

Present: Mrs R.Heseltine [Chairman]
Mrs C. Young [Vice Chairman]
Mrs P Allen
Mrs PN Pitt
Mrs S.Bott
Miss C Duffell
D.J.Billson
AK James
AA Bourke
S.Bott
NP Caine from 8.55 pm.

Also Present: County Councillor - RJ Marshall.
District Councillor - R Moreton
Staffs CC Youth Service – Richard Coggins
Reporter Wolverhampton Chronicle - Mathew Viney
Parish Clerk – Tony Tappenden
Members of the Public present : 27

192/08 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were offered and accepted from Cllrs Mrs A.James, AK Black, D Fereday, D.Heseltine, Simon Hobbs Staffs CC and Neighbourhood Police Team.

193/08 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

- 1) Mrs Downey opened the session and initially spoke for a number of members of public who had the same concern. She said they had been made aware of a rumour that the Parish Council intends to place signs at Perton Playing Fields stating that dogs must be kept on leads. She felt that this was unfair and unreasonable and such action would penalise responsible dog owners. Cllr A.K.James responded to the points made stating that good dogs and responsible owners were not the issue but that rogue dogs and dog owners were the problem and are in fact a threat to both people and other dogs and pets. He said that the issue had been flagged to the Parish Council following a couple of incidents late last year that had initially been reported via the District Council Community Safety team. One incident involved a lady that had been scared by unleashed dogs and another involved a cat that had required £400 of vets bills following an attack by a loose dog. Cllr James said that whilst the Parish Council had previously debated the introduction of signs and the appropriate wording for these it had subsequently been discovered that historic byelaws were still in existence at the playing fields and he passed a copy of these to a member of public who read aloud byelaw 14 to the meeting which in part states that there is the requirement for a dog to 'be and continue to be under proper control and be effectually restrained from causing annoyance to any person' Cllr Mrs P.Pitt spoke on behalf of the protesting members of public stating that as a dog owner she was not aware of any issues at the Playing Fields and felt that responsible dog owners were in fact responsible for policing this area dealing with various issues as and when discovered. Cllr Mrs P.Allen stated that she was a cat owner and was aware of the existence of these byelaws since 1984. She stated that as is usual the responsible citizens, in this case dog owners, turn out to protest but the real issue were the irresponsible people that own dogs that were few in number but nonetheless the cause of several problems.

Cllr A.Bourke stated that in five years as a local shop owner in Anders Square he had not been aware of a single dog related issue at the playing fields and further stated that from conversations with the local police he did not think that the police would be able to police the byelaws.

Cllr Billson said that the byelaws existed at the playing fields because they are playing fields and that many other local areas were more suitable for dogs and not covered by the byelaws. He also agreed that the issue was the irresponsible dog owners and like any law the byelaws exist to protect the responsible and vulnerable from the irresponsible.

Mrs Gammon said that a major issue on the playing fields rather than dogs was the litter left by football teams. The Members generally agreed that at times litter is an issue in the area but this along with another problem items is also covered by the byelaws.

Having made their point the debate ended pending a decision to be made as an agenda item later in the meeting.

- 2) Mrs Holt reiterated a concern brought to a previous meeting concerning issues with littering and anti-social behaviour by youths that use a low level wall as a seating area adjacent to Spenser Avenue and owned by Bromford Housing.
Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that she was aware that the local police know of the problems and would be supportive of the removal of the wall. Following the previous complaint the Council had written to Bromford Housing and was awaiting some action.

194/08 **POLICE MATTERS**

a) **Police Report**

Reported Crime Figs- Perton- 12/02/08- 10/03/08

Rowdy / ASB behaviour	22	Note 1
ASB Vehicles	2	
Criminal Damage	2	
Burglary dwelling	2	Note 2
Burglary other building	0	
TWOC/ take vehicle	0	
Theft of M/V	1	
Theft from M/V	0	
Damage to M/V	3	Note 3
Assaults	1	
Theft Other	6	Note 4
Robbery	2	
Drugs	0	

Reported Crime Figs- Perton- 12/02/08- 10/03/08

1. Rowdy and anti-social behaviour/ Nuisance figs are higher this period. This may stem from groups of youths coming to Perton one Friday to a party. On that evening several nuisance youths were reported along with two street robberies. The following weekend high visible policing was increased and normality was restored. As for the ASB vehicles, of the 2 reports one mini moto was seized.
2. Again a couple of burglaries were reported and it still seems to be LCD TV's are the target. However we had a report of two eastern European ladies going door to door, acting suspicious. Anyone seen acting suspicious going to doors should be reported to police control room.

3. Priority crime such as theft of and from vehicles was good again. However 3 vehicles were damaged, and seemed deliberately targeted as opposed to mindless damage.
4. Out of the 6 reported thefts, 2 were again from the Middle School, where it was targeted for lead. CCTV images of offenders are in circulation, and the lead has now been replaced by a substitute material which has no scrap value.
5. Information can be left for Perton Neighbourhood Police team on our voicemails: - 08453 303132. (04259 PC Lampitt) (03537 PC Hossack)(08861 PCSO Wilkes)(08862 PCSO Street). The Staffordshire Police control number is 08453 302010, and Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

PC 4259 Lampitt

Designated Public Places Order (DPPO)

b)

The Clerk informed the Members that the consultation exercise was now complete and only statements of support had been received. The matter will go to SSDC Regulatory Committee on 11th March for ratification which, if given, will require a further 28 days approximately for signage to be erected before becoming effective.

195/08 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mrs P.Pitt declared personal interest as a dog owner in agenda item 9d concerning the playing fields signage and byelaws.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen declared personal interest in agenda item 19 concerning Perton Carnival grant request and personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 15 regarding the quotation for the Anders Sq notice board.

Cllr A.Bourke declared personal interest in cheque 103540 paid to Perton Place.

196/08 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th February 2008 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 3rd March 2008 be accepted for information.

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 4th March 2008 together with Income Statement for February 2008 be accepted for information.

197/08 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Following request to and agreement by the Chairman item (a) and then item (d) below were conducted out of agenda sequence immediately following the public open session and prior to Police Matters.

(a) **Perton Youth Matters – Richard Coggins / Cllr D.J.Billson**

Richard, standing in on behalf of Simon Hobbs, provided a brief overview of the

second workshop that had taken place at Perton Church on 28/02/08 which had also been attended by several PPC members. He said that following consideration of the outcomes Simon was proposing to establish a steering group to oversee five action groups to deal with needs arising from the workshop. It was hoped that two or three Perton Councillors could be included on the steering group.

Cllr Miss C.Duffell informed the meeting that the recent advert placed in the Villager by Cllr A.Black to attract volunteers to help support Perton youth club had in fact attracted a total of nine volunteers.

Cllr D.Billson said that he is concerned about the ongoing future of the youth club because at the most recent workshop youth club premises had not once been mentioned and the deliverables seemed to centre around a variety of services and he felt that the youths were being sidetracked away from the debate on premises. He further stated that in a recent conversation with Paul Woodcock of Community Learning Partnership he had been told that 'finance is not an issue'. The youths at the meeting were adamant that the premises were their first priority and he was arranging for them to be interviewed by the Express & Star and if this provided no positive outcome he suggested that PPC should pay for a coach to bus them to Stafford to make a formal protest, particularly since Perton has the highest number of registered youth club members at 72.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that many Perton youths were now travelling to Bridgnorth for schooling which has resulted in a number of rooms becoming spare and 'moth-balled' at Perton Middle School. She requested that Richard investigate this spare capacity to see if it could be utilised for youth services.

Richard stated in reply that premises had not been overlooked and the youths will be asked their opinion, and that he had previously met with Kieran Jones at the school to discuss the space issues and opportunities.

Cllr Marshall asked about the current condition of the youth premises stating that if the premises are not fit and safe who will do the necessary work to which Richard said that he would obtain the reports from the asset register regarding the building condition.

Cllr Billson said that if the school took on the work it would still end up with Staffs CC picking up the bill.

(b) **A41 / A464 Kingswood Junction Improvement.**

The information provided was noted.

(c) **Pension Fund Valuation 2007**

The information provided was noted, particularly in respect to the planned increases to employer contributions in 2009, 2010 and 2011.

(d) **County Councillors Report**

County Report for Perton Parish Council 10-3-2008

There are a lot of items going on at the present time. The report will be on local matters to start with and then County-wide items later.

1) Perton youth matters.

A large meeting was held in the Church at Perton in January with a follow up on February 28th. (my apologies for not being available for the second of these, but I was at my Auntie's funeral).

There were four areas of development that were highlighted at the first meeting. The subjects were:

How can we provide 24 hour / every evening provision for young people in Perton?
How can we engage young people from Perton in the decision making process?

How can we achieve more funding for young peoples provision in Perton?
How can we improve transport for the Young people of Perton?

There was an action plan agreed for each of the above “projects”.
The second meeting (28th of February) had slightly less people (about 30) and consequently the fourth of these “projects” was not discussed.
Action plans were again agreed for each group. It was announced that our District Partnership Officer (DPO) would take the strategic lead for the I Y S S. More details as they come up.

2) The Community Learning Partnership will be up and running in April. There is Government funding of £184,000 for this and apart from a deprived area in Newcastle, this is the biggest grant that any CLP will have been given. For members’ information, South Staffordshire will have five CLP’s set up and they are based around the secondary schools so ours is referred to as “Codsall” and it covers the parishes of Perton, Pattingham, Patshull, Codsall and Bilbrook.

3) Work on the traffic scheme at the a41 / A464 junction at Kingswood is set to start on Monday 17th March. This means that a small part of the project can be undertaken before the Easter break and will require only a small amount of temporary measures to be left in place over the weekend. As I understand it, there will always be two-way traffic along the A41 during the duration of the contract. It is hoped that the project will be completed by 13th of May. This assumes normal weather and no “nasty surprises” with underground services.

4) Starting on Tuesday 25th of March There will be an “Alzheimer Café” set up at Codsall. It will be run by the Carers Association of South Staffordshire. It is being launched by a local celebrity (Rachael Hayoe Flint) at the Codsall Village Hall and is funded directly by the County Council and the South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation. It will be open on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

5) There is also funding for similar projects at Tamworth, Stafford, Burton, Cannock Chase for three years and it is planned to open another when funding is available at Lichfield/Burntwood.

6) There was a major debate at the Full County Council meeting in February where it was agreed to put up the County Councils “bit” of the Council Tax by 4%. This followed a Conservative amendment to only put up the amount by 2.5%. This was voted down by the Labour group along with the Liberal Democrats (all two of them) and the Independent.

7) The Unions have now been consulted on the Job Evaluation proposals. Taken together, the three unions had a turnout of 41% with about 2,800 supporting the offer. When you remember that the non-unionised staff were not balloted it is hardly a ringing endorsement of the deal! The full cost is still estimated to be about £95 million.

8) There has been a decision taken by the Development Services Department regarding the opening hours of the Household Waste Reclamation Sites (HWRC’s). There are fourteen in the County (our nearest ones are at Bilbrook and Wombourne). Of these, seven are open for five days including weekends and it is proposed to do the same with the other seven that are currently open seven days a week except for Burton which will be open six days each week. Two ways to look at this: It is either a sensible way to save money – about £380,000 each year or another cut in service. Take your pick!

Finally the leader of the Conservative group at County has had a small re-shuffle of

his Shadow Cabinet. I have been asked to shadow the Development Services Directorate (Roads, Waste Management, Property Services including county farms, climate change) and my place at Social Care & Health has gone to Veronica Downes from Penkridge.

County Councillor Robert J. Marshall

Cllr D.Billson said that in respect to Youth issues and the Community Learning Partnership Paul Woodcock is the Staffordshire CLP Leader and the case is being made for the CLP to be organized so that, due to the local demographics, Perton becomes the main focus with Codsall and Pattingham being the two satellite areas. Paul will present to the next Parish Council meeting in April.

Cllr Marshall further commented as follows:

In respect to the Perton Buses only lane the equipment maintenance contractors have already made three site visits this year. Mr D.Wright of Staffs CC Highways has suggested alternative ideas; one possibility would be to cage the items that are prone to constant vandalism or alternatively a safety camera may be considered, the costs to provide this would include £10k investment for the camera plus an initial £9.5k for circuit provision together with £1k per annum circuit rental. These figures should be viewed against a yearly repair cost of around £10k. However an additional concern is that the link road is not classified as public highway and therefore any ensuing requirement to prosecute may be difficult. To resolve this issue the link could be adopted and 'No Entry' signs put in place, however this would require approximately £70k to bring the link up to highway standards. Additionally on roads the insurance companies require to implement a £175k assessment to cover all Staffordshire roads. This will look at risks associated with winter road gritting and which roads should be included and excluded in the programme.

Cllr A.Bourke asked if Coleridge Drive was or could be included in the programme making the point that huge lorries and petrol tankers regularly use this road to access Sainsburys.

Cllr A.K.James observed it was typical of Staffs CC where council tax rates went up whilst services were reduced which is due to poor budget management.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen asked if the Bilbrook recycling depot could be subjected to both moved and improved signage and also have a plastics recycling facility.

Cllr S.Bott said that tippers from Wolverhampton continued to use the Bilbrook facility to which Cllr Marshall replied that he was investigating a permit based solution.

Cllr Marshall in concluding his report left the meeting at 8.00 pm.

198/08 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

(a) **MUGA & Playground**

The Clerk advised the Members that:-

- Option B had been the winner in respect to the public consultation.
- £10k Goodyear Appeal cheque has now been received.
- We are still awaiting SSDC Lease documentation.
- SMP Quote Revision for additionally requested items had been received; the optimised quote (Option D) is now £81142.22.

Cllr D.Billson advised that the Lease delay was due to South Staffs Council having received two objections but these could be overcome by some additional shrub planting which SSDC had agreed to do. He also said that there was a possibility that he could obtain some additional funding for a sports box.

RESOLVED to upgrade the playground to the new Option D quotation at £81142.22.

(b) **Lighting Request – Dippons Lane.**

RESOLVED that Cllr D.Billson will seek to arrange a site visit with SSDC Steve Poyser in order to progress.

(c) **Grounds Maintenance Contract – Satisfaction Survey**

Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that she felt there had been some overall improvement regarding area grounds maintenance but the main concern was regarding work in progress that was stopped due to bad weather and subsequently not completed. **RESOLVED** that Cllr A.K.James will work with the Clerk in respect to the needs of the playing fields and the survey can then be completed and returned.

(d) **Playing Fields:**

- **Signage & Bye-laws:**

This matter was subject to considerable debate during the public session. Cllr S.Bott extended thanks to Cllr A.K.James for taking a pragmatic view of the problem.

Cllr A.Bourke suggested that the website could be utilised to display the byelaws and also queried whether or not the cadets may have an issue with byelaw 10 which relates to firearms.

RESOLVED that signs will be erected that are generally similar to that which already exists at the pavilion but should also include the byelaw title and state that the byelaws can be inspected at either the pavilion site, the Clerks office at the Civic Centre or via the Parish Council website.

- **Correspondence.**

The correspondence was noted.

(e) **Councillors' Report:**

Cllr A.K.James reported that he was involved with a project at the District Planning office concerning two dwellings that involved demolition and rebuild, one for a 'granny annexe' and garage and the other at 'Manesty' on Perton Ridge, to determine how they sit in terms of green belt policy.

Cllr R.Moreton advised of the wild flower planting at Lower Lake and provided an update to the Inter Parish games following the completion of the dominoes, cribbage and table tennis events.

District Report Strategic Services Portfolio

12th February 2008 I attended a meeting at Shoal Hill Nature Reserve. This has been dedicated a site of International Importance and after years of neglect the District Council have taken on a major programme of returning the area to its original state.

12th February I attended a Scrutiny Meeting where the alterations and modernisation of the Conservation Section were discussed and accepted.

19th February. I attended a meeting of the Informal Executive.

19th February. I attended a Seminar on the proposed incinerator for the Four Ashes area.

19th February. I attended the Regulatory Meeting where the application for a

Smoking Shelter at the Wrottesley Arms was discussed. After objections by Councillor Rita Heseltine supported by Councillor Roy Moreton the application was refused.

21st February. The morning was taken up with the Staff Appraisal of my Portfolio Manager

22nd February. I attended a meeting of the Economic Vibrancy Group.

24th February. Represented Perton in the Inter Parish Games Domino Match. Perton came second.

26th February. I attended the meeting of the Supporting People Committee in Stafford. We were observed by the Audit Commission who later questioned the member as part of the audit report.

26th February. Attended a meeting of the full council.

28th February. Attended a meeting of the Youth Provision Forum at Perton.

29th February. Attended the Annual General Meeting of the Destination Management Partnership at Alton Towers.

Cllr D.J. Billson

Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine stated that she had attended the SSDC Locality forum and also advised that the planned extension to the Wrottesley Arms pub had been refused.

Cllr A.Bourke queried his previous request concerning the shale footpath between the Shackleton Drive bus shelter and St Andrews Drive. The Clerk said that he had not yet received a formal response to the letter sent to Howard Medicott at SSDC but Andy Cousins had said that the path was recently repaired and the Clerk having walked it himself said it was on a par with similar paths in the area.

Cllr Bourke additionally queried the outcome of the food recycling trial at Cheslyn Hay which is apparently still ongoing.

199/08 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 11th February, 2008.

Application No.	Proposals
08/00184/FUL	Rear extension - 10 Repton Avenue, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7TD
08/00193/FUL	Conservatory 3 Warwick Avenue, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7RN

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

08/00061/FUL	Ground and first floor extensions 28 Edward Road, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7NA
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposals but concerns were expressed regarding over development though this would be assessed on the building line space around the dwelling.

08/00142/FUL	First floor extension over existing garage, new side garage and conservatory 42 St. Andrews Drive, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7YJ
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposals subject to the following:

- a) the extension is within the limitations of development
- b) the garage distance to highway is within permitted guidelines
- c) retention of wall as shown
- d) no principle window (front) to be within 6m of Public Highway

08/00057/CCD	Replace existing boundary fencing with 2m high triton mesh fencing and gates plus 2m high bar fencing and 3 sets of double leaf gates fronting Tinacre Hill and alterations to existing vehicle entrance Wightwick Hall School, Tinacre Hill, Wightwick. WV6 8DA
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

DECISIONS - The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
07/01347/FUL 07/01355/FUL 07/01369/FUL	Two storey side extension - 2 Wye Close, Perton Extension over garage - 2 The Pastures, Perton Two storey rear extension - 4 Sutherland Grove, Perton	Grant of Planning Permission
07/01379/FUL 07/01364/FUL	Garage extension - 15 Franklyn Close, Perton Demolition of existing bungalow & construction of new five-bedroom dwelling - Manesty, Pattingham Road, Perton	Permission
07/01338/FUL 07/01342/FUL 07/01341/FUL	First floor side & ground floor rear extensions - 79 Leasowe Drive, Perton Two storey and single storey side extensions and conservatory - 31 Cornovian Close, Perton Construction of covered external seating area on front elevation - The Wrottesley Arms, Severn Drive, Perton	Refusal of Planning Permission

Consent Certificate:

AL/02/2008/TPO	Consent to re-pollard, to previous pollard points 1 Turnberry Close, Perton, South Staffordshire
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200/08

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

a) **List of Payments:**

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

List of Payments since last reviewed at the meeting of the Council on 11th February 2008

01/02/08	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
01/02/08	DD	TV Licence	135.50
05/02/08	BACS	Wages Week 45	1089.97
05/02/08	BACS	Inland Revenue	2384.47
05/02/08	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1162.46
07/02/08	103538	Goodwin & Price Ltd	1880.00
07/02/08	103539	Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation	20.18
07/02/08	103540	Perton Place	55.00
07/02/08	103541	Robert Acton Product Developments	61.10

07/02/08	103542	Viking Direct	53.01
07/02/08	103543	Progressive Safety Footwear and Clothing Ltd	11.79
11/02/08	BACS	Wages Week 46	1075.57
11/02/08	103544	ThyssenKrupp Elevator UK Limited	165.12
11/02/08	103545	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	101.64
12/02/08	103546	Nobisco Limited	69.51
14/02/08	103547	Perton Playing Fields Association	2000.00
14/02/08	103548	Nobisco Limited	42.18
17/02/08	DD	Severn Trent	53.88
20/02/08	BACS	Wages Week 47	3725.40
20/02/08	103549	MGD Solutions	196.00
20/02/08	103550	Brisol Limited	208.85
25/02/08	103551	Mr M.R.Cole	150.00
26/02/08	BACS	Wages Week 48	1181.09
26/02/08	DD	Unicom	63.99
27/02/08	103552	Drinkmaster Ltd	83.99
28/02/08	DD	British Gas - Electricity	524.95
28/02/08	DD	British Gas - Gas	756.21
		TOTALS	17298.86

b) **2007 / 2008 Budget-to-date:**

The budget figures for income and expenditure up to 31/2/2008 were noted.

201/08 **CLERKS' REPORT – MARCH 2008**

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 10th March 2008

- £10k Playground 'Win' - from Goodyear now received.
- Inter Parish Games 2008 Events Schedule in Clerks Office or via www.sstaffs.gov.uk/ipg
- SPCA March 2008 Newsletter distributed to all Members.
- Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Hardcopy available for inspection in Clerks Office. Also available via www.staffordshire.gov.uk/environment/e-land/RightsofWay/plan/

202/08 **BUS SHELTERS REFURBISHMENT**

RESOLVED that the quotation for refurbishment of bus shelters by MGD be accepted and will include two additional spare poly-carbonate windows. Total cost including supply and spare panes will be £1785.00.

203/08 **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

RESOLVED that the Members accept the nominations and elect Mr Phil Pritchard as citizen of the year and Yvonne Dainty as young citizen of the year and the Clerk will write to both to advise them accordingly and invite them to receive their awards at the Annual Parish meeting on 16th April 2008.

204/08 **QUOTATION - ANDERS SQUARE NOTICE BOARD**

Cllr Mrs P.Allen having previously declared personal and prejudicial interest in this item left the room.

RESOLVED that the quotation from David Allen – the handyman, be accepted in respect to the modification and painting of the existing Anders Square notice boards and the fitting of two new boards from Stock Display Ltd which will be sourced direct by the Parish Clerk. The total cost will be £250.00 to the handyman plus £547.48 excluding vat for the display boards.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will obtain a quotation for the provision of a standalone Parish Notice Board to be located in an area outside of Perton Library.

205/08 **COUNCILLORS DUTY LOG – CLLR MRS P.ALLEN**

Cllr Mrs P.Allen advised the meeting that she believed that she was the only Councillor now completing duty logs and accordingly was concerned about any future impact with the auditor on this matter. The Clerk said that he had checked this situation with South Staffs Council and been told that the Chief Executive has confirmed that the Members Remuneration Panel state that there is no longer a requirement for Councillors to complete and submit duty logs and this was applicable to Parish Councils.

RESOLVED that, with immediate effect, Perton Parish Council will no longer require the completion and submission of Councillor Duty Logs

206/08 **REVISION TO:**

(a) **Standing Orders**

RESOLVED that the modifications to Standing Orders, as presented, be accepted with immediate effect.

(b) **Financial Regulations**

RESOLVED that the modifications to Financial Regulations, as presented, be accepted with immediate effect.

207/08 **PROPOSED MEETING DATES 2008 / 2009**

RESOLVED that the proposed meeting dates be accepted upon modification and reissue of the list amending the April 2009 meetings to show that the Parish Council meeting will take place at 7.00 pm on Monday 6th April and the Annual Parish meeting will take place at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 8th April.

208/08 **REQUEST FOR DONATION**

(a) **Perton Carnival 2008**

Following satisfactory resolution to a couple of queries regarding last years carnival accounts it was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £350.00 be made to cover insurance premium for the event.

209/08 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Perton Lakes**

The correspondence was noted.

210/08 **STANDING ORDER 66 – PRIVATE SESSION: AUDITORS REPORT / CLERKS CONTRACT**

The Clerk explained the details of the auditors report insofar as it impacted his contract and then left the meeting room.

RESOLVED that the Clerks contract be amended in line with the findings detailed in the Auditors Report.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 14th April 2008 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 9.25 pm

Chairman
14th April 2008