

**Minutes of the meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 10th April 2006 @ 7:00pm**

Present Mrs. A James [Chairman]
:
Mrs. P. Allen
A.A. Bourke
Mrs. R. Heseltine
Mrs. P.N. Pitt
Mrs J.R.Williams

Members of the Public present : Four
PC Duncan Lampitt
Journalist from Wolverhampton Chronicle – Katy Muench.

212/06 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were offered and accepted from A.K. James, D.J. Billson, Mrs. P.C. Bromley, C.J. Bromley, R.J. Marshall, N.P.Caine, Mr P.M.French, and R.French.

213/06 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

Clive Rathbone commented that the subway leading to the small lake was constantly full of glass. The Clerk explained that the Litter Warden coverage extends to the subways though littering of this type is unfortunately constantly repeated, but promised to have it checked out as soon as possible. It was further stated that one subway was recently flooded though this is thought to be ok at present.

Tina spoke yet again concerning the issue of the Harald Close subway where anti social behaviour issues appear to have escalated. Tina was visibly upset as she explained that a recent polite request in the subway to youths bouncing a ball in a hostile fashion had not been well received and she had subsequently been followed at night, she was frightened and intimidated by this new level of harassment.

Additionally purple paint has recently been sprayed onto a neighbours yellow car leading to the unsupportive neighbour suggesting that this incident should have been directed at Tina who also owns a yellow vehicle. Cllr Penny Allen stated that an alley way in Wolverhampton had recently been gated and we should make proactive effort for a Gating order as soon as possible together with the provision of a Community Support Officer.

PC Duncan Lampitt stated that whilst this area was constantly monitored via the PC on the beat it was impossible to post a sentry in this or any other location. He further stated that harassment is not applicable to groups and that the area had become a 'meeting point' and Gating was unlikely to alter this fact. Section 30 policing that allows for 24 hour dispersal of groups may be appropriate but had not been adopted by South Staffs Police due to the legislation currently being tested in the courts.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the County Council advising of this apparent escalation of issues and request that the Subway is in filled as soon as possible.

214/06 **Police Matters**

PC Duncan Lampitt delivered the latest reported crime figures for Perton covering 13/03/06 to 10/04/06.

Criminal Damage	10	Note 1
Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle	8	Note 3
At. Burglary dwelling	1	
Burglary other building	2	
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	Note 2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1	
Rowdy behaviour	10	Note 1
Robbery	0	
Assaults	1	
Sex Offence	0	
Total Offences	34	
Note 1 Disappointing damage and nuisance figures, however this may stem from the lighter nights. It also may be due to lack of youth club facilities due to a previous burglary. On a plus note information has come to light, and several youths will be helping police with enquiries into youth club burglary.		
Note 2 The offender for the theft of vehicle was successfully arrested and faces court over several related matters.		
Note 3 Still have concerns into damage to motor vehicles. There seems to be a trend on Friday night / Saturday morning. Offenders mindlessly damage windows of unattended vehicles on the village. I would ask for any info into this matter, or sightings of youths around these times to be reported.		
Note 4 Pleasing fact that no further sex offences / flashing Incidents nor any robberies.		
For any information, or questions to PC Duncan Lampitt, use voicemail 08453-303132 box no. 04259		

PC Duncan Lampitt advised that with effect from 1st April 2006 Community Action teams were disbanded in favour of Neighbourhood Policing teams. This means that Frank and Duncan will no longer patrol as a team but will patrol at separate times thus increasing available police hours. Duncan will have prime responsibility for inner Perton with outer being primed by Frank, the Parkway being the inner / outer boundary line. They will continue to be supported by Panda response teams.

Cllr A. Bourke commented that the Stafford call centre was often slow to respond and prioritization was poor on 08453 calls. Duncan explained that there was often more demand than available resource but when crime or harassment was actually taking place then 999 was the call to make.

215/06 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Mrs. P.Pitt, Mrs A. James and A. Bourke declared interest in the Christmas Market.

Cllr Mrs A. James declared interest in cheque No 103064.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen declared interest in Perton Carnival.

216/06 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th March 2006 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Management Meeting held on 23rd February 2006 be confirmed as a true record.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 9th March 2006 be confirmed as a true record.

217/06 **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Cllr Mrs A. James advised that she is contacting local landowners together with a written request to SSDC to seek permission for the event to proceed. The plan is to run the market on the last Friday in November and have approximately 30 stalls that would be managed by local fund raisers. Some if not all of the stall costs would be borne by the stall holders with prices ranging from £7.00 + vat up to £34.00 + vat. The event would hopefully coincide with the switching on of the Christmas lights and background choirs. It was suggested that possibly the event should be held earlier to maximise the availability of the lights and possibly secure better weather. Cllr Mrs A. James stated that she believes there is no requirement for a licence and the market could be enhanced by Music, Steam Machines and Carousels. Cllr Mrs P.Allen expressed concerns regarding the anticipated level of participation and stated that the event would need to be underwritten by PPC. She further stated that Perton Church could be a significant contributor if required with own land at front curtilage and car park, there may also be issues regarding Public Liability Insurance.

Cllr A. Bourke expressed some concerns that the shop owners amongst the Council may have some reservations concerning potential loss of trade and such like.

RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs A. James meet with and explore the willingness of local Charities, the Church and local interest groups to participate in the event and then report back at the next meeting.

218/06 **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2006/2007 - REVISED**

The Clerk provided a revised listing of proposed dates for 2006/7 Parish Council Meetings which was accepted without further alteration.

219/06 **PARISH PLAN**

- a) The Clerk stated that the Parish Council had been the recent recipient of a further grant of £1376.00 in final settlement of the original grant from the Countryside Agency to support the production of the Parish Plan. 10% of the original grant had been lost due to the failure of PPC to produce the plan to the agreed target date of September 2005. The Clerk received a formal vote of thanks for his efforts in this area.
- b) Progress on the plan was now held pending the production of the last set of amendments to the plan questionnaire. The Clerk advised that his office had now resolved the software issues and were now able to delete any repetitive questions and insert new questions as required.

RESOLVED that the Councillors would seek to produce the last draft from their own sources to permit an early update of the plan software. A meeting of the Plan Committee will be called on Monday 24th April 2006.

220/06 **PERTON PLACE MAGAZINE**

Following discussion concerning the distribution of this 'Ad Mag' it was decided to take a single page in the next edition to test the public reaction. The Clerks office will produce the copy and have it checked by one or two Councillors to test reaction. Initially we will advertise the Civic Centre, the website and the forthcoming Parish plan. Should this prove successful will then seek a method to obtain distribution to the off Perton areas of the Parish.

RESOLVED that Clerks office will produce copy and take one page of space in the next edition of Perton Place magazine.

221/06 **SPCA 2006/07 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

The meeting decided that this subscription represents a good investment since there is plentiful legal advice and support via this organization.

RESOLVED that the subscription be renewed for 2006 / 07.

222/06 **PERTON BUS SHELTERS**

The Clerk informed the meeting that following the resolution agreed at the previous Parish Meeting (minute 198/06 refers) he had found a Perton based company called MGD Solutions (Making Graffiti Disappear) that had performed an audit of the existing shelters and had submitted a creative proposal that he felt was likely to be of interest to the Council. The innovative solutions offered include impact assessment and a schools 'adopt a shelter' idea.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would invite Vikki Green of MGD Solutions to deliver a presentation during the Public Open Session at the next Parish Council Meeting on 8th May 2006.

223/06 **SALARY AWARDS**

The Clerk advised the meeting that pay awards in the region of approximately 2.95% the subject of previous NJC agreement had been implemented with effect from 1st April 2006. No objections were raised.

224/06 **EMPLOYER PENSION INCREASE 2006 / 07**

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Pensions Actuary had implemented a raise in Employer Pension contributions from 10.1% to 10.8% with effect from 1st April 2006. No objections were raised.

225/06 **PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

The Clerk informed the meeting that at the recent Management Committee meeting on 3rd April the Parish Council Website had been raised as an issue. The site is out of date and quite costly to maintain. The Clerk has done some cost / quality evaluation work and has found a new supplier that can deliver better quality whilst reducing the monthly running cost and offering enhanced services, a presentation is planned at next Management Committee.

RESOLVED that since the web site is of interest Council wide the presentation will be moved from the Management Committee agenda to the full Parish Council agenda on May 8th 2006.

226/06 **SOUTH STAFFS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

a) **Sussed Out – Summer**

The summer schedule was distributed and agreed. The schedule is for eight events which includes the originally agreed six plus one rescheduled from Easter plus one additional free event provided by SSDC.

b) **Councillors Reports –**

Since the District Councillors were unable to attend this item was deferred until next meeting.

227/06 **STAFFS. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

a) **Extension to Yellow Lines in Sandown Drive – Cllr N.Caine**

Since Cllr N.Caine was unable to attend this item was deferred until next meeting.

b) **Traffic Island Sponsorship**

The answers to questions raised at the last Parish Council meeting (minute 207/06 refers) were distributed following a response from the County Council.

RESOLVED that the Clerk seek to obtain a copy of the Sponsorship agreement in use between Penkrudge Parish Council and their island sponsors and also to investigate provision and cost of appropriate Public Liability Insurance.

c) Councillors Report

Since the County Councillors were unable to attend this item was deferred until next meeting.

228/06 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Perton Nursery Pensions – Actuarial Strain

The letter from the Clerk to the Actuary and the following reply and explanation was distributed and accepted as a full and complete response in answer to the queries raised.

b) External Year End Audit 31/3/2005

The Auditors comments were distributed and the points raised were noted.

c) Perton Carnival 2006 – Grant Acknowledgement

The grant receipt and vote of thanks was distributed a duly noted by the members.

229/06 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Clerk informed the meeting that since the last Parish Council meeting on 13th March 2006 the following proposals had been reviewed and returned to South Staffs. District Council.

			Date Returned
9	06/00221/FUL	Single storey side extension re-submission 05/01188/FUL 1 Sutherland Grove, Perton, WV6 7PA	21/03/06
10	06/0222/FUL	Conservatory 16 Cornovian Close, Perton, WV6 7NU	28/03/06
11	06/0155/FUL	Proposed 2no. dwellings Trescott Farm, Trescott, Wolverhampton	28/03/06
12	06/00268/FUL	Two storey side extension 53 St Andrews Drive, Perton WV6 7YL	28/03/06
13	06/00290/FUL	Two storey side extension 4 Rowton Avenue, Perton WV6 7SR	28/03/06

Cllr Mrs P.Allen suggested that it may be a future consideration for all outstanding planning applications and plans to be made available for Councillors to review at the close of meetings.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk reported that the following accounts duly authorized by designated Member signatories had been paid :

	£
103051 Mr Lukic	15.00
103052 Mr Mills	30.00
103053 Mr R.A..Sargeant	30.00
103054 Mr K.Dovey	60.00
103055 Mr M F Palmer	135.00
103056 M J Wall	30.00
103057 Mrs A E Cook	60.00
103058 Mrs Hazel Marlow	30.00
Fee Stop Cheque	12.00
BACS Wages Week 50	1147.26
DD Severn Trent	93.52
BACS Wages Week 51	1106.17
103059 Progressive Safety Footwear & Clothing Ltd	119.55
103060 Veolia ES Onyx Ltd	135.55
103061 A.C.Design & Construction (UK) Ltd	1765.00
103062 W.A.Henderson	415.00
103063 Brisol Ltd	552.85
103064 Mr Peter James	33.92
103065 Dell Corporation Ltd	993.82
103066 Dell Corporation Ltd	1.62
103067 NRG Group UK Ltd	256.02
103068 South Staffs District Council	1000.00
BACS Wages Week 52	3825.84
DD British Gas - Electricity	638.22
DD BT	105.71
DD Unicom	71.01
DD Shell Gas Direct Ltd	3716.36
103069 Promarco Media Division Ltd	117.50
103070 Live & Local	175.00
103071 Hi-Tech Security Print Ltd	33.46
103072 Cannon Hygiene Ltd	19.25
103073 Besam Limited	126.90
DD SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1170.00
103074 John Ellis Associates Ltd	293.75
103075 W'ton & Distric Caledonian Society Refund	50.00
103076 Midland News Association	605.13
TOTAL	18,970.41

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th May 2006 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 8.31 pm

Cllr. A. K. James

Chairman

8th May 2006