

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
held at the Perton Civic Centre on  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2006 @ 7:00pm**

Present A.K.James [Chairman]  
Mrs. R. Heseltine [Vice Chairman]  
D.J. Billson  
Mrs. A James  
Mrs J.R.Williams  
Mrs. P.N. Pitt  
Mrs. P.C.Bromley  
C.J.Bromley  
Mrs P.M.French  
R.French  
A.A. Bourke  
R.J.Marshall  
S.Bott

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

57/07 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were offered and accepted from Mrs. P. Allen and N.P.Caine

58/07 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

Mrs L.Harris attended in support of her letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> June which has been included in the meeting agenda under Police Matters – Item C. Mrs Harris explained that following the Parish / District planning approval and the placing of a Portakabin type hut at the Medical Centre this fabrication had created secluded areas at the site which has become a meeting place for youths and the scene of constant anti-social behaviour, supporting photographs were supplied. The building is provided on a temporary basis until December 2009 and was originally intended for use by nine community nurses but in fact is housing computer equipment. Mrs Harris has written to NHS but has received no response, additionally PC Lampitt stated that the police were aware of the problems and were involved.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to the NHS Primary Care Trust to request that the site be ‘fenced off’ and also to the District Planning Office. Mrs Harris to be copied on all correspondence and the item will be reviewed at the next Parish meeting.

Mrs T.Davies provided an update to the most recent events in the area of Harald Close subway. Cllr R.J.Marshall stated that the subway is very unlikely to be closed due to the costs that were outlined by Staffs CC representative at the previous meeting. He stated that the best solution would be to find an alternative location for the youths to meet in preference to the subway.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to Staffs CC to get a firm commitment and

timescale in respect to regular repainting of the Perton subways which was promised at the last meeting. Additionally anti-graffiti paint may be cost effective if it reduces the manpower necessary for regular re-painting.

Mr Fred O'Leary commented about his previous complaint regarding punctuality and availability of Councillors which was recorded under minute 194/06. He stated that this comment appeared unduly harsh when subsequently seen in print and asked that it be withdrawn.

Cllr S.Bott stated that anti-social behavioural problems on Perton are Village wide and not just specific to the Harald Close area and are not just due to the '@world Cup'. His impression is that we are 'giving in' to the trouble makers and we are sending out absolutely the wrong message.

59/07 **POLICE MATTERS**

**A) POLICE REPORT** PC Duncan Lampitt presented the latest reported crime figures for Perton covering 12/06/06 to 10/07/06.

Criminal damage.....	6 #5
Criminal Damage to M/V.....	3
Burglary dwelling.....	2 #2
Burglary other building.....	0
Theft of M/V.....	1 #2
Theft from M/V.....	2 #2
Rowdy / ASB behaviour.....	26 #1
Robbery.....	0
Assaults.....	0
Sex Offence.....	1
Drugs.....	2 #3
Theft.....	4 #4

1. Rowdy and anti-social behaviour figs are high again this month. This is due to high spirits/alcohol, related to World cup football. The hotspot areas were Spenser Ave and the fields at Gainsboro' Pavilions. Also, we are now getting reports of nuisance vehicles, racing around the estate and Pavilions car park. One driver has been issued with a S59 Warning Police Reform Act 2002.
2. Again, an offender for theft of vehicle was successfully arrested. However, during one of the burglary dwellings, car keys were taken along with the vehicle. Unusually the theft from vehicles included a front no. plate, and in a separate incident, the repeater indicators were removed from another vehicle.
3. The two drugs crimes were for possession of cannabis, and the offenders were dealt with accordingly.
4. At 2 out of the 4 reports of theft, the offenders were arrested. One of the reports relates to toys/bikes being taken overnight from outside a house.

5. 2 offenders were arrested at one incident of damage and received £80 fixed penalty tickets.

PC 4259 Lampitt/ PC 3537 Hossack can be contacted for any enquiries or information on voicemail 08453 3031232 (04259 PC Lampitt) (03537 PC Hossack)

Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine asked PC Lampitt if the speed cameras on the Bridgnorth Road would 'clock' speeding motorbikes. He replied that in his opinion this was the case although the camera would only see the rear plate.

Cllr A.K. James stated that there had been reports from residents at Trescott concerned about speeding motor cyclists and that horse riders in this area had real problems crossing the road to access the bridle paths due to bikers. He advised that a petition is under construction.

Cllr R.J.Marshall stated that he would check again regarding these cameras and time of day usage etc.

Cllr Mrs P.Pitt raised concerns about the recent burned out fences near Sandown Road. PC Lampitt advised that the police had been involved in this incident to the extent that they had utilised Helicopter surveillance.

#### **B) CORRESPONDENCE from INSPECTOR SHANNAGHAN**

This correspondence concerning issues reported at last months meeting was viewed and accepted by the members. Additionally this information was copied to PC Lampitt.

#### **C) CORRESPONDENCE FROM RESIDENT IN BROWNING GROVE**

This item was discussed and resolved during the public session earlier in the meeting.

#### 60/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mrs A.James declared personal interest in cheque No 103123

Cllr A.K.James declared personal interest in cheque No 103122

Cllrs A.K. James, Mrs P.C.Bromley, C.J.Bromley, R.French, Mrs R.Heseltine, Mrs P.N.Pitt and Mrs J.R.Williams all declared personal interest in the item concerning 'application for grant' by FC Perton.

#### 61/07 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2006 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2006 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

**RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 8th June 2006 be confirmed as a true record and the Council accepted them.

62/07 **PARISH PLAN - FINAL DRAFT OF QUESTIONNAIRE FROM PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING ON 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2006**

The members reviewed the final draft which now has a total of seventy questions and is within the parameters of the software package.

**RESOLVED** that the draft be accepted as the final version of the plan for distribution across the Parish. The Clerk will set up a meeting of the Parish Plan Committee as soon as possible to finalise format, printing, distribution and associated details.

63/07 **APPLICATION for CONCESSIONARY ROOM HIRE RATE**

**Perton Leisureline Club** – In spite of correspondence between the Club and the Parish Council no application form has been received so the matter has been deferred. Cllr R.J.Marshall advised that he had been told by one of the club members that they are considering disbanding the club in October due to a shortage of members.

64/07 **GRANT APPLICATION**

**A) Perton Arts Project**

Consideration was given to the additional information requested from and provided by Maggie Quinn

**RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £200.00

**B) Summer Chillout**

Consideration was given to the additional information requested from and provided by Rachael Martin.

**RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £1000.00

**C) Perton FC**

Consideration was given to the application for meeting rooms.

**RESOLVED** to provide a 100% concession in respect to room hire purely for the purpose of meetings. No other functions are covered by this concession.

65/07 **CHRISTMAS MARKETS UPDATE – Cllr Mrs A.James & Cllr Mrs P.Allen**

Since Cllr Mrs P. Allen had apologised that she was unable to attend this meeting this item was postponed until the next meeting.

66/07 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

**A) Apportionment of Council Taxes – Leisure**

The correspondence from R.Levesley was considered and it was generally felt that the explanation provided was more political than objective and it was not well received. Cllr A.A.Bourke stated that the comparison offered between Perton and other Parishes was meaningless since our population was much higher plus we have a very large number of children / youths within the Parish but no local facilities for them. He provided a number of very telling fiscal statistics among them being the fact that of the £5700.00 of identified expenditure, some of which is actually

derived from Perton grants, this represents just 0.5% of the available budget equating to £2.36 per person. It was generally agreed that the proportion of budget spent on Perton compared to that generated from Perton was derisory. Additionally Cllr S.Bott stated that the Policing budget was also similarly skewed against Perton and given the level of problems and anti-social behaviour Perton is victim to a 'rip-off'.

**B) Walkway between Jedburgh Drive & Wrottesley Arms Public House**

The acknowledgement of the Clerks letter to S.Poyser was noted and a full response is anticipated for the next meeting.

**C) Football / Sports Pitch**

The acknowledgement of the Clerks letter to B.Juniper was noted and a full response is anticipated for the next meeting.

**D) Councillors Report**

Cllr D.J.Billson reported as follows:

- 1) Scrutiny committee is now split into five areas. With regard to 'Partnership' a meeting was held regarding Police Amalgamation and a paper was submitted to the Home Office which states that the committee disagrees with the policy. It was stated that the actual goal of amalgamation is the further reduction overall of an additional 25000 police officers.
- 2) Community Safety Partnership – positive support for Perton with regard to Anti Social Behaviour.
- 3) Grant / Loans – Decision now taken that replacement drainage were now allowable as is village halls.
- 4) Licensing for Taxis will now require an English test to improve communication.

Cllr Mrs P.C.Bromley endorsed item 3) above and confirmed that she had made considerable efforts to ensure that this change of policy had been forced through.

Cllr C.J.Bromley made reference to the third radio transmitter mast that has recently been erected near Shackleton Drive. This apparently was subject to planning approval five years ago as was the mesh cut into the turf for hard standing.

Cllr A.K.James provided update to the Silver Poplars site where following the removal of trees we have yet to see any prosecutions take place. A tree replacement order has been issued and action will be taken against the site owner if this is not implemented by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

Cllr R.J.Marshall informed the members of a request for additional street lighting in Mercia Drive and if this is approved S.Poyser has stated that the cost of works will be fully funded by South Staffordshire Council. He additionally distributed some literature regarding forthcoming events and further stated that he would be Chair of at an all day event on 13<sup>th</sup> July concerning 'Young Peoples Agenda'.

Cllr Marshall also referenced the fact that the Big Lottery Fund had committed £200,000 to South Staffordshire as part of a much larger national programme for childrens play. There is opportunity for meetings on this topic to be held across various Parishes and he asked for this topic to be added to the next meeting agenda and committed to bring along a guest speaker.

Cllr R.J.Marshall provided the following report:

- 1) Perton Library times are changing and will reduce by a total of two hours per week; a full schedule was left with the Clerk.
- 2) Last Saturday at Shugborough Hall saw the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 'Duke of Edinburgh' awards scheme. Forms for 'grant aid' are available via Cllr Marshall.
- 3) Community Support Officers in the area currently number seven, six of these funded by government. This number will be increased by twenty one of which Perton will have two; CSOs will also be allocated to Pattingham and Codsall. The Perton allocation will see the CSOs allocated one each to PCs Lampitt and Hossack.
- 4) The staggered gates at Dippons Lane were subject of recent confusion when Rights of Way and Highways thought the other was responsible. It has now been established that the gates were erected by Rights of Way who have now agreed to remove or adjust in order to permit wheelchair access, this work is classified as 'high-priority'.
- 5) County Summer Programme – Hugh Disley has now left the organisation and will be replaced by one of his three existing deputies. Due to budget constraints the promoted deputy will not be replaced.
- 6) Social Care / Health. Closure of care homes to aid budget issues has moved forwards without proper consultation. It was originally established that Private Homes were cheaper than County run schemes. However it transpires that County homes are subject to far more inspections and therefore are better due to higher standards being adopted. Next consultation is 19<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2006.**

			Date Returned
34	06/00598/FUL	2 storey side extension – <b>95 Richmond Drive, Perton WV6 7RP</b>	14/06/06
35	06/00620/FUL	Double extension – <b>4 Leasowe Drive, Perton WV6 7TU</b>	28/06/06
36	06/00636/FUL	Demolition (part) extensions and alterations to existing house – <b>The Latter House, Pattingham Road WV6 7HD</b>	28/06/06
37	06/00646/FUL	Double extension and re-alignment of fence - <b>12 Elmley Grove, Perton WV6 7PB</b>	28/06/06
38	06/00660/FUL	<b>Two storey side extension – 25 Moore Close, Perton WV6 7PB</b>	28/06/06

39	06/00598/FUL	Amended two storey side extension – <b>95 Richmond Drive, Perton WV6 7RP</b>	04/07/06
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With regard to item 37, 06/00646/FUL a letter of complaint had been submitted by a neighbour and Cllr D.J.Billson was to make a site visit after this meeting.

69/07 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

		£
103116	Mrs Robbins Event Refund (Part)	50.00
102779	Leek College of FE	-40.00
102843	DowntoEarth	-94.00
103096	Dial-a-Balloon	-70.00
BACS	Wages Week 11	1047.53
103117	Veolia ES Onyx Ltd	170.81
DD	British Gas - Electricity	14.96
103118	System Management Consultants Ltd	570.64
103119	NRG Group UK Ltd	265.13
DD	Shell Gas Direct Ltd	2622.68
103120	Drinkmaster Ltd	286.33
103120	Drinkmaster Ltd	11.69
103121	Nobisco Limited	35.13
103122	DowntoEarth	94.00
DD	Unicom	78.91
103123	Perton Pet & Garden Supplies	200.00
103123	Perton Pet & Garden Supplies	13.99
103124	Dial-a-Balloon	70.00
DD	Severn Trent	93.52
DD	Drinkmaster Ltd	206.42
103125	Brisol Ltd	64.40
BACS	Wages Week 12	1163.73
103126	Perton Parish Council - Portman B/Soc	2000.00
103127	Perton Parish Council - Portman B/Soc	33000.00
103128	Miss Y Lindsay / Gray Event Refund	300.00
103129	William Woolley Ltd	35.66
103130	Viking Direct	135.95
103131	Computacenter (UK) Ltd	102.12
103132	Miss V Hamilton	150.00
103133	Mrs M.Mason Event Refund	50.00
103134	Lesley Davies - Perton Place Ad Mag	55.00
BACS	Wages Week 13	3826.27
DD	BT	105.71
101135	Post Office Ltd	166.67
STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1169.00

BACS	Wages Week 14	903.49
BACS	Inland Revenue	2768.00
BACS	Staffordshire County Pension Fund	1034.99
103136	Record Playground Equipment Ltd	411.25
103137	Miss Wheaver Event Refund	120.00
103138	Cannon Hygiene Ltd	19.25
103139	Fingershield Safety (UK)	65.68
103140	PJB Heating & Plumbing Services	232.65
103141	M.Poole (Mrs Newey) Event Refund	50.00
103142	Nobisco Limited	77.55
103143	Besam Limited	4465.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58147.11</b>

**DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2006 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 8.55 pm

**Cllr. A.K.James**  
**Chairman**  
**11<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

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**PRIVATE SESSION – PARISH CLERK**

The Chairman advised the members that the Clerk had now completed his six months trial period and called for comments. All comments were positive and encouraging.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerks position be ratified as permanent.