

St Peter the Great County Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 25th January 2010 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall, St Peters.

Prior to the meeting the Chairman and Councillors welcomed The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Worcester, Councillor A. Roberts and his wife to the meeting and spent time with him in informal conversation.

Present: Chmn.. R. MacFarlane, Cllrs. Rev. D. Ballard, G. Rowe, P. Snookes, R. Knight, R. Fowler.

Also Attending: PC. Katie Frankish, CSO Lucy Rowbotham , A. Haines (Warden), and the Press.

0110 Apologies: Cllrs. P.Thorlby, A. White-Bower, Mrs. J. Chown; City Cllr. A. Tarbuck, County Cllr. M Cairns.

0210 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations. The Clerk reminded Members to renew their their declared interests document to the Monitoring Officer, via the Clerk who can provide a form if necessary.

0310 Adoption of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7th December 2009 were adopted after a minor correction to record Cllr R. Fowler as apologising for not attending and accordingly deleting his name from those present.

Cllr. R. Fowler announced the success of the Parish Council Playbuilder Grant Application and the award of a £50,000 grant towards the construction of a Super Play Area at Power Park, adjacent to Trefoil Close. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Fowler for his efforts in producing this result.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at this point and invited the Mayor to address Council. The Mayor paid tribute to the work of the Council and in particular, to the pro-active partnership existing between the Parish Council and the City Council. He highlighted a number of successful proactive St Peter's initiatives, led by the Parish Council, two of which he had attended i.e the Festival and the Nativity Play. He congratulated Council on the success of the Playbuilder application and expressed his pleasure to have been invited to the meeting. The Chairman thanked both the Mayor and his wife for their gracious attendance.

0410 Short Information Reports:

- (a) Council formally received a short report from PC Katie Frankish, who reported a very quiet crime free period since the last report. The request to provide some periodic lighting for the Multi Use Games Area had been successful and was enabling young folk to use the area after dark. She also reminded the Members of the forthcoming PACT meeting.
- (b) Council formally received a written and a verbal report from the St Peter's Warden. He explained that there had been little environmental work carried out since the Christmas break due to the very severe weather conditions. The Aldersey recreation area was reported to be continuing to receive attention to fencing and hedging, especially to the replanting of the hedges.
- (c) The Chairman adjourned the meeting to permit two members of the public to present their concerns in respect of the local environment. Their concerns were in respect of litter, abandoned shopping trolleys, poor lighting and rogue 'boy racer' cars in and around Tesco's car park. Their concerns were recorded for future attention.

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0510 Planning Matters:

No consultations or communications had been received.

0610 Administration:

- (a) The Clerk provided all correspondence and administrative matters requiring attention.
- (b) Cllr. Knight reported that the Hall Committee had applied for a "Community Builder" grant which had not been successful.

0710 Accounts, Financial Matters:

- (a) Council resolved to ratify the purchase of hedging plants to the approximate value of £200 for the renovation of Aldersey Play area hedges.
- (b) Payment of accounts as presented and displayed at the meeting was agreed as follows:
 - HMRC, December PAYE.....£181.07
 - Dor 2 Dor, Newslink, distribution.....£230.00
 - HMCR, January PAYE.....£ 94.80
 - Worcester City Council, lengthsman scheme.....£674.57
 - Wyevale Nurseries, hedging plants Aldersey Recreation land.....£275.58
- (c) Council also resolved to adopt a recommendation from Cllr.Thorlby in respect of a Scout Group request for a grant to install security equipment. The Council declined to award any grant at the present time and to inform the Scout Group accordingly.
- (d) Further consideration to the provision of a speed information sign, as a result of any further update on likely costs, was deferred.
- (e) Cllr. Fowler updated Council in respect of a successful application for a Playbuilder grant.
- (f) The Clerk reported on the progress of the latest Newslink and the usual lack of items for inclusion.

0810 Next Council Meeting:

Agreed date for the next meeting of the Parish Council, Monday 22nd February 2010.

Agreed date for a Working Group meeting Monday 8th February 2010.

Signed.....Chairman

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