

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 10th May 2010 @ 7:00pm**

Present Mrs C.M Young [Chairman]
AA Bourke [Vice-Chairman]
Mrs R Heseltine
Mrs P Allen
Mrs A James
Mrs PN Pitt
DJ Billson
AK Black
AK James
NP Caine
S Bott
Mrs S Bott
Miss C Duffell
D Heseltine

District Councillor - R Moreton
Parish Clerk - Tony Tappenden
Howard Meddicott – South Staffs Council: Landscape & Bereavement Manager
Members of the Public present: 4
Neighbourhood Police Team: PC Duncan Lampitt

01/11 **APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

02/11 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

a) **Members of the Public**

Mrs Brown of Severn Drive raised the ongoing issue concerning flooding in her street and asked if there was any update. Cllr DJ Billson responded saying that he was very hopeful that a Public Meeting would be held before the end of June. He said that there were currently no admissions of liability but there is an indication that Severn Trent Water may be leaning towards some sort of failing on their part.

Mr F O'Leary said that whilst he knew there was an item later in the agenda he wanted to provide some input in respect to the current problems on Dippons Lane. He said that he has known this area in excess of 30 years and it looks like the original line of right of way had become overgrown. There was some discussion regarding the access gates subsequently put in by the Council. Cllr NP Caine said that he had recently met the County Rights of Way Officer and confirmed that signs in respect of 'guns in use' do exist. He outlined the nature of the area between the two kissing gates and the route typically taken by dog walkers, stating that between the two pools they will make a soil bund and put a footpath on top then fence off the north end at Wrottesley Road. He confirmed emphatically that the people of Perton must recognise that this area is now not public open space and that the gun use is legal as long as it complies to the rules in respect of discharging fire arms in the locality of the footpath.

Mr O'Leary said that there had been additional fencing put up following the ditch but

Cllr NP Caine said this is not the original route. Cllr S Bott said that he had known the facts of this route for 50 years and that the original path has never been maintained and the existing path is overgrown. There was considerable debate regarding physical aspects of the path but when Cllr Caine reiterated the proposal from Staffordshire County Council to resolve this issue Cllr S Bott agreed that the County proposal is a good one and will benefit all concerned.

b) **Howard Medicott - South Staffordshire Council:**

Grounds Maintenance

Mr Medicott stated that there are a number of Parishes where charges apply in respect to Playing Fields maintenance where some fields are owned and some are leased. Specifically regarding Perton Playing Fields he said that further investigation into our lease reveals that SSDC are responsible for both grass cutting and hedge cutting and therefore the formal proposal to charge Perton Parish Council is now not applicable and will be withdrawn.

Geese Peace

Mr Medicott said that they had implemented a programme for dealing with this issue based on a model developed in the USA which he knew had been effective at Stratford-on-Avon where there is a problem with geese at the river. A number of control methods exist and he listed the permutation of options. He said that they are not looking to eradicate the birds but to control the numbers and that the previous efforts involving dog herding and use of birds of prey had been effective. He said that it is important to implement measures just before the molt which is a period when the birds are unable to fly. He said that last year £4,000 had been spent between the District and County Councils and for a similar programme this year it is important that all stake holders become involved. He listed the stake holders as the County Council, the District Council, Perton Parish Council and Perton Housing Associations together with Wild about Perton, Perton First School and Anders Square businesses. He said that resolution to the problem is partly about educating and training members of the public and if these measures do not provide results as well as the programme options some birds will have to be humanely dispatched. He said that this problem required long term commitment because the birds will come back and each time they do measures need to be taken.

Cllr Mrs P Pitt asked what percentage improvement had occurred after last years programme and Howard replied that many birds had stayed away for a couple of months and then returned and re-stated that it was necessary to work the problem 12 months a year. Cllr Mrs P Pitt asked if the measures taken also frightened the other bird population because she felt that overall the bird population had dropped but Howard said he didn't believe that the measures taken are a problem to other birds. Cllr Mrs Pitt said that the new reed beds are either poor or non existent and Howard agreed that this was a measure that should have been more successful and they are in negotiations with the contractor to rectify some of these problems.

Cllr A Black also commented on the fencing and reed beds stating that much of the fencing was plastic netting which is too weak to stop the geese and he also said that he had seen new goslings around the lake. Howard agreed regarding the plastic fencing and said that the intention was always that the fencing was to be temporary until the planted vegetation grew strongly; he repeated that they are in negotiation with Salex to repair the damaged areas and to provide some additional works.

Cllr Mrs P Allen said that local people are still feeding the geese at the lake and some at housing association flats. She also said that young children are still vulnerable at Perton First School playing fields and that the County Council continues to have some responsibility. She asked if we are not simply moving geese from one place to another. Howard said that he previously had some dialogue with other wide area partners to share both responsibility and knowledge and he was trying to resurrect this group and part of the problem is actually getting people to accept that they have some responsibility to deal with the issue. He said that there was a paramount need to educate the local population not to feed the birds.

Cllr AK James said that he was aware that there were pools at both Bradshaws and Trescott but they do not seem to have issues with the geese and maybe we have something to learn from them.

Cllr Miss C Duffell said that these areas were making use of bird scarers and the scarers are timed to coincide with the flight patterns. Cllr DJ Billson said we must recognise that this is a residential area so gun shot noises and similar bird scarers will not be popular and asked why not just cull them which will obviously prevent them from returning. Howard replied that we could do this but it would cause uproar and this suggestion had been very unfavourably received at the District Council. Cllr AK Bourke said that it was a traditional family occupation to feed the ducks and parents liked to do this with their children. Howard said he recognised this but families should understand the difference between feeding the ducks and feeding the geese and he said that educating the children at school is a great method to get that message across both with the children and parents; it comes down to simply reducing the bird population and having sustainable numbers that will not cause problems. Cllr Bourke agreed that young children are very impressionable with this sort of message and could be used to educate their parents.

Cllr Mrs A James said it was common to see people buying cheap loaves and then going off to the lake to feed the birds and it is a fact that many of these people don't live on Perton they simply come here to shop and to feed the birds. She asked if it would be possible to put up signs regarding the birds stating that they should not be fed.

Howard said that the District Council are currently developing some interpretation boards and these will be very useful in helping people to understand more about the birds and what responsibilities they have. Cllr S Bott said that if the question of culling is simply an issue of PR then we should just be open and tell people in advance what we are going to do.

Cllr Mrs P Allen said that it would be a good idea if the District Council Environmental Health Officer could visit the schools and explain the issues.

Howard closed this session saying that he would personally gladly visit the schools to explain the broader problems associated with the geese and would look forward to any formal response from the Parish Council in respect to aiding these ongoing issues.

Dog Control Signage

Cllr Mrs CM Young outlined the issue stating that there were many problems around Anders Square and Upper Lake which were caused by dogs not being under control. Cllr Mrs A James added that there had been lots of incidents recently associated with loose dogs, stating that not all dogs are friendly and many are very vicious. She

highlighted a recent incident involving an individual with seven dogs, some on a lead some not, where a person was brought to the ground in what could have been a very nasty incident.

The request to Howard Medlicott was for the District Council to erect signs in the relevant areas stating that dogs must be under control and on a lead. Howard responded saying that a formal dog control order is possible but difficult to police and that signs are generally best in order to educate members of the public.

Cllr NP Caine asked if a dog control order was generated would it still apply to private land which is the nature of Anders Square. Howard said that it would be best to avoid the dog control order and look at things like a leaflet drop to supplement signs which are useful tools to educate the public stating that signage will definitely add value to the request for reasonable behaviour. Howard committed to provide some high impact signs in the appropriate areas and make the artwork available to us for use in our own building and notice boards.

Cllr AA Bourke said that many aggressive dogs are owned by youths using them as a fashion statement and these people tend to show disregard to the public. Howard said that where ever there are incidents of aggressive behaviour in dogs and owners can be identified then John Littleton, the councils Enforcement Officer, will visit the offender.

03/11 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Mrs P.Allen was nominated by Cllr A.Bourke and seconded by Cllr Mrs P.Pitt

In his absence Cllr D.Fereday was nominated by Cllr D.Billson and seconded by Cllr D.Heseltine. Cllr A.K.James asked if Cllr D.Fereday was willing to accept nomination and Cllr D.Billson assured the Members that this was the case.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen requested a secret ballot and the ballot produced 6 votes for Cllr Mrs P.Allen and 6 votes for Cllr D.Fereday plus 2 abstentions. The Chairman exercised a casting vote in favour of Cllr D.Fereday

RESOLVED that Cllr D.Fereday be elected Chairman for the year 2010/11.

04/11 **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

The Chairman Elect Cllr D.Fereday was not present to sign the Declaration of Office and take the chair so it was agreed that this matter be deferred until the next meeting and that the outgoing Chairman Cllr Mrs C.Young remain Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

05/11 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr A.Bourke was nominated by Cllr Mrs P.Pitt and seconded by Cllr Mrs P.Allen

Cllr D.Heseltine was nominated by Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine and seconded by Cllr D.Billson

A secret ballot was requested and the ballot produced 8 votes for Cllr A.Bourke and 6 votes for Cllr D.Heseltine

RESOLVED that Cllr A.Bourke be elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2010/11.

POLICE MATTERSa) **Police Report**

Perton Parish Council Police report meeting 10th May 2010

Period covered 07/04/2010 to 02/05/2010.

Beat areas CF24 Mercia
 CF25 Richmond
 CF26 Central
 CF27 Leasowe

	Cf24	Cf25	Cf26	Cf27	Totals
Anti Social Behaviour	2	2	5	3	12(-2)
ASB vehicle	1	0	0	1	2(+1)
Criminal Damage	0	1	1	0	2(-1)
Damage M Vehicles	0	1	1	0	2(-1)
Burglary Dwelling	0	1	0	3	4(-1)
Burglary Other Bldg	0	0	0	0	0(-1)
Theft M Vehicle	0	0	0	1	1(-)
Theft from M Vehicle	2	0	0	1	3(+2)
Theft other	0	0	7	0	7(+2)
Assault	0	1	1	0	2(-)
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0(-2)
Sexual Offences	0	0	0	0	0(-)
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0(-1)

ASB

The Anti social behaviour again wasn't too bad. No real hotspots of note this month, however one report was of youths camping at Edge Hill Drive in the terrible storm. As for the two ASB vehicle reports, two local youths received Sec 59 Warnings. If caught again they both face losing their motor bikes.

Burglary Dwelling

The burglary dwellings were slightly down for this period with the Leasowe area of the village being targeted. Of the 4 reports, two were attempted as no access was gained. However the reported theft of vehicle again resulted from a burglary. Pleasingly there were no bogus official type burglaries as the road crime team was brought in to target this type of crime.

Vehicle Crime

No fuel stolen from vehicles this month. But on two occasions vehicles had their catalytic converters removed. This crime occurred previously were the price of scrap metal was on a high.

Violent Crime

As reported in the press there was a serious stabbing at Gainsboro' pavilion car park during this period. Two rival groups met for a fight and things certainly got out of hand. There are 8 youths are on police bail, helping with enquiries.

Other

The theft of pedal cycles has occurred again. This time the offender has entered rear garden to steal BMX. A suspicious male has been seen cycling at around 4.30am, and could be responsible.

Any information please contact Perton's Neighbourhood Team via voicemail 0300 123 2345 - PC Duncan Lampitt (04259), PC Frank Hossack (03537), PCSO Teresa Wilkes (08861), PCSO Ashley Tooth (016722).

PC Duncan Lampitt was asked if the individual associated with the gun signs at Dippons Lane had been checked out and Duncan was able to confirm that this was the case and that there were no issues from a Police point of view.

Cllr S Bott said the significant item arising from the report was the stabbing on Gainsborough Drive and asked for further information on this matter. He said that the people of Perton are generally told that these incidents involve individuals from places other than Perton but there was little comfort in this because the matter is very serious and very sensitive so what are the Police intending to do about it. PC Lampitt responded stating that this was an isolated incident following two lads who had a fight each then brought in their own supporting groups to back them up; he said that currently 8 people are on bail but offered reassurance saying this was not an incident that should generate panic. He added that a week after the event the area was flooded with police on foot but there was nothing to be seen. He felt that those on bail or curfew may be the main culprits associated with a number of incidents and there is not a gangster or knife culture on Perton, it was simply a matter of one incident that got out of hand.

Cllr Miss C Duffell said that with the possibility of moving the youth club into the area should this be reconsidered, to which PC Lampitt said there was no general real concerns about the location.

Cllr DJ Billson said that this was on his area so he had recently spoken with the Police regarding this matter and established that some of the younger kids from Perton had got involved in this incident and had got out of their depth and were frightened by what had happened.

Cllr AK James asked if this was a re-occurrence of the Tettenhall Wood versus Perton issues arising again. But again PC Lampitt offered reassurance stating that the historic problems were more associated with the old bus routes and there was no connection to this incident.

Cllr AK James said that West Midlands Police had broken up fights involving known individuals and asked if this incident was an extension of the current turf war associated with the existing youth club. He further asked if there was a drug aspect to the incident. PC Lampitt said this was not the case stating that Perton is basically a decent area with no gangster culture just bored kids.

Cllr NP Caine said that he had spent much of his time trying to gain extra lighting for this area saying that 5 had been provided so far with one more due soon.

Cllr AA Bourke said that more lighting was definitely required together with CCTV if the youth club should relocate to this area. He said that there is generally an issue around the car park at night as a popular meeting place for lads in cars. PC Lampitt said that lads will always hang out no matter what and they tend to use this location because it is the furthest position from local houses saying that if they moved on from this place they will always find another place to go.

Cllr S Bott said that he knows this is a regular spot for guys, cars and drinking and they tend to go there for very specific reasons. He said that a time based barrier would be a good idea if possible.

There were no further comments and PC Lampitt left the room.

07/11 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mrs P.Allen declared personal interest in cheque 103938 paid to Perton Carnival and Cllr A.K.James declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheque 103949 paid to Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd.

08/11 **ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (7+2)**

RESOLVED that:

- a) The Management Committee comprise of Chairman Cllr D.Fereday, Vice-Chairman Cllr A.Bourke, Cllr Mrs C.Young, Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine, Cllr Mrs P.Allen, Cllr A.Black and Cllr D.Billson.
- b) The named substitutes are Cllr Mrs A.James and Cllr Miss C.Duffell.

09/11 **ELECTION OF PLANNING COMMITTEE (9)**

RESOLVED that:

The Planning Committee comprise of Chairman Cllr D.Fereday, Vice-Chairman Cllr A.Bourke, Cllr Mrs C.Young, Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine, Cllr Mrs P.Allen, Cllr AK James, Cllr AK Black, Cllr DJ Billson and Cllr NP Caine.

10/11 **ELECTION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE (5)**

RESOLVED to defer this item until the next meeting and retain the current committee until then.

11/11 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SIGN CHEQUE (6)**

RESOLVED to defer this item until the next meeting and to retain the current signatories until then

Cllr Mrs S.Bott apologized and left the meeting at this point.

12/11 **ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES**

- a) Perton Playing Fields Association (8)
RESOLVED that the Councils' representatives be Cllrs DJ Billson, AK Black, NP Caine, Miss CM Duffell, DM Fereday, Mrs RA Heseltine, AK James and Mrs P Allen (tbc in respect to Trustee position).
- b) County Council – Transport (1)
RESOLVED that the Councils' representative be Cllr AK James.
- c) County Council – Youth and Children & Young People Member Champion (1)
RESOLVED that the Councils' representative be Cllr DJ Billson.

13/11 **ELECTION OF QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED that the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Committee comprise of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Cllrs AK James, Mrs P Pitt, Miss CM Duffell, DJ Billson, Mrs RA Heseltine, Mrs CM Young, Mrs A James and all remaining Council Members to be substitutes and be notified of meetings.

14/11 **MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th APRIL, 2010

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th April 2010 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

15/11 **DRAFT MINUTES**

- a) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 4th May 2010 together with income statement for April be accepted for information.
- b) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 19th April 2010 be accepted for information. Cllr DJ Billson apologised for missing this meeting and not providing apologies on the night stating that an incident had cropped up requiring his immediate attention and Mrs P Allen also provided belated apologies.

16/11 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

- a) **Perton Youth Club**
Cllr Billson advised that there was nothing new to report other than the fact that the new area manager was now settled in but he had not met her as yet.
- b) **Flooding – Severn Drive**
Cllr Billson said that this had been dealt with in the public session but added that he had attended two recent meetings on this topic, one last week and one today, and confirmed that the public meeting should occur before the end of June.
- c) **Licence Amendments – Civic Centre**
The information was noted.
- d) **Mineral Madness Campaign**
The information was noted.
- e) **County Councillors Report**
Cllr DJ Billson provided the following report:
- Highways Group is to look at new classification of roads across the County stating that many classifications are now out of date. For example, the main road through Albrighton is now by-passed but the current classifications mean that the wrong parts are being gritted. He added that he is hoping to get The Parkway at Perton classified as a B road and the new constituency MP is in support of this.
 - The Schools Federation will take place. It will involve St Chads, the two Perton First schools, and the first and second schools in Codsall will be producing plans for harmonisation. He said that currently Codsall High is in the top 10% nationally and will be in the top 5% next year, adding that people who send their children to

Bridgnorth may not be fully aware of the quality available to them locally. Cllr A Bourke said that he felt the real reason why they go to Bridgnorth is not now due to perceptions of Codsall High but more to do with issues at Perton Middle School.

Cllr Billson said that the Headmaster at Perton Middle School retired last Christmas and he was also the representative for Perton Schools for CLP but has now been replaced.

- Meeting with Rodbaston College. The meeting recognised that skills are at a premium in this area and they are trying to encourage more courses.
- Attended a business seminar at Yarnfield.
- Attended opening of Hatherton Boxing Club.
- Visited Fire Engine repair shop which is hugely successful and they are hoping to attract additional service work from Derbyshire.
- In respect to the Perton 'Buses Only' Lane he is expecting that a CCTV camera will be provided before the end of the month and this will be equipped with number recognition capability to identify illegal access.

Cllr Mrs P Allen advised that the subway close to Edge Hill Drive was flooded and Cllr Billson said he would pass this on to the appropriate group.

17/11

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

a) **District Councillors Report**

Cllr Mrs RA Heseltine said that she had attended a meeting regarding amendments to the Constitution together with full Council Meeting where new Chairman and Vice-Chairman were elected and also attend the funeral of Mrs Williams.

Cllr AK James advised that an enforcement notice had been issued to the Southfork owners regarding storage of residential caravans and he also informed the Members that there was currently some work taking place on the A41, advising that this location is actually in Codsall Parish, where the wall is being both lowered and repaired. He said that planning permission had been granted quite a while ago giving access to camp sites for boy scouts and girl guides.

Cllr A Black asked if this land is associated with the land for sale sign in the area and Cllr James said, yes this was the case.

Cllr R Moreton said that he attended the Regulatory and also the Constitutional meeting saying that the changes would now allow members of the public to comment on planning issues. He further advised that he had been re-elected as Vice-Chairman for the Licensing Committee and provided an update on the Inter Parish Games saying that at the recent squash event we had played our joker and won, and we were currently leading after five events.

Cllr D Heseltine asked permission to speak and went on to say that regarding the constitution if a plan is 'called in' the applicant can speak and comments from the public must come from an agreed spokesperson. Cllr NP Caine added that for a normal application you can speak for up to three minutes rising to five minutes for a major application.

18/11 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 12th April, 2010.

Application No.	Proposals
10/00229/COU	Change of use to café (3) and hot food take-away (A5) - Party Time, 29 Anders Square, Perton WV6 7QH

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

10/00260/FUL	Erection of front porch (retrospective application) - Luccombe, 15 Hopton Close, Perton WV6 7SZ
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The Council raised no objections to the above retrospective application.

10/00134/FUL	Conversion of existing detached garage block into ancillary self-contained annexe - 5 Deepmere Cottages, Wrottesley Rd West, Perton WV6 7LE
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposals subject to a condition not to sell or let the annex separately to the main residence and family use only.

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
10/00103/ADV	Retention of site identification boards and modifications to include lighting and changeable advertisements - Perton Park Golf Club	Grant of Planning Permission
10/00191/FUL	Realignment of existing fence to provide clear views of site identification boards - Perton Park Golf Club	

19/11 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

a) **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 12th April 2010

01/04/10	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
01/04/10	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1246.39
07/04/10	BACS	Wages Week 1	1131.65
07/04/10	103935	John Ellis Associates Limited	293.75
07/04/10	103936	Perton Place	55.00
07/04/10	BACS	Inland Revenue	2530.99
09/04/10	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1763.04

11/04/10	103937	ESPO	143.66
13/04/10	103938	Perton Carnival	246.00
14/04/10	BACS	Wages Week 2	1146.92
15/04/10	103939	Community Council of Staffordshire	22.00
15/04/10	103940	Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association	715.00
15/04/10	103941	Campaign to Protect Rural England	100.00
16/04/10	103942	OCS Group UK Limited t/a Cannon	36.98
21/04/10	BACS	Wages Week 3 - Month 1	4249.06
22/04/10	103943	South Staffordshire Council	248.00
23/04/10	103944	A.C.Design and Construction (UK) Ltd	987.00
25/04/10	DD	Drinkmaster Ltd	167.72
26/04/10	103945	Nobisco Limited	192.51
26/04/10	103946	Mr T.Barrett - Deposit Refund	150.00
26/04/10	103947	Mr G.Morris - Deposit Refund	300.00
27/04/10	DD	Unicom	56.71
27/04/10	103948	MGD Solutions	196.00
27/04/10	103948	MGD Solutions	640.00
28/04/10	BACS	Wages Week 4	1362.10
28/04/10	DD	British Gas - Electricity	412.50
28/04/10	DD	British Gas - Gas	720.04
28/04/10	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	139.71
29/04/10	103949	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd	99.87
		TOTALS	19399.60

b) Budget-to-date 2010/2011

The Clerk provided a brief explanation of the budget figures which were noted.

20/11 **CLERK'S REPORT – MAY 2010**

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 10th May 2010

- Application to Staffs CC 'Community Paths Initiative' for total of £1615.00 submitted on 19th April to cover printing costs of Perton 'Circular Walks' map.
- Employee Appraisals completed in April.
- Children's Playground: Bearing has failed on the 'Nexus Momentum' and all units are now out of warranty. However SMP (Geoff Townsend) has agreed to replace with a sealed system bearing (no maintenance required) and treat as a warranty replacement.
- Flicks in the Sticks: 26th April 2010 performance of Kinky Boots attended by a total of 65 people (63 OAPs and 2 paying customers)
- MGD has completed refurbishment of bus shelters and re-painting of Harald Close subway.
- Letter of acknowledgement and thanks received from CPRE in respect to £100.00 grant.
- Letter of acknowledgement and thanks for support received from Community Council of Staffordshire in respect to £22.00 subscription renewal.
 Madeline Moore Room kitchen / toilets refurbishment (Perton Village Nursery Grant) to commence on 26th July and will take approximately five weeks.

21/11 **INSURANCE RENEWAL 2010 - 11**

The Clerk explained the differences between the two proposals saying that AON were not only considerably more expensive than Aviva, they were increasing their premium by 10% compared to last year and attempts to obtain an explanation from AON had been ignored. Cllr Billson said that it appeared that the Aviva proposal included less coverage than AON but the Clerk said that in fact the reverse is true, we get more cover from Aviva compared to AON at a much lower premium but the difference is Aviva do not require us to itemise risk items at the same level as AON and also provide different but simpler categories. Cllr D Heseltine advised that insurance premiums are generally rising rapidly and that it made good sense to place the business with Aviva on a three year contract to take advantage of the associated discount. The Clerk explained that the three year option fixed premiums over the term but that the cost would rise for each of the three years as the items covered are index linked and the premium will track the indexing but will not rise in itself. Moving our business from AON to Aviva will save in the region of £1,800 per year.

RESOLVED that Clerk will place our insurance business with Aviva via CAME & Co on a three year basis and it was noted that the Clerk will make some adjustments to our Asset Register which will affect the starting premium.

22/11 **DIPPONS LANE PROHIBITION / SHOOTING SIGN – CLLR NP CAINE**

This item was covered during the public session but Cllr S Bott thanked Cllr NP Caine for his work in this area saying that the proposed plans for the route are definitely an improvement.

23/11 **FINAL ACCOUNTS 2009 / 10**

a) **Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March, 2010**

Members had previously been provided with a copy of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2010. The accounts, which are subject to external audit, were presented by the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the accounts be accepted and they were signed by the Chairman.

b) **Annual Return / Statement of Accounts & Governance**

Members had previously been provided with a copy of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March, 2010.

RESOLVED that the Statement of Accounts together with the Annual Governance statement for year ending 31st March 2010 be approved and the Chairman duly signed them.

c) **Internal Auditors Report**

The Internal Auditors report for 2009/2010 was accepted and it was noted that the report highlighted no actionable issues.

24/11 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Codsall Community Arts Festival - Feedback**

The information was noted.

b) **Community Council of Staffordshire – LINK**

The information was noted.

c) **Centro – 510 Bus Service Changes**

The information was noted.

d) **Stafford Hospital and Health Scrutiny**

The information was noted.

Cllr DJ Billson said it was important to have advance minutes for Perton Playing Fields Association meetings and this was noted.

Cllr A Bourke spoke on behalf of all the Members in respect to the out going Chairman, Mrs CM Young, expressing overall appreciation of her two years service as Parish Council Chairman saying that she had run the meetings effectively, efficiently and fair-handedly, and he also believed that she had a 100% attendance at all Council meetings and Council Committee meetings. She was thanked by all.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 14th June 2010 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 9:10 pm

**Chairman
14th June 2010**