Organisations wishing to apply for small grants from the Parish Council. With minor adjustments the format was unanimously approved by Council and it was further agreed that this information be published on the Web Site and in Newslink.
- (6) **Environment and Amenities:**
 - (a) It was noted that the Tesco Traffic Island had now been planted, and Councillors expressed appreciation of Tesco's involvement..
 - (b) It was agreed that Cllr Knight would seek the assistance of the City Council (Properties Section) in respect of advice on replacement fencing panels on St. Peter's Drive and to defer this and other items of concern to the next inspection of St Peter's by Mr Ian Yates. Action in respect of vandalism on Power Park, 'on street' car sales, Car Boot sales parking and noise levels was reported as ongoing, with significant developments imminent.

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- (c) The Vice Chairman, Cllr. MacFarlane updated Council on the new Warden Scheme for St Peter's when it was confirmed that one Warden had already commenced Duties, and that the second Warden was about to be appointed.
- (d) The Clerk was asked to advertise the proposed new Community Centre proposals in the next edition of Newslink.

(7) **Planning Matters:**

The following responses were unanimously agreed;
PO6L0360: 43 Primrose Crescent, side extension:
PO6L0361: 45 Primrose Crescent, side extension:

The Council wished to note their concern for these two complimentary applications. The scale, mass and density will produce a development totally out of keeping with the area, and result in gross overdevelopment of these two sites. Council objects.

P06L0353, 18 Bowood Lane, insufficient information. **Cllr Mrs Knott was given delegated powers to obtain further information and respond accordingly.**

(8) **Accounts, Financial Matters and Administration:**

- (a) The Parish web site and CALC web site communications were the subject of a brief update. It was noted that the Parish Council web site was currently under used and more input was urged. The current arrangements for the CALC web site access and password systems were explained.
 - (b) It was agreed that Group Training would be an item for the next meeting agenda.
 - (c) Payment of accounts presented were agreed for payment as follows:
Dor 2 Dor, Newslink distribution.....£150.00
D, Edgerton, Tree Warden expenses (ratification).....£ 77.75
 - (d) It was unanimously agreed to delegate responsibility for Parish Council decisions during the Summer recess to the Chairman and Vice Chairman.
 - (e) It was agreed to accept the resignation of Dr. A. Graham and declare a casual vacancy in accordance with the regulations, by 3 votes to 2; the Chairman abstained.
 - (f) The Clerk updated Members in respect of all relevant communications.
- (9) **Agreed** date for the next meeting as *Monday 25th September 2006*